

# The Children's Chronicle

### News from Child Evangelism Fellowship® of WV Inc. Greater Huntington Chapter

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## "CPC x 3"

ast year, of the 16.5 million children that heard the Gospel worldwide, nearly half of them (8 million) did so in a Christmas Party Club (CPC). Despite COVID, God allowed over 350 workers to conduct nearly 5,000 Christmas Party Club trainings that resulted in equipping over 90,000 volunteers to conduct Christmas Party Clubs in over 28 different countries.

These Christmas Party Clubs shared the true meaning of Christmas and the Good News that Jesus was born to take away the sin of the world. Nearly 200,000 Christmas Party Clubs were conducted.

Of the 8 million children that attended these Christmas Party Clubs, over 2.8 million of them

indicated that they received the Lord Jesus as Savior, and over 7,000 new Good News Clubs are planned to begin as a result of this outreach effort.

This has led us to evaluate the ministry in our Chapter and honestly say that we have been missing an opportunity. After praying for the Lord's wisdom, guidance, and leadership we believe He has led us to our ministry strategy response. We are calling this new strategy "CPC x 3".

We are praying for volunteer teams to be raised up that are willing to secure locations, dates, times, and volunteers to conduct at least 3 Christmas Party Clubs per volunteer team throughout the month of December in locations outside of their Church buildings and/or Good

News Club settings. The goal is to reach unreached/unchurched children. This is an intentional evangelistic outreach initiative to make direct contact with children and their families that are not currently connected to churches and Good News Club ministries.

Would you be willing to pray for this "CPC x 3" Initiative? Would you be willing to host or help plan a Christmas Party Club? Would you be willing to get other volunteers together to form a CPC team? Would your Church be willing to sponsor and conduct Christmas Party Clubs in an effort to reach the children in your community?

If you would like to get involved, please contact us ASAP!

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# **CEF® World Day of Prayer**

November 3rd, 2021 is set aside as the Child Evangelism Fellowship *World Day of Prayer*. On this day, the workers of CEF around the entire world will stop the daily operations of the

ministry.

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You may be saying to yourself, "Oh, the worker's of CEF will get a vacation day." Nope. "Then, what will they be doing all day long?" Praying. That's right, all around the world, CEF workers will be fasting and praying for the ministry.

Last year the ministry of Child Evangelism
Fellowship reached nearly
16.5 million children with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
However, there are millions more who need to be reached, and we're praying for the world.

The goal of our organization is to have established ministry in every country in the world. This is CEF's 84th Anniversary, and our goal continues to be "Around the World." Prayer is key in helping us to reach this goal.

Throughout the month of November, would

you be willing to take some extra time out of your day to pray for the ministry of CEF?

Simply pray for each of the CEF missionaries worldwide. Pray for the children being reached around the world, for the CEF leadership at every level, and for the mission to be in every country around the world by the end of this year.

We would truly appreciate your prayers!



#### **Prayer and Praise**

Pray for the IOT 1 Course in Soldotna, Alaska the first week of November and the first week of December!

**Praise** the Lord for bringing plans together for this IOT 1 Course!

Pray that Christmas Party Clubs can be scheduled and conducted as a part of the "CPC x 3" Initiative!

**Praise** the Lord for volunteer teams stepping up to commit to the "CPC x 3" Initiative!

**Pray** for additional GNC's to be able to begin by the end of the year!

**Praise** the Lord for the 14 GNC's that are currently being conducted in some way!

# We Need to Admit That We Are Part of the Problem

aking bits of the Bible out of context paints an altogether different narrative than the true one of the God of grace and mercy who is slow to anger and abounding in love. However, we need to admit that we are part of the problem.

The church, over the course of history, has focused mainly on the nice stories and nice verses of the Bible. We generally teach right through the difficult passages, not pausing long enough to explain those places where a woman is told to marry her rapist, or women are told to be silent in the church, or why God would instruct Israel to kill all the Canaanites (including children), or David would kill two hundred men and cut off their foreskins to buy a wife.

Because we have ignored passages such as these or didn't directly teach about them, youth and young adults are now reading them and are shocked no one ever told them they were in the Bible. And most parents and even many youth Pastors don't know how to respond.

The church has also modeled a lot of teaching that didn't include showing basic Bible study methods. Because so many sermons involve reading a Scripture or two and then jumping straight

to application, we have a generation that has not understood how to look at context, genre, or where in the whole Bible lesson a verse takes place. So, we in the church have been part of the problem by how many of us have approached teaching the Bible.

We have to change. We have to do better. We have to be more intentional and more authentic if we want to reach this next generation with the Gospel for the cause of Christ. The good news is that so much of this is preventable.

We need to proactively teach children and young people (and parents) about these "tough" topics in the Bible. We need to admit that the Bible does contain crazy sounding things, and we don't need to have neat and tidy answers for all of them. We need to create a culture in our churches and ministries that says that asking questions is a good thing. We, most importantly, need to pray. We don't say this lightly, but this very well could be the work of the enemy trying to confuse this next generation. If this next generation doesn't trust the Bible, then they don't trust the Gospel the Bible tells us about. More then ever we need to pray. This isn't about knowledge, it is about the Holy Spirit of God using the Word of God to transform minds, hearts, and wills. We need to be praying for this generation

more then ever in this confusing time in our country when the Bible and Christianity are seen in such a negative light.

This also means we need to model what it means to be a Christian, a follower of Christ. We can teach doctrine and apologetics all we want, but our lives need to reflect to the children, youth, and people in general what we say we believe.

For the Next Generation!

Nathan and Erin Sayre

#### Ministry Schedule

Last week of Oct.: Trick or Treat Outreaches Oct. 29th-Nov. 6th: IOT 1 Training in Soldotna, AK

Nov. 9th-11th: Revival at Maranatha Cornerstone Church

Nov. 12th-13th.: State Staff and Board Meetings

Dec. 4th-12th: IOT 1 Training in Soldotna, AK

December: "CPC (Christmas Party Club) x 3"

Initiative

Dec. 22nd-Jan. 1st: Office Closed

# **Annual Ministry Report**

EF's ministry calendar run from September 1st-August 31st, so that Good News Club ministries and all of summer ministries can be viewed on one report. It is always very exciting for us to finish up the report for the month of August so that we can see how the Lord has blessed the ministry the previous year. We thought we would take the time to share with you, our ministry partners, what God did in the ministry year of September 2020-August 2021, even in the middle of a pandemic!

There were:

- 56 total ministries conducted
- 1814 total children reached with the Gospel
- 71 total 1st time salvation decisions made
- And 7 unchurched children were plugged into local Bible believing churches

Praise the Lord for these types of results! Because you have invested

your time, prayers, and finances into this ministry, these Kingdom results could take place. Eternity has been impacted through you!

We cannot even begin to thank you enough. Words are not adequate enough, but that's all we have to give. You allow this ministry to move forward, and we are so grateful. Please continue to pray for us as we now move into the next ministry year. Our prayer is that we see even greater results by this time next year!

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