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# WINTER GREETINGS

2024



***“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”***

Hebrews 13:5b ESV

One of God’s promises we share with children who profess a faith in Christ in our Good News Clubs is Hebrews 13:5b. We teach the child to remember this verse on their outstretched hand with their thumb pointing to themselves. As they point to each of their fingers starting with their pinky and ending on their thumb, they recite each word of the verse putting in their name. “God will never leave \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” “God will never forsake \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” What a simple yet powerful and important promise to remember and recall whenever there is difficulty!

The ministry of CEF is one of ups and downs, like many other ministries. As we prepared for the start of Good News Clubs this school year, we experienced several challenges. A church that could no longer assemble a team. Difficulty getting a school district to respond to our facility use requests. In one district, we have both a praise and a prayer opportunity—a record number of kids have registered for the Good News clubs but the afterschool busing is no longer available for more than half of those children.

While it’s not always an even match, God balances out our disappointments and difficulties with blessings and praises. We are seeing record numbers of kids registering for the Good News Clubs. And we are working with several churches on new Good News Clubs that will start later in the school year.

***“God will never leave or forsake CEF of Connecticut and Rhode Island!”***

Whether you support us in prayer, as a volunteer, or with your finances, we thank you for being a part of the CEF family. We simply could not do this without you! We praise God for His work in your hearts!

In His Grace,  
*Alan*





## Update:

Christian Youth in Action is a CEF program designed to train high school and college-aged students to reach the boys and girls of our communities with the Good News of Jesus. From June 21-30, CEF of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont jointly conducted this training for 23 young people at Camp Marion in Marion, MA. Many of these young people conducted ministry throughout the summer in 5-Day Clubs, including clubs in Stamford and Greenwich, Connecticut and at other events, .



Would you like to host a 5 Day Club this summer? Please contact us! [alan@cefri.org](mailto:alan@cefri.org), 860-464-4391



## Training Update:

August, September, and October is the time when we work to prepare for Good News Clubs by training our volunteers who conduct these clubs. This year, we trained a total of 115 volunteers from nine churches in both Connecticut and Rhode Island. During two consecutive Friday evenings, training sessions were conducted in Spanish by Erica Alvarez, our CEF USA Spanish Ministries Director, via Zoom with volunteers at Iglesia Vida Abundante in Providence. On four Saturdays in September and October, training sessions were conducted in person at New Harvest Baptist Church in New Hartford CT, Revelation Church's Ministry Center in Groton CT, Wood River Baptist Church in Wyoming RI and Preston City Bible Church in Preston CT. A special thanks to the churches who hosted these sessions, and to Erica for enabling us to train our Spanish speaking volunteers!



## Leadership Conference Update:

CEF in the Northeast—working together. During the CEF State Leadership Conference at CEF HQ in Missouri in October, “huddle groups” of state and metro chapters were established in order to collaborate, support, encourage and pray for each other. CEF of CT and RI is excited to be working with CEF leaders in the other New England states along with the New York state and Metro NYC chapters. We are



## *Please pray for these children!*

These are all the children who registered for the Good News Clubs.

Sadly, around 55 of them are unable to attend due to the cancelation of late bussing. Pray their parents will find a way.

Anijah	Gabriella	Xennia	Cerys	Paisley	Joel	Nathaniel
Micah	Anastasia	Emilee	Emmanuel	Isabella	Jayden	Evelyn
Kaiky	Cristina	Sebastian	Lamiya	Rebecca	Hendricks	Ivy
Jean	Snardine	Gwendolyn	Ethan	Claire	Jeremy	Delana
Ozias	Emmy	Lunie	Jouhandriz	Grace	Nayeli	Teddy
Arianna	Jenalise	Rullie	Hanna	Noah	Victoria	James
Skylynn	Steevens-Ley	Winnie	Aria	Ariana	Lucas	Riley
Nadia	Ny'Asia	Xander	Emery	Rowin	Gabriella	Scarlet
Adriadne	Te'Mari	Delvyson	Alenah	Gia	Cammy	Violet
Aurielle	Leonel	Kaelyn	Reinah	Cory	Sirena	Brianna
Leirah	Joel	Maria	Benjamin	Layla	Ava	Josiah
Fay	Eniel	Jean	Xander	Lilliana	Haylielynne	Anameghann
Madison	Xander	Marc	Leilani	Tanya	Mariana	James
Jemhima	Jeulianys	Simon	Marshaun	Allanna	Lola	Mila
Marquise	Maykel	Jada	Sebastian	Paisley	Madison	Xylee
Fernando	Elias	Dylan	Julyus	Isaiah	Jhaylin	Ryan
Ericka	Izabella	Isabella	Luana	Sarah	Noah	Dylan
Juliana	Analiz	Khloe	Adrian	Kneia-Shae	Haydelin	Dominic
Enzo	Macie	Ainnah	Angel	Jace	Sonali	Reagan
Elora	Dalendie	Nylah	Liam	Aubrey	Madelyn	Lucas
Adonijah	Wisdomiah	Kathy	Benjamin	Arianna	Catalina	Preston
Ella Mae	Kali	Alexa	Sophia	Aaliyah	Zoey	Maddy
Stefie	Lillyanna	Zane	Hudson	Annaira	Layla	Ezra
Malachi	Reilly	Reign	Noah	June	Anthony	Jennavelise
Yileiska	Amiyah	Elyza	Jaxton	Lily	Arabelle	Avery
Mileishka	Hannah	Diocelys	Isaiah	Hunter	Trinity	Bailey
Yoenis	Elias	Gil Rafaela	Judah	Quincy	Alan	Michael
Ricot	Naia	Gabriella	Caleb	Cristian	Jailessa	Bryan
Rodtherford	Jeslyann	Luana	Jaxson	Jair	Logan	Sinead
Govanni	Reina	Rode	Jacob	Nathan	Nicholas	Liam
Alaia	Julianna	Ruth	Caroline	Zhavia	Nico	Rakelle
Thiago	Kensley	Bavli	Adeline	Zolyeli	Evelyn	Cataleya
Arlonie	Hansel	Thiago	Deven	Wilkins	Nadriel	Rayner
Henry	Woodnelson	Royce	Ember	Wilmarie	Danilo	Abigail
Toureanna	Dardyms	Djoudemiya	Victoria	Bryce	Clay	Leah
Ana	Darien	Berta	Melanie	Ezequiel	Sofia	Jacob
Xavier	Jakob	Albert	Scarlet	Findlay	Abigail	Paul
Francesce	Aleisha	Angel	Violet	Ourania	Averie	Silas
Adams	Illeianna	Pamela	Hope	Melvin	Calirose	Georgie
Kyson	Maljua	Perla	Dax	Dakota	Noah	
Gabriel	Zachaery	Kaeden	Melanie	Luna	Grace	
Bryanna	Christie	Norah	Xavier	Daniella	Boyd	
Alijah	Pierre	Keysha	Victor	Elaina	Evolet	
Gabriel	Allissa	Pierre	Karsyn	Isabella	Andrew	

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## *Praise in Connecticut!*

We have started the school year with nine Good News Clubs in five school districts. Five of these clubs are in Norwich, two in Torrington, one in Lebanon and one in North Stonington. We were blessed this year as the Norwich School District invited us to take part in their Back to School Bash on August 24. We were able to talk with parents and children about the Good News Clubs, pass out registration



forms, and even share the Gospel with Wordless Book bracelets! Currently, we have 158 children registered for the Norwich Good News Clubs, and 237 registered for all our Connecticut clubs. Praise God!

Please pray for our Norwich clubs, as afterschool busing is no longer available to children in the Good News Clubs that are not a part of the full week afterschool program in the district. Parents will need to provide transportation for these children. We are praying that no child will be unable to attend the clubs due to these transportation challenges.

Please pray for a new club in East Haddam that we hope to start early next year! We are working through the details with the school district now.

A special thanks to our volunteers from Preston City Bible Church, Revelation Church in Bozrah, Norwich Worship Center, Harvest Baptist Church in New Hartford, and North Stonington Bible Church for serving on these teams!

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***Thank you for your support of and prayers for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Rhode Island and Connecticut in 2024!***

***We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!***



***In His Grace,  
Alan Snow***

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## *Praise in Rhode Island!*

In Rhode Island, we are reaching children in Good News Clubs in eight public elementary schools in three districts. We also have a middle school Bible club,—JYC®— in the Coventry district. A total of 123 children are registered for these clubs!

We continue to conduct a very special club with the Providence Campus Evangelistic Fellowship that includes kids from the Providence area as well as several children who join via Zoom from a restricted country!

Please pray for a new club we are starting in the Chariho school district. With this club we will have Good News Clubs in all four Chariho elementary schools!

A special thanks to our volunteers from Iglesia Vida Abundante in Providence, Knotty Oak Baptist Church in Coventry, Perryville Bible Church in South Kingstown, and Wood River Baptist Church in Richmond for serving on these teams!

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### *How can you help?*

**Pray** – please pray that our ministries will reach many children in both states, and that many will believe in Christ as their Savior.

**Volunteer** – most of CEF's ministry is done by volunteers. Do you have a heart for sharing the Gospel with children? Or would you just like to use your skills and gifts to help the ministry? Please reach out to us.

**Give** – Please prayerfully consider a gift to CEF of Connecticut or Rhode Island.

- For just \$10 per month, you can enable one child to participate in a Good News Club.
- For \$200 per month, you can support the ongoing work of a Good News Club to evangelize and disciple children.
- For \$400 you can provide the funds for a teen to attend Christian Youth in Action (CYIA) in Summer 2025.

**Serve on our Board** – Are you a person with leadership experience looking for a way to serve? We need your help!