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SUMMER VICTORIES

God continues to do exceedingly, abundantly above all we could ask. The 2013 summer ministry season began with our Christian Youth in Action® training school impacted by the extreme weather of last winter. Several of our students needed to leave training school to complete their school year responsibilities. Regardless of this "inconvenience, we saw our enrollment climb to 20 summer missionary trainees, (including 3 Sunday School teachers). In spite of the shortened schedule, the missionaries excelled and were divided into 2 primary teams. Through traditional 5-Day clubs and facilitating Vacation Bible Schools in 3 Churches they were used by God to reach 642 children with the Gospel and see 162 make professions of faith in Jesus.



A divine appointment enabled us to resume fair ministry, and this summer 2470 children were reached with the Gospel through Wordless Book face painting, bracelet crafts and open air presentations. The senior missionaries conducted amplified stage presentations to a crowd of 4800 parents and children during a massive outreach event in New Britain. Over 3000 Truth Chaser Club starter lessons were distributed throughout this summer through a variety of events.



DIRECTOR'S DESK

As I begin my 4th year, having been called by God to direct this special ministry, there have been many great advancements to rejoice in. As I reviewed these past 40 months, God has also revealed areas where we need His hand of providence to continue to shore us up, to mature our effectiveness, diversity and fruitfulness for His kingdom.

Provision is an ongoing need all ministries encounter, and CEF of CT is no exception.

God has so graciously provided us with a special resource to expedite the hiring of 2 new full time staff members this coming year, but as ministry grows (and prayerfully many more children enter the family of God), the resources to sustain and grow along with that must increase.

As I ask God to show things that must be addressed, He has identified that the enemy utilizes misperception as an obstacle to disrupt reaching the children. God has identified the 3 primary misconceptions:

- It is often said, "Child Evangelism Fellowship is the best kept secret in children's ministry".
- CEF desires to only build CEF ministry
- Spiritually focused ministries don't need resources at the same level as temporal needs providing ministries.

Thanks to inroads God is clearing, 3 specific messages will be promoted throughout our state in this coming season:

- CEF is not and should not be a secret. God's people and God's houses of worship need to not only know, but lock hands to share this unique ministry to children.
- CEF is a divinely gifted ministry that trains, equips and empowers the local church and body of believers to most effectively reach the children within the shadow of their homes and steeples. CEF builds churches and grows God's kingdom.
- The cost for spiritual battle is exceedingly greater than temporal battle, in time, training, prayer, equipping and launching sustainable outreach. God's kingdom work is not only worthy of provision, it's paramount in these difficult times.

I will be undertaking a series of radio interviews through the local Christian radio station to declare this message and call upon you to share this as well. Additionally, God is opening a relationship with the founder of Gospel America Broadcasting Network as well, to pursue televised access to the Christian community of Connecticut through pre-recorded programs.



Would you intercede on behalf of the 660,000 lost children of Connecticut, and ask the Lord to magnify awareness of their spiritual depravity and this special ministry's calling to directly address those needs through the local church. Perhaps your own church can join hands with us to see that none of these little ones would perish!

I would cherish an opportunity to come and present the many ways we can assist your church in fulfilling God's great commission. Please call (203) 879-2154 so we can pray and explore what God would have us do together!

Your servant and
CT State Director,
Brian Evelich

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GROWING SPURT

Several areas of growth have resulted in both answers to prayers and now present themselves as reasons for new prayers.

As summer ministry has ruptured from about 600 to over 3000 reached this summer, the financial draw on the state office has created a need for the general fund (which provides fuel, ministry materials, insurance, etc.) to be increased to meet the growing needs of reaching the children.

CEF at the state level is also seeking a ministry coordinator to spearhead church relationships in the North East corner of the state. We are also asking the Lord to call and fund a state-wide teacher trainer to strengthen our training and equipping ministries to Connecticut churches.

We have two applicants for full time ministry who have compellingly expressed their calling to serve God as full time missionaries in Connecticut. They are in great need of your prayers and support to reach the financial goals set before them prior to them beginning their training journey to become CEF field missionaries.

Lastly, in June of 2013 Child Evangelism Fellowship of Connecticut received the charter declaration for the first individual chapter of CEF ministry to be established in Connecticut. The Child Evangelism Fellowship of Connecticut, South Western chapter, (*although just taking baby steps*), is pursuing a full time missionary as well as potentially 2 part time missionaries to begin expanding church relationships within the Fairfield and New Haven counties.

The part time positions will initially be volunteer roles until the resources and calling for these roles is confirmed.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Can you pray for the new staff candidates?

Can you open up an opportunity for us to come and present their call to you, your church, or other missions minded believers to seek God's provision of support and prayer?

Can you become a local advisor by joining a committee to strategize and counsel them on the unique needs of your community?

If you can help in any of these ways, please call the state office at (203) 879-2154 so we can set up a time to meet and discuss how God can knit us together to reach the children.

WEBSITE REBIRTH



Please visit the all new WWW.CEFACT.ORG website to see the exciting things God is doing, meet the new CEF of CT State Board members and catch a vision to see the lost children of Connecticut hear about Jesus and learn how they can become children of God.



MISSIONS INITIATIVE "OPERATION 10:20"

There is a remarkable mission mindedness observable throughout the churches of Connecticut, with an incredible expression of generosity to see the Gospel reaching the corners of the globe.

Somewhat less observed is a critical understanding that missionaries are needed within our very own communities, towns, cities and state.

John Piper is quoted as saying, "Missions exists because worship doesn't". This is more evident right here at home every day. As worship has diminished domestically, a spirit of persecution has reared its head and is advancing to not only lessen worship, but silence the voice of God's people.

If Piper's assessment is correct, missions is an antidote to stimulate worship, and bring back a Biblical perspective to a world spiraling out of balance.

In Matthew 10:20 Jesus while speaking of persecuted times, told those He was sending out, "For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you".

By supporting the work of missions not just afar, but right here at home you become a voice God speaks through as well.

For this reason we are launching Operation 10:20, an initiative to support and fund those who would be God's voice in our state.

Would you prayerfully consider supporting a CEF missionary here in Connecticut at an amount of \$10 or \$20 per month (or more if God so leads). Your continued gift will enable us to grow and equip workers to bring the Gospel into the nooks and crannies of our home state.

Please visit www.CEFACT.org and click "Give Online" to set up a regular monthly gift in the amount of your choosing to see that there is a voice proclaiming God's message of hope at home.

