

GOOD NEWS BY THE SHORE

“Let us not be weary...” - from one of our Good News Club teams!

It was our first year at this school. We didn't know what to expect, but what we were about to experience was unlike anything we had ever seen before. Our Good News Club was small, with just seven or eight students, including two brothers who could not have been more different.

One brother was very studious. Each week he brought a notebook and pencil so he could draw or write down everything that took place in club. He listened eagerly, and before long he made a profession of faith. It was amazing to watch God work in his heart.

His brother, however, was the complete opposite. He yelled, hid under the tables, ran around, and refused to listen to the teachers. It seemed as if he wanted nothing to do with what was being taught. Many thought he must not have heard anything at all. Some weeks were chaotic, but our team was determined not to give up on him.

By the end of the year, we had seen God move in many children's lives. When we returned in the fall, we were shocked to find that this same boy **WANTED** to come back! His behavior and attitude improved. He listened, he participated, and he encouraged our hearts in a way we never expected.

He continued faithfully in club through elementary school and later moved up to the middle school club. Along the way he made a profession of faith and began attending special church events. This past summer, God worked in his heart in an even greater way. He attended teen

summer camp with our church, followed by Vacation Bible School. At camp, he memorized many Bible verses. At VBS, he stepped out in faith to play an instrument alongside a teen singing group. A few weeks later, he committed to attending church on Sundays.

Since then, he has invited friends to both club and church, and some of them have also made professions of faith. We always knew God could change hearts, but did we really believe He would take that once-disruptive young boy and transform him into a young man faithfully following Christ?

This testimony reminds us of two promises from Scripture:

Galatians 6:9 – “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

Even though most weeks we left weary, we did not give up.

Isaiah 55:11 – “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

It may have taken nearly seven years, but God's Word accomplished exactly what it was meant to accomplish—a changed heart.

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Good News Clubs are Back!

Praise God for what he has done to reach children with the Gospel through Good News Clubs® in Connecticut and Rhode Island! Every September and October, we focus our efforts on club startup.

Though the number of our clubs declined this year, we are excited about the children that God is allowing us to reach! In October, sixteen Good News Clubs® in elementary schools and one JYC™ Bible Club in a middle school were started across Rhode Island and Connecticut.

A special thanks to over 100 volunteers from fourteen churches throughout both states that prepare for and conduct these Good News Clubs® each week!

We are also working with a team of volunteers that is eager to start a Good News Club® in a new district in northeastern Connecticut. Please pray that God will open the doors to this ministry and bring many children to hear the Good News of Jesus.

Now that the holiday break is about to begin, please pray that the Good News Club® kids will remember to read their Bible, pray every day, and recall the promises of God's Word they have learned. Pray that they will look forward to the Good News Club® when school resumes in January!

Everyone Loves a Christmas Party!

Adults and children alike enjoy a good Christmas party, and Child Evangelism Fellowship® has developed an extraordinary program called Christmas Party Club®—a fun, evangelistic, and innovative event for kids! With a small amount of effort, your church can put on a fun event to reach children and families in your area. We can train your team and provide the curriculum!

We also have other Party Club materials suitable for any time of year.

Would your church like to host a Party Club? Please contact us—alan@cefri.org, 860-464-4391.

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