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See Yourself Working for Jesus

Have you ever wanted to do something to reach the children in your neighborhood for Christ? You may have seen children outside playing, but you never see them going to church on Sunday. Did you know that only 20% of children will ever walk through the doors of a church. Ask yourself who will tell them about Jesus? Why not you?

One way is to host a 5-Day Club® in your backyard. All you need to do is open your yard, pass out the invitations, and provide a snack. The Christian Youth in Action® teens will do the rest.

Perhaps you and your church would like to adopt a school and teach an afterschool Good News Club® in the Fall. CEF will train your team of volunteers free of charge and equip them with the tools to get started. The cost to teach a Good News Club for one school year is less than \$20 per child, but the impact on the life of a child is priceless.



5-Day Club



Afterschool Good News Clubs

Last year there were seven active Good News Clubs in the Greater Columbus area, six were adopted by churches with one being in a home in a neighborhood. Each club had many volunteers doing various jobs. Some were teachers, while others provided snacks or listened to the children say their memory verses and took attendance. All of them were showing the love of Jesus to the children.

We are praising God for 176 Children who heard the Gospel and 59 who decided to follow Christ. How many will you help to reach this year?

How Can My Church Reach the Children?

If you want more information about these opportunities, please contact me, Laura Gardner, at 614-266-7287, or Laura@cefcolumbus.org.

Lucas Justice to Serve as a Summer Missionary

Lucas will be serving this summer as a paid summer missionary. This will be his 4th year working as a missionary in the Christian Youth in Action program of CEF. He started at the age of 13 as a Junior missionary and quickly moved up to Senior teaching the Bible lessons.



Lucas is a member of Trail Life, a Christian version of the Boy Scouts, where he helps with the K-5th grade boys. He attends Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio, where he has assisted in VBS, AWANA, and Childrens Church. Lucas loves Bible study, prayer, and sharing the Gospel and praying with new people he meets. His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer." Last summer he went on a Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic.

Lucas graduated from high school this year and like many young people his age was looking to work a summer job. I asked him if he would consider coming on staff for the summer. After praying, he knew God wanted him to serve in CEF reaching children for Christ in backyard Bible clubs.

As a missionary Lucas needs to raise his support. Would you consider a special gift of \$100, \$50 or \$25? If you would like to give to help Lucas, please make your check payable to CEF of Ohio-Greater Columbus Chapter, and mail to PO Box 1173, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Debit/credit card donations can be made through PayPal by visiting the link at cefcolumbus.org/donate/. Indicate on your payment "Project LJ."

Please be in prayer for Lucas and all those who will be serving this summer and especially for the children who will hear the Gospel.

Teaching and Training at the Zomi Christian Church by Laura Gardner, Local Director

I recently was invited to teach the Bible lesson at the Zomi Christian Church children's camp. There were about 80 children who heard the Gospel and 4 children raised their hands to indicate they had accepted Christ as their Savior. Praise God!

For several weeks now, Ray & Sandy Harper and I along with my husband Ron have held a Super Seminar training at the Zomi Christian Church in Columbus. It has been a pleasure getting to know the Zomi people and their culture and train them in more effective ways to teach the children in their Sunday School. One of the teachers we trained said she is already seeing a difference in her students.



My husband Ron and I were able to attend a special celebration at the church on Zomi National day. We were treated to a delicious traditional Zomi meal with songs and dancing.



Prayer Requests – For the Lord to bless our teen CYIA workers and 5-Day Clubs this summer • Additional church partners/volunteers • Our Local Director Laura Gardner to reach 100% support • Spiritual growth for the children reached in Good News Clubs and those to be reached in this summer's ministries

Remember the Banquet - Saturday, September 21

All of our amazing supporters are invited to our next banquet at the Obetz Community Center, 1650 Obetz Avenue, Obetz, OH 43207, on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 6:30pm. Dave Phalen, retired Sheriff from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, has graciously agreed to be our speaker. We are looking for individuals, churches, and businesses to sponsor the banquet. Those interested in being a sponsor can contact Laura Gardner at 614-266-7287 or Laura@cefcolumbus.org.

From our 2023 banquet, we once again thank **Buckeye Lake Marina**, a \$1,000 Platinum Donor. Visit them at 2920 Canal Dr, Millersport, OH 43046, (740) 467-2697, www.buckeyelakemarina.com.

