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Pathway Leading Children to Christ

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There are approximately **two billion children** under the age of 14 in the world. As of 2021 in the United States, there were **73.2 million** under the age of 18. Of those, **3.27 million** reside in the state of Pennsylvania. The Lord has said, "*The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest*" (Luke 10:2, KJV).



Since 1937, *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® has been seeking to fulfill this call by sending out laborers into the fields around the world. In 2021, there were **312,655** people trained and **55,143** Good News Clubs conducted. There were **15,628,921** children reached in *CEF* ministries and **5,645,921** professions of faith. These do not include the **1,183,774** digital ministry connections. These

Step by Step

numbers continue to grow. Truly, the children are ready and eager to accept this beautiful gift of salvation, but **who** will tell them? **Who** will show them God's solution for their sin problem? Will **vou** share this gift with the children? Will **vou** share this gift with the children?

At the end of January, Katelyn had the opportunity to participate in a two week course to become a CEF certified Instructor of Teachers for the *Teaching Children Effectively*TM, *Level 1* (TCE 1) course. Throughout the course, Katelyn shared, they sang the children's song

"One step at a time, Only one step at a time. This is the way the Lord will lead you, One step at a time. Take that one step carefully. Walk that one step prayerfully. This is the way to victory, One step at a time."

"One Step at a Time" (see right) as a reminder that through each day, through each challenge, and though each moment, the Lord will lead you. Pray, asking the Lord in faith for His wisdom and you will receive it (James 1:5).



Teaching Children Effectively™

South Central is excited to announce that we will be hosting a TCE 1 course this fall. The student will learn how to effectively share the Gospel through the use of the Wordless Book, teach memory verses and Bible lessons, incorporate classroom management, and understand the importance of teaching children. Our instructors are looking forward to

teaching those with a passion for the children of today in order to reach the generation of tomorrow. Please contact our office if you or someone you know has an interest in taking this course. Space is very limited so call today!

SOUTH CENTRAL Quarter 1 Ministry Update

2 Released-Time Classes

5 Good News Clubs

<u>1</u> Party Club

<u>158</u> Children attended a Released-Time Class, an Afterschool GNC, or Party Club and heard the gospel

<u>8</u>*Children professed Jesus as their Savior*

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. - Philippians 4:4 -



Carrie and Katelyn have continued to teach the preschoolers at a daycare in Altoona. Watching these young children become excited to learn about Jesus has been a sweet blessing each week! Pray for these little ones as they grow — that they would decide to trust Jesus to be their Savior and Friend.



The **Tel-A-Story**[®] ministry is available through use of a toll free phone number (1-888-878-8660) or via internet (www.18888788660.com). Both the technology and content have been greatly improved, with over 200 mini-Bible lessons! This is a great resource for road trips or when teaching children how to dial a phone number! After listing to the recorded

message, the child is given the opportunity to press "1" to talk to a real person and hear more about believing in Jesus! Give it a try and call today!

Club Spotlight - Bellwood-Antis Elementary

There is no doubt that God is working at the newest established Good News Club in our South Central chapter! Sponsored by Buckhorn Bible Church, this club had shared the gospel with 50 children, five of these children deciding to profess Jesus as their Savior, by the third week.

The teachers have enjoyed sharing with the children the message of the Wordless Book pages, each week teaching on a specific page (Gold, Dark, Red, Clean, and Green). One child (first grade) remarked that "Good News Club is the best thing ever!" An article was written in the



The Daily Herald (Serving Tyrone, Bellwood and Surrounding Areas) on February 8th outlining this ministry on their first week, where Matt



outlining this ministry on their first week, where Matt Stinson, Elementary School Principal is quoted saying, "I feel that it provides a great, positive after school opportunity for grades K through 4. It focuses not only on religious values, but also teamwork, cooperation, and love for others."

As the children in all of the Good News Clubs in the South Central chapter learn more about God and His love for them, **pray with us** that those who do not yet believe would

come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and those who have already accepted God's gracious gift of salvation would continue to grow and share their faith with others around them! Continue to pray for more volunteers to reach the children in the other schools within our chapter so that every child



would hear the Gospel message and know they can be saved!



THE WORDLESS BOOK

5 colors. 0 words. Tells the most important story ever. Gold — God loves me (John 3:16a). Dark — I have sinned (Romans 3:23a). Red — Jesus died for me (1 Corinthians 15:3-5a). Clean — I can put my faith in Jesus (John 1:12). Green — I can grow in Him (2 Peter 3:18).

Wordless Book Training is included in the upcoming TCE 1 Course Fall 2023.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities



Summer Missionaries needed! You can be or refer someone to be a CYIATM (Christian Youth In Action) Missionary! We are praying for 8 missionaries this summer. You will have the opportunity to grow your teaching skills and share with children about the love of Christ in June and

July. Training camp begins <u>Saturday, June 17th</u>! Contact our office *today* for details or to schedule a presentation for the youth at your church!

It's almost time! 5-Day Clubs are a wonderful way to get involved with ministry and get to know the children in your area! There are 3 ways you can get involved:



- Go to a 5-Day Club! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to be sure to get the most up-todate list of 5-Day clubs in your area!

- Host a 5-Day Club! Clubs can be held at your church, in your back yard, at a local park, or anywhere that children can gather safely. Do you have children in your community who need the Lord?

- **Pray for 5-Day Clubs**! No matter what your age or status, you can pray. Will you commit to praying for these ministries as we share the gospel with children?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 7	- Dollar Day (Bring a dollar bill to your church to support South Central's summer ministry; call for more details!)
May 8-12	- CEF National Conference
June 17-23	- CYIA Training Camp
June 10	- Prayer Outreach at Hertiage Plaza for Summer Ministry from
•	12:00 p.m.— 12:30 p.m.
July	- 5-Day Clubs (Be on the lookout for specific club dates!)
July 30-Aug 4	- Central PA Bible Conference: Contending for the Faith
	(Jude 3); South Central hosts the Children's Conference.
Aug 6-12	- Huntingdon County Fair
Aug 13-18	- Proclamation Week (Party Club emphasis - You or your
	church can be a host!)
Aug 19	- Proclamation Celebration at Faith Baptist Church in
	Altoona
Sep 23	- 2nd annual Walk-a-Thon at Rails to Trails in
	Williamsburg, PA
This Fall	- Dates to be announced - TCE 1 Course (limited spots available
	call today to reserve your spot!)



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Come join us!



CYIA Training Camp



5-Day Clubs

Do you love working with kids?

Have you ever felt the need to share the message of salvation with someone who's never heard?

Have you ever wished you really knew how to share your faith?

Have you ever wanted to teach something that really mattered?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then CYIA could be for you!





South Central held another Teacher Training in January in preparation for a Good News Club to begin! If you would like to start or volunteer at a club, contact our office!



Pray for these schools seeking to have Released-Time Classes and Good News Clubs

Baker Elementary Ebner Elementary Bellwood Elementary Martinsburg Elementary Williamsburg Elementary





Praise Him, praise Him!

- \Rightarrow Praise God for His Faithfulness with the success of the Hoss's Fundraiser.
- \Rightarrow Praise God for the 158 Children who have heard the Gospel and the 8 salvations thus far this year.
- ⇒ Praise God for all the volunteers at the Released-Times Classes and Good News Clubs who take the time to share the Gospel and show God's love to the children.
- \Rightarrow Praise God for His continued Faithfulness with all aspects of ministry.

Ask God boldly!

- \Rightarrow Pray for wisdom and discernment for Carrie and the South Central Committee as they lead this ministry so it glorifies God!
- \Rightarrow Pray for wisdom and discernment for all levels of leadership of CEF.
- ⇒ Pray for Carrie and Katelyn as they teach the preschoolers at Time to Succeed Day Care every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday until April 26, 2023.
- \Rightarrow Pray for wisdom and perseverance for the teachers and volunteers of the Released-Time Classes and Good News Clubs for the upcoming year!
- ⇒ Pray for more people to be obedient to the calling to share the Gospel with the children, so all forty-five schools in the South Central Chapter have a Release Time Class, Good News Club or JYou Connection.
- \Rightarrow Pray for God to raise passionate people about sharing the Gospel with children to be leaders on the committee.
- \Rightarrow Pray for teens to volunteer as CYIA Missionaries.

Please use the enclosed prayer calendars to pray for South Central everyday!



Facts About North Korea

- North Korea has a population of 22,912,000.
- North Koreans speak only Korean while South Koreans speak Korean and English.
- North Koreans are typically Buddhists or Confucianists.
- Hard work is normal for children.



Luke 10:2 - Prayer Initiative "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

The X represent a Roman Numeral 10. The top of the X is the Letter L (Luke). The bottom of the X is the number 2. Pray with us at 10:02 each day!