



MARCK Messenger

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of

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Hope in God Alone...

“My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be shaken.” Psalm 62:5,6

We live in a world of constant reminders that God is our only hope and salvation. A number of stories lately from our Good News Club® (GNC®) teachers have revealed how much children need to know of this hope for life transformation through Christ.

New staff worker Patty Arvidson shares of hopeful situations from her experiences with children that she teaches in public schools.

In one of my Good News Clubs, there are two little boys who are brothers. I was struck by how sad they always looked, especially the older one. He took such good care of his little brother, making sure that he made it to Club, had a snack, and received his verse token. When an invitation for salvation was given, they both came for counseling and both asked Jesus to be their Savior. The following week, I was surprised to see them both come forward again. This time they asked for prayer for their mom and dad. They said that they were either divorced or planning to be divorced. The boys came for several weeks, and we continued to pray. Gradually, I noticed they were smiling most of the time and never missed a GNC. They were laughing and having such a good time. As time went on, we learned more about their situation in that both parents were in jail, and the boys were living



Patty Arvidson teaching children.

with someone else. Their situation has not changed, but now they know that Jesus is with them and is their Helper. They love GNC and love earning prizes for saying memory verses. They know God loves them, and they know we love them, too. (continued on page 2)

CYIA SPRING RETREAT: Register TODAY!



DARE: Has someone ever DARED you to do something? In college my mentor challenged me to share the Gospel with him (using the Navigator Bridge Illustration). I did it during my final semester in college, and I have been sharing the Gospel ever since! **Sharing the Gospel is so EXCITING!**

CARE: Do you CARE enough about the spiritual well-being of the children in your city to do something to help them? I would like to encourage you to CARE enough to tell someone about CYIA™ (Christian Youth In Action®). This particular ministry of CEF is geared to help and equip young people to become confident in sharing the message of salvation with children. Do you know anyone 12 years of age or older who may be interested in sharing the Gospel with children? We have a CYIA spring retreat coming soon!

SHARE: Will you SHARE this opportunity with someone in your church or community? You can download and print off the Registration form on the website: WWW.CEFMARCK.ORG **Deadline: 3/13/16**

CYIA Spring Retreat

Friday, March 18th 4:00pm
to March 19th at 4:00pm
at Pleasant Valley Ranch

(4023 ST. RT. 603, Perrysville, OH)

Cost: \$30 per person

More Good News!! Adults may also attend the CYIA Spring Retreat as well as the week long training at Cedarville University this summer (June 12-18, 2016).

Adults may take the **Teaching Children Effectively™ (TCE™) Level 1 Course**. This will help adults be more confident to share the Gospel with children through Bible lessons, verses and the Wordless Book.

A young teen came with her relative to our GNC. She walked in with her cell phone in hand, looking like she wanted to be anywhere but there. She cooperated and participated, even though she looked a little uncomfortable. When I began the Bible lesson, her eyes were glued on me. I gave the invitation to stand up if anybody wanted to trust Jesus as their Savior. She practically jumped to her feet! We went to a table with several others who also responded. This young girl was so excited about trusting Jesus that she was almost breathless. She answered all of the counseling questions quickly and clearly, and seemed to understand so well that I figured she must have had some good Biblical teaching in the past. As I continued to counsel with her, I found out she had never heard that Jesus loved her and had died on the cross for her. She met Jesus for the first time that day. I learned a valuable lesson about not judging who I think needs to hear and about being more careful as to my expectations of who might respond to the Holy Spirit. What a great God we serve!

The above stories came from Patty Arvidson's experiences in public school Good News Clubs. We are thankful to have Patty join our staff here in Mansfield. She has a great heart for following the Lord and for the children. Patty will be taking a class called Instructor of Teachers™ Level I in Warrenton, MO where the CEF International Headquarters is located. Her enthusi-

asm to learn to teach others compliments Dale in serving this local area.

Did You Ever Talk to God?

In Good News Club we have been singing and talking about prayer. "Did You Ever Talk to God Above?" has been one of the Club's favorites. We have been telling the kids that they can talk to God like they would talk to a best friend, anytime, anywhere and about anything. In January, a young girl came to the invitation for counseling and said to me, "You said I could pray to God anytime about anything, so I prayed and asked God to get my daddy out of jail, so he could come home. Two days later, my daddy came home! I am so happy that God answered my prayer!"

Sue Packard, Local Committee Member

Memory of a Prayer

Dale Baer, CEF Local Director, was encouraged recently as an eleven year old asked me if she could help now with Good News Club. She remembered going to Western Good News Club as a Kindergartener and how she prayed to receive Christ with me when attending her first club!

Breakdown of Traditional Family

Dale also had reminded two sisters to be sure to give information to their parents



Parachute fun at Madison South GNC

when they got home. He was surprised that the one had responded by saying that both of their parents were in jail.

Susan Bracco, a former CEF volunteer in this local area who has since moved to Wisconsin with her husband, shared a story with us, asking for prayer. She is helping with a GNC there and shared that a young girl just prayed to receive Christ. Her mother is presently in jail for attempting to rob a bank. Susan has asked us to please pray for this girl and her mother that they will know their Creator personally, the One who can walk with them all through their lives.

The above stories can encourage us and also remind us that children need to know of the hope that they have in following Jesus. Thank you for your faithful prayers for the children, their families, and our GNC workers.

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CEF of MARCK MARCH 2016 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Thank God for the Easter Party Club Trainings. Pray for NEW Easter parties for kids to attend!
- 2) Praise God for lots of sponsors for this year's CEF Fundraising Banquet (4/11).
- 3) Pray for the children in the CEF of MARCK Chapter to come to know Jesus.
- 4) Reese Kauffman (President) as he prepares to start the CEF ministry in 9 more countries this year! Just 12 more countries to go to be in every country of the world! God is so good!
- 5) Pray for God to raise up youth to attend the CYIA Spring Retreat (March 18-19).
- 6) Prayer meeting TODAY at 3 PM at the Lexington HS Board of Ed parking lot.
- 7) Pray for **Moises Esteves** who is the USA Ministries Vice-President as they begin planning for **Christmas Across America™** this year.
- 8) Pray for wisdom & direction for the CEF Local Committee meeting tonight.
- 9) Pray for **Mark Horner** who is the CEF District Director. He oversees Ohio, Upper Michigan and Kentucky.
- 10) Pray for more CEF BANQUET HOSTS and HOSTESSES for April 11.
- 11) Pray for **Kathy Horner**, CEF Director of Education for Ohio, as she prepares for the CYIA Retreat and summer training.
- 12) Pray for a car for the Arvidson's.
- 13) Praise God that He is our Jehovah Jireh, our PROVIDER! (Daylight Saving Starts)
- 14) Praise God for over 62,000 kids reached & almost 6,000 kids saved in the Christmas parties nationwide in 2015!
- 15) Pray for people to register for TCE™ (Teaching Children Effectively™) Level 1 starting 8/4/16 (12 week course).
- 16) Thank God for our Treasurer, Mark Boyd. He's also CEF of Ohio Treasurer.
- 17) Praise God for His lovingkindness is everlasting. (St. Patrick's Day)
- 18) Pray for the Christian Youth In Action® (CYIA™) Spring Retreat at Pleasant Valley Ranch today and tomorrow.
- 19) Ask God for many youth to experience God's presence at the retreat this weekend.
- 20) **Palm Sunday!** "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*" (Mt. 21:9).
- 21) Pray for God's blessing on all the Easter parties that many kids will be saved.
- 22) Praise the Lord for the *In His Steps* grant we are applying for again this year.
- 23) Pray for new church partnerships to conduct more Good News Clubs.
- 24) Pray for people to begin scheduling their summer 5-Day Clubs®.
- 25) Pray for God to raise up teens to serve in Christian Youth In Action (CYIA).
- 26) Pray for volunteer **Fred Pursley** as he goes on a mission trip to Africa.
- 27) **Easter Sunday! JESUS has RISEN! He is RISEN INDEED!**
- 28) CEF Banquet Host/Hostess RSVP is due by today! Let us know if you can host.
- 29) Pray for the CEF International Conference (May 16-20) in Asheville, NC. Pray for many young people to attend it also. Those under 30 yrs. old (over 18) receive a \$100 discount.
- 30) Thank God for Ellie Hitchman, our CEF Prayer Coordinator.
- 31) Praise God for the 3 Bellville GNCs.

APRIL 2016 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Today is the RSVP DEADLINE for the CEF of MARCK Banquet. (Call 419-756-7799)
- 2) Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good.
- 3) **Prayer meeting TODAY** at 3 PM at the Lexington HS Board of Ed parking lot.
- 4) Pray for **Franklin Graham** and his Prayer Rallies in **Decision America Tour**.
- 5) Ask God for perseverance with joy to all Good News Club workers.
- 6) Pray for **Patty Arvidson** as she finishes her 6 weeks of study at CMI™ (Children's Ministries Institute™) in Warrenton, MO.
- 7) Pray for new children to come out to Good News Clubs to hear the Gospel.
- 8) Praise God for His mercy and grace.
- 9) Thank God for CEF President, Reese Kauffman and for his willingness to follow God's call on his life. May many people read "**Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day**" (New book on the work of CEF).
- 10) Thank God for His faithfulness in providing **Fred Pursley**, Vice Chairman for CEF of MARCK. Pray for good health for Fred.
- 11) **Pray for the CEF banquet today!**
- 12) Ask God for direction for CYIA and summer ministry.
- 13) Thank God for a growing CEF ministry in Knox County. Pray for a CEF Committee representative from Knox County.
- 14) Thank God for Shirley Davidson's recent mission trip to the DR. She blessed the Christian school with 4 yrs of Spanish CEF material & 12 children were saved!
- 15) **Pray for children to read Your Word, pray every day and walk in VICTORY!**
- 16) Pray for Good News Club leaders to shine the love of Christ to the children.
- 17) Pray for new opportunities to continue to happen in our communities and schools to share the Gospel.
- 18) Thank God for **Gail Wahl's** faithfulness to serve as the Ashland Good News Club Coordinator.
- 19) Pray for spiritual discipline for all workers with CEF.
- 20) Pray for more church partnerships to do fair ministry this summer!
- 21) Thank God for Annie McQuate's effectiveness to serve as our newest member on the CEF Local Committee.
- 22) Pray for God's protection for the children and ministry of CEF.
- 23) Ask God's blessing on Sue Packard, faithful prayer warrior & GNC volunteer.
- 24) Thank God for the open doors in the schools to hold Good News Clubs.
- 25) Pray for Dale Baer to have discernment in the many plans he must make as Local Director.
- 26) Thank God for **Office Manager, Jaime Householder**. Lord, guide her steps.
- 27) Ask God to raise up more trained Good News Club teachers for the fall.
- 28) **RSVP DEADLINE for the Volunteer Appreciation at Berean on May 5th.**
- 29) Pray for CEF Press as they prepare and print materials for ministry.
- 30) Pray for the summer 5-Day Club ministry for more volunteers to be willing to teach and host clubs this summer.



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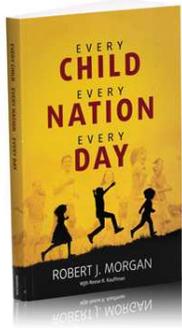
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“Reading this excellent book has stirred my memory and reminded me what God can do in and through His people if only we will ‘trust and obey.’ This book is more than history... it is His-story!”

—Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe
Radio Bible Teacher, Author and Pastor

Author Robert J. Morgan, best-selling Gold Medallion Award winning writer, briefly highlights the advances of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® by describing Reese Kauffman’s journey with the Lord and faithful service as president of CEF® for the past 26 years.

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“For Such A Time As This...” Esther 4:14



Pastor and public speaker Jonathan Falwell is to be our guest speaker for the evening. **RSVP TODAY!**

CEF® of MARCK
Annual Fundraising
Banquet

Monday, April 11
at 6:30 p.m.

Berean Baptist Church
2145 Middle Bellville Rd.
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RSVP (419-756-7799)

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Deadline: April 1st