

Reaching the next generation one child at a time

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EVERY CHILD
EVERY NATION
EVERY DAY



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Apostle Peter declares the striking truth that, “The Lord is . . . not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9). These words reveal God’s heart. He loves and longs for men and women, boys and girls to come to Him for salvation. He is patient and longsuffering, but at the same time, a day of reckoning fast approaches. Peter’s words not only reveal God’s heart for the lost; they also emphasize our responsibility to the lost. *Because He is not wishing that any should perish*, we must be busy sharing the Good News with as many as possible.

We cannot be deterred by difficulty. We cannot be intimidated by cultures and governments that hate God. We must be relentless in our pursuit of the Great Commission. We must do all we can, in spite of the difficulties, to overcome obstacles as we seek to carry the Gospel to Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day. Our motivation is God’s heart for the salvation of every person.

In the pages that follow, you will learn what Child Evangelism Fellowship is doing *because the Lord is not wishing that any should perish*. Our strategy is to train, equip,

and support. Last year we trained 423,062 people to reach children *because the Lord is not wishing that any should perish*. We equip trained teachers *because the Lord is not wishing that any should perish*. We support 1,356 national missionaries in 141 countries *because the Lord is not wishing that any should perish*.

We invite you to join our mission *because the Lord is not wishing that any should perish*. We invite you to pray with us for an abundant harvest. We invite you to partner with us by serving as a volunteer or answering God’s call to full-time ministry. We invite you to join us by giving financially to send the Gospel around the world. God’s heartbeat is for the salvation of the world. May we pursue our calling together with passion for His glory.

Yours for all the children,

President Jeremiah Cho

Please Pray

- 1 *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® would remain anchored to God's Word so that we glorify Him.
- 2 God would increase our effectiveness as we train more men and women to reach children.
- 3 Our tracts, booklets, and discipleship apps would draw children into a deeper, daily walk with God.
- 4 National missionaries would receive the funds they need through the Sponsor-A-National™ program.
- 5 God would use the *Go and Tell!* curriculum to prepare children to reach their peers.



**TOGETHER
WE CAN
SPAN™
the GLOBE**

Sponsor-A-National™ helps national missionaries like Syless share the Gospel with children every day.

"I can reach out to children with the food of the Word, knowing there is food on the table."

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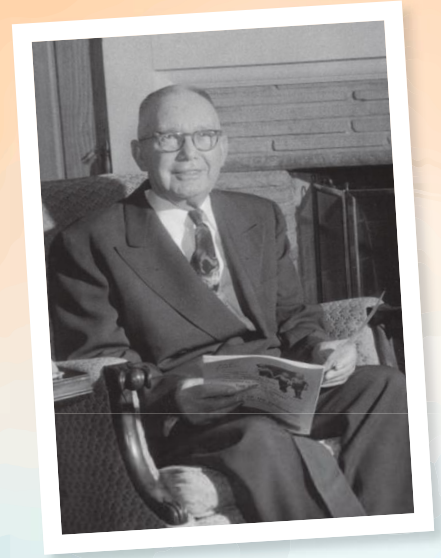
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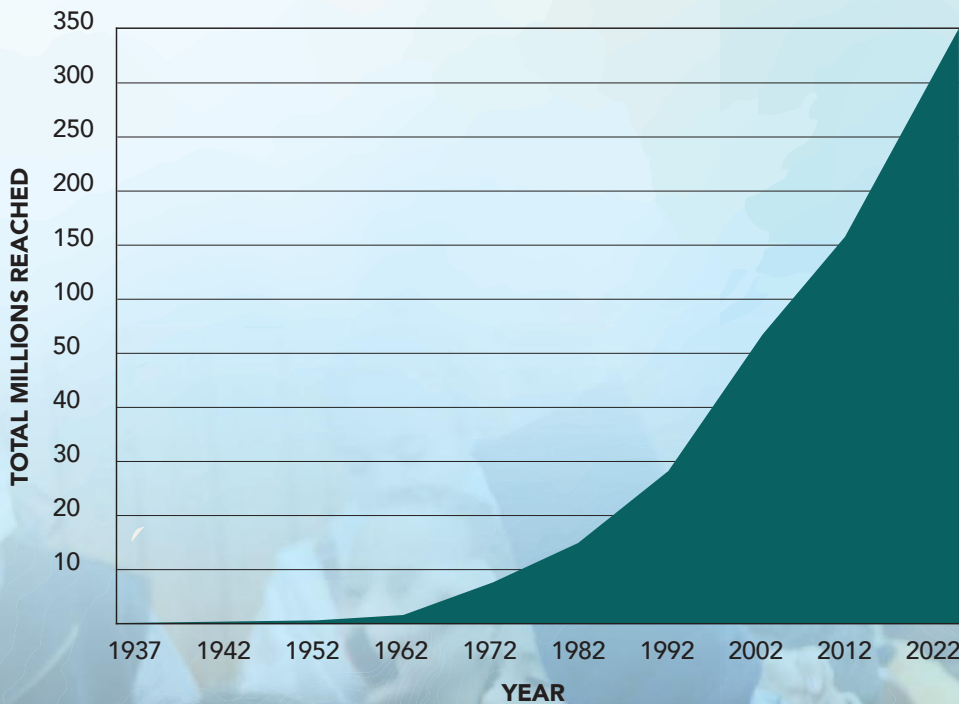
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OUR HISTORY

Over 86 years ago, our founder, Jesse Overholtzer, was impacted by a sermon by Charles Spurgeon. In it, he clearly stated his firm belief that young children could be saved just as readily as adults. Mr. Overholtzer had profound respect for Spurgeon and began to share the Gospel with children. Lives were transformed. Mr. Overholtzer was convinced. CEF® was born!



OUR MOMENTUM



God has clearly given us momentum!

We praise the Lord that we have shared the Gospel with over 350 million children in the last 86 years.



OUR STRATEGY

Because of God’s great heart for the lost and His desire that none should perish, He has guided us to an effective threefold strategy: Train, Equip, and Support.

- **Training** prepares men and women to effectively evangelize and disciple children.
- **Equipping** provides trained men and women with the tools they need to evangelize and disciple children.
- **Supporting** provides financial resources to trained and equipped men and women so they can maintain focus on evangelizing and discipling children.

OUR MISSION

Child Evangelism Fellowship is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.



The ministry of *CEF* is founded on Scripture. We have shaped our vision and our mission after the teachings of Scripture, and our culture points are also supported by the Word of God. All these support our strategy for bringing the Gospel to Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day.

OUR VISION

Because the Lord is not wishing that any should perish, our vision is **Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day**. It is our goal to reach **every child** with the life-transforming message of the Gospel. For this reason, we actively pursue establishing the ministry in **every nation** on earth. We provide children’s apps, devotional books, and growth materials to children so they may grow in God’s Word **every day**.



TRAIN

TRAINING is the first step in our strategy to reach children for Christ. Every corporation understands the benefits and necessity of training to ensure consistency. *CEF* has trained millions of people, and we have found that training is essential for at least five reasons:

1. TRAINING PRESERVES THE BIBLICAL MODEL.

Paul instructed Timothy, “What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2). Training provides a wonderful opportunity to disciple the future leaders of our ministry. We train volunteers and staff, as well as provide ongoing education for instructors to constantly sharpen their skills and carry out the mission God has given us.

2. TRAINING PRODUCES EFFECTIVENESS.

Understanding the job is an essential element in enhancing our ministry. *CEF* continues to learn from what has been done before. Our training programs provide information on many topics—from current issues to age-group characteristics to essential leadership practices and more—so that we are ready to communicate the Gospel clearly and effectively.

3. TRAINING PROVIDES CONFIDENCE.

If workers lack confidence, they may never take the next step, but when they are confident, they can boldly move forward. *CEF* training not only provides classroom instruction; it also gives workers opportunities to put into practice what they learn. Through tried-and-tested practicums, students gain the confidence they need.

4. TRAINING PROMOTES MULTIPLICATION.

Trained *CEF* workers are multipliers. A national worker shares the Gospel with as many as 6,000 children annually. Those young disciples go and make more disciples, sharing the Good News with their peers and families. Thousands of them are even inspired to pursue *CEF* training.

5. TRAINING PREVENTS MISSION DRIFT.

Lastly, countless ministries lose their way after years of faithfulness. One need only look at the educational institutions that were founded to train preachers: Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and many more. Training makes clear what is expected. By God’s grace, *CEF* has stayed true to its founding principles and training is an important part of that process.

CEF has trained nearly 9.8 million people in person and online!



“The Lord made it possible for me to attend CEF training in 1982. There the Lord spoke to me as the instructors taught from His Word. Verses like 1 Thessalonians 5:24 and John 15:16 were the final confirmation of my calling to CEF. My vision for [reaching] perishing children keeps growing. It is just like a baseball or cricket player who starts seeing the ball as if it is as big as a soccer ball because they have been batting for a long time. Until the Lord calls me home, I will look for every possible way to reach children.”

– Suki, India

**LEARN MORE
ABOUT TRAINING AT
CEFCMI.COM.**



The Love of God

Angela Thornton, a US-sent missionary to Lesotho, completed the Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1 course online and immediately put her training to work. Angela shares, “A group of 21 Basotho children—ranging from 2 to 12-years old—crammed into a small one-room house to listen to me teach. Many Basotho children believe that God cannot love them because of their sin. As I was sharing the gold page of *The Wordless Book* with them, I had the privilege of telling them about the God who created them and loves them, in spite of their sin. Eleven children accepted Jesus as Savior!”





EQUIP

Anyone who has done construction work knows that having the right tools to do the job makes an incredible difference in maximizing efficiency and minimizing frustration. There are over 40 different types of hammers on the market and each one is designed for a specific job. The framing hammer's length is designed to measure the distance between studs. The joiner's mallet is made of soft wood to prevent bruising or marring the wood. The upholstery hammer is designed to drive tacks. At CEF we have writers and editors who work to design tools for specific jobs.



» *Do You Wonder Why?* is designed to help children cope with crisis and answer the questions they face. “Does God know and care about me?” “Why do so many bad things happen in the world?” “How could God allow this to happen?” It gives Gospel answers to their difficult questions. The booklet has been used to minister to children in Ukraine during the war, in Syria following the earthquake, and in other areas following school shootings or natural disasters.



LEARN MORE about how we are equipping national missionaries through the Boxes of Books program.



GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL

Over 35,000 *Do You Wonder Why?* booklets have been printed in Arabic and continue to be distributed throughout the nation of Syria since the earthquake on February 6, 2023. These booklets are bringing the message of the Gospel, the message of hope, to children like U. “When the earthquake happened, I thought God had lost control of the earth,” U said. “But when I read this book, I knew the truth that God still controls everything.”



CEF provides trained workers with tools for evangelism and discipleship.



» **Every Day with God™** is a 30-day devotional book designed to encourage children to grow in their faith by spending time in God’s Word each day. *The 60-Day Wonder Devotional Book™* challenges older children to continue this daily habit and deepen their faith.

» **Meet the King!** shares the life of Christ—beginning with the announcement of the Virgin Birth and ending with the Ascension—while explaining the Gospel to unsaved children.

» **A Better Life** is designed for refugee children who have left their home and are seeking a new home. They connect with the story of Abraham, the Bible’s first refugee, and learn how they can have a forever home in heaven with God.

“We were teaching from the series *God Rules: Be Strong*, which is about Daniel. On week four we told the children about the time God wrote on the wall in Belshazzar’s court. Just as Belshazzar was afraid, Vanessa* was afraid. When I spoke with her, I explained to her there was no reason for her to be scared. I told her God is powerful and does things to show His power and His love for people. That was when she said yes to Christ. That was when she put her faith in Jesus as Savior.”

– Ruth Blair, New York
*Name changed



SUPPORT

SUPPORTING is the third step in the *CEF* strategy to effectively evangelize and disciple boys and girls. The primary means of supporting national missionaries is the Sponsor-A-National Program. Simply put, SPAN™ makes sense:

- **NATIONAL MISSIONARIES KNOW THE LANGUAGE.** Once they receive training, there is no down time; they can go straight to work evangelizing and discipling children.
- **NATIONAL MISSIONARIES UNDERSTAND THE CULTURE.** Since they are native to their country, they can easily avoid awkward cultural mistakes. They also understand the best way to communicate the Gospel in their culture.
- **NATIONAL MISSIONARIES ARE THE LEAST IMPACTED BY POLITICAL CRISIS.** Often, cross-cultural missionaries are forced to leave the field when crisis comes. Nationals can stay and minister during the crisis.

- **NATIONAL MISSIONARIES ARE THE MOST ECONOMICAL WAY TO REACH CHILDREN.**

Although SPAN support varies by region, the average missionary can be supported for just \$3,600 annually. That's only \$15 per day or \$75 per week.

The number of missionaries sponsored through SPAN has increased dramatically from 563 in 2014 to 1,356. In just a decade the program has more than doubled in size! Plans are in place to support more national missionaries through SPAN as the Lord provides the needed funds. We would like to support 300 more missionaries in 2023 from over 140 countries where it is difficult or impossible for missionaries to raise their full support. Please pray with us that God will provide the missionaries and financial resources to accomplish this growth.



LEARN MORE ABOUT SPAN



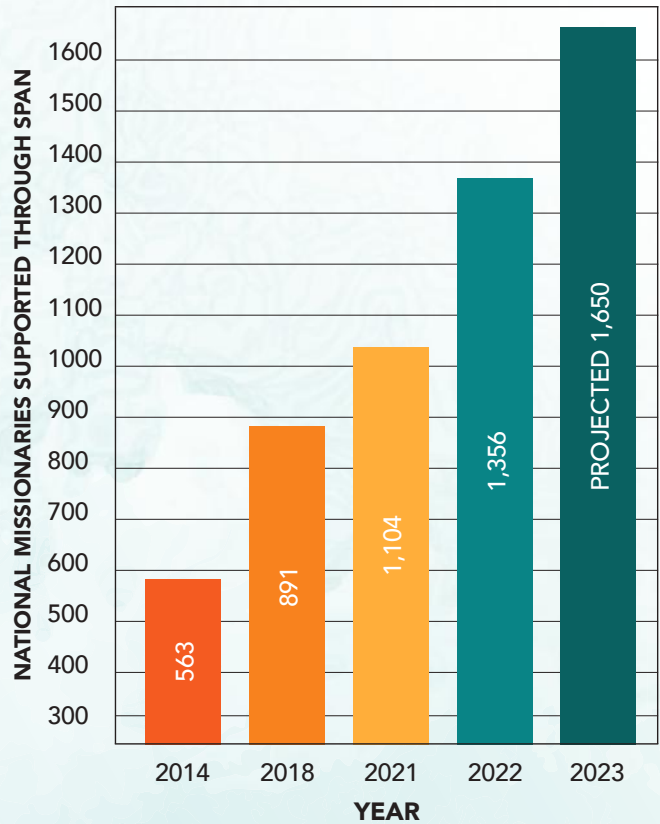
CEF provides financial support for trained and equipped missionaries so they can focus on reaching children for Christ.



"We began a club in a remote village where voodoo is quite prevalent. After some weeks, the elders of the city came to us and asked, 'By what power do you do these things with the children? We have been casting spells on you, but they are not working.' The CEF missionaries proclaimed, 'We come in the name of Jesus Christ, and we are not ashamed of the Gospel.' Miraculously, we started a church in that village and the children were its first members! Without the help of SPAN support, I might have returned to the garage to practice my trade of sheet metal welding and automotive painting, only being able to continue in the ministry as a volunteer. SPAN is a powerful tool God uses for the survival and expansion of CEF ministry."

– Charles Menou, Benin

SPAN GROWTH



"When I finished high school, I wanted to become a social worker. However, I heard the call of God and gave up my pursuit of a secular career to become an evangelist. This is when I began working with CEF. I am personally grateful for the financial support I've received from SPAN. The Lord has allowed us the privilege of reaching over 45,000 children each month in Zimbabwe through Good News Club® ministry at schools, in the community, and at churches."

– Yemurai Mokgatla, Zimbabwe



WORLDWIDE TOTALS

PEOPLE TRAINED

 **439,423**

NUMBER OF STAFF

 **3,455**

GOOD NEWS CLUBS

 **79,733**

CHILDREN REACHED

 **19,575,136**



EUROPE

People Trained

 **81,919**

Good News Clubs


 **9,843**

Children Reached

 **1,426,811**

NORTH AMERICA & CARIBBEAN


People Trained

 **27,687**

Good News Clubs

 **3,049**

Children Reached

 **625,587**



CHILDREN REACHED EVERY...

DAY

53,631

HOUR

2,235

MINUTE


37

LATIN AMERICA


People Trained

 **52,686**

Good News Clubs

 **9,698**

Children Reached

 **1,401,682**



WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA


People Trained

 **41,066**

Good News Clubs

 **7,278**

Children Reached

 **2,047,543**

ASIA PACIFIC

People Trained

 75,326

Good News Clubs

 6,825

Children Reached

 1,273,086



JOIN US
IN PRAYING GOD'S OWN
PRAYER REQUEST
LUKE 10:2

MIDDLE EAST

People Trained

 82,127

Good News Clubs

 28,015

Children Reached

 4,657,046



EAST & CENTRAL AFRICA

People Trained

 59,051

Good News Clubs

 6,869

Children Reached

 5,216,250



PRAISE GOD
FOR ANOTHER
FRUITFUL YEAR
OF MINISTRY

SOUTHERN AFRICA & INDIAN OCEAN


People Trained

 19,561

Good News Clubs

 8,156

Children Reached

 2,927,131





USA MINISTRIES

CITY GROWTH MATCHING GRANT REACHES MORE CHILDREN



Tim Pressley

The Apostle Paul set his eyes on Rome as a target city for the Gospel. Paul knew that Rome, as a major city, was situated at a crossroads and that from there the Gospel could spread throughout the country and continent. At CEF, we want to give attention to our cities because 80 percent of the American population now lives in urban areas¹. A new initiative is helping to grow ministry in Baltimore, Houston, and Minneapolis by providing a matching grant for ministry expansion. In Minneapolis, the matching grant allowed the Twin Cities to bring on Tim Pressley as a ministry coordinator. Tim has already been instrumental in starting five new Good News Clubs and connecting with churches to launch more clubs. According to Joseph Rukavina, the CEF Twin Cities local director, the grant has already made it possible for hundreds of kids in the Twin Cities area to hear the Gospel, and it has allowed the chapter to accomplish very quickly what it would have taken years to accomplish without help.

¹"Nation's Urban and Rural Populations Shift Following 2020 Census," News Releases, United States Census Bureau, updated December 29, 2022, <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2022/urban-rural-populations.html#:~:text=Despite%20the%20increase%20in%20the,down%20from%2080.7%25%20in%202010.> Zoom® is a registered trademark of Zoom Video Communications, Inc.

USA Ministry Bounces Back!

Like many ministries, CEF in the USA was impacted by the pandemic. In March 2020, face-to-face ministry came to a screeching halt, and COVID-19 continued far longer than any of us expected. CEF workers and volunteers took the bull by the horns and began conducting *Good News Club* on Zoom®. Still, they knew nothing could replace in-person interaction with children. Thankfully, 2021 had a full year of impact, and amazingly, in 2022, the Lord gave us a 62 percent increase in the number of children reached. In addition, God blessed us with 85 percent more children attending GNC™. The Lord enabled us to add 12 new state directors and 104 additional staff across the USA.

Local Director Assistance Program Continues to Aid Growth

Through the Local Director Assistance Program, local chapters receive a grant to help place directors in their chapters. Currently, 44 local areas are participating and receiving salary assistance, training, and materials for ministry. God has provided funds for ten additional grants, and we look forward to how He will continue to grow the number of children reached in the USA.



USA MINISTRY STATISTICS



821

Total Staff



450,641

Total Children Reached



31,417

Professions of Faith



2,581

Good News Clubs



3,255

5-Day Clubs

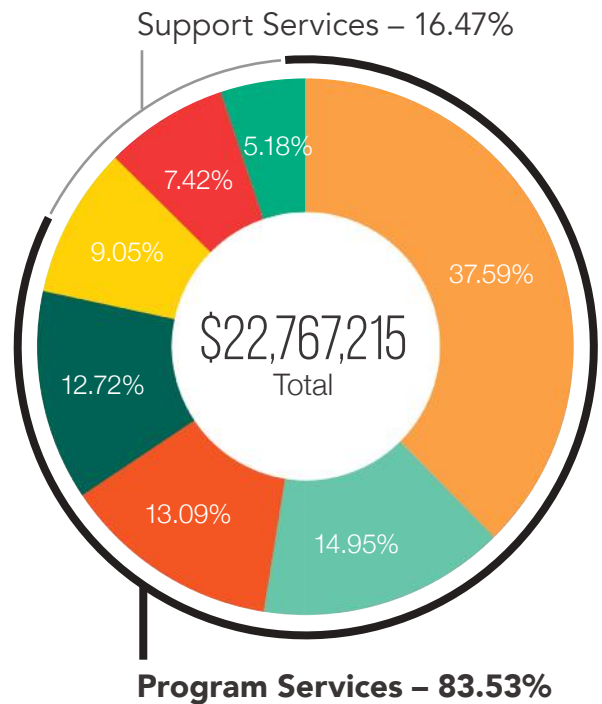
HEADQUARTERS FINANCIALS



Audited Distribution of Funds 2022

Audit performed by CliftonLarsenAllen LLP

- \$8,556,905
International Ministries
- \$1,180,351
Training
- \$2,979,247
Sponsor-A-National
- \$1,689,619
General & Administration
- \$2,896,533
USA Ministries
- \$2,060,256
Fundraising & Promotion
- \$3,404,304
Literature



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DONOR TESTIMONY

DOUG AND MARTHA MOREY, Illinois



SEEING CEF SHARE
THE GOSPEL SO WELL,
IN A WAY THAT CHILDREN
UNDERSTAND, HAS
CAPTURED OUR HEARTS.

I (Doug) grew up reading the Bible and attending church weekly. At Bradley University, my friend challenged me to diligently study my faith so I could articulate it. The process was challenging but expanded my understanding of my sin, God's grace, and the need for Jesus' sacrifice. It left me wanting to grow in my knowledge of the Bible and theology.

I enrolled in Wheaton College's Bible program, where I met a beautiful woman from Texas, Martha. After we married, we settled near Chicago. As Sunday school teachers, we taught the children Bible lessons full of good morality; however, we didn't help them understand their need for a Savior. I often wonder how many of those children still continue in the faith.

Martha grew up in a Christian home and accepted Christ as her Savior at age four. She fondly remembers attending *Good News Club* at a neighbor's house. She was unaware of the CEF international ministry until we attended a Good News GatheringSM in Hilton Head.

In 2017, we had the privilege of visiting Good News Clubs in Africa and participating in the dedication of the CEF

Children's Center in Nairobi. Over 1,800 children attended that day! We visited school rooms where students sat—three at each desk—with no pictures on the walls, and no pencils or papers; only the brightly colored CEF materials were seen. Yet, the students listened to the lesson attentively and their responses demonstrated an amazing knowledge of theology gained from CEF discipleship.

In 2022, we also attended the CEF Regional Conference in Germany. We enjoyed meals, fellowship, worship, and singing in many languages with workers from all over Europe—a glorious foretaste of heaven!

Seeing CEF share the Gospel so well, in a way that children understand, has captured our hearts. While enrolled in Teaching Children Effectively™, we learned how to weave the Gospel into every Bible story and how to use *The Wordless Book* to share the Gospel. We highly recommend these classes to all parents, grandparents, teachers, and CEF staff!

Our broken world needs to hear the message of God's love and redemption. We believe God has called us to support the excellent ministry of CEF.

DIGITAL MINISTRY



BECAUSE THE LORD IS NOT WISHING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH

CEF is using digital ministry to take advantage of every opportunity for the Gospel.

I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED HER.

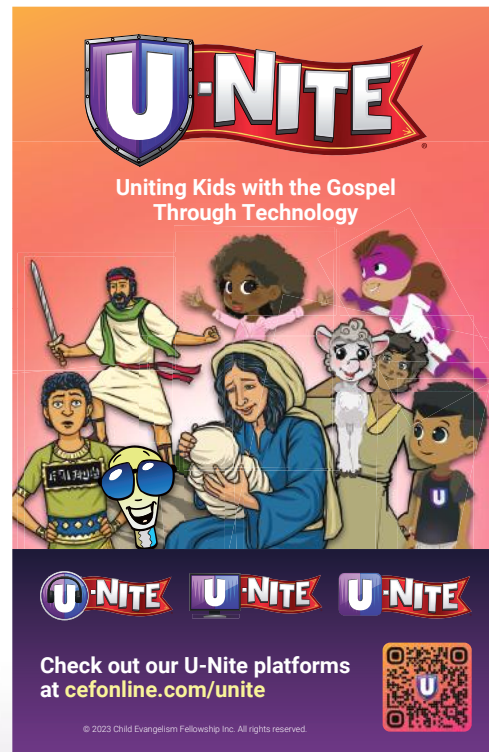
Just a few rows ahead of me on the airplane, a girl—probably seven or eight years old, with long, golden curls tumbling over her shoulders—started watching a movie that was rated PG-13.

Although the opening five to ten minutes of this movie would not have traumatized a child, the characters were portraying less than exemplary behavior, and the subtitles revealed plenty of foul language and hinted at sexual immorality.

What messages was that little girl receiving in those moments?

Through the aid of our senses, our brains can receive thousands of messages. God designed us this way so we can receive His message. He is actively communicating His glory and character to us every day, hour, minute, and second. However, our sinful nature makes it easy for us to miss God's signal.

On that flight, God reminded me of the importance of digital ministry. *He is not wishing that any should perish.* We want children everywhere to see and hear who God is and what He wants for them.



**Uniting Kids with the Gospel
Through Technology**





The story of Joseph coming to life with silhouettes of live actors.



U-Nite TV® streams animated adventures that teach truths from the Bible, music videos to learn and memorize God's Word, and stories which share the Gospel. These videos are being translated into several languages such as French, Spanish, Greek, Mandarin, and Cantonese so we can reach more children.

APPROXIMATELY 7,000 SUBSCRIBERS

ANIMATED VIDEOS

Last year, 16 animated videos were in the works. By the end of 2023, nearly 50 animated videos will be available for kids on *U-Nite TV*.



U-Nite Radio® offers short and exciting episodes for children. On *Good News Devos* they can listen to lively hosts explain theological and biblical concepts, or hear the thrilling, dramatized stories of people like Cameron Townsend, Lottie Moon, and George Müller on *Good News Heroes*. These episodes are available on cefonline.com and several podcast services.

NEW EPISODE EVERY WEEK!



U-Nite Kids® is an app which provides adventures that teach truths from the Bible. Kids can complete daily devotions, earn achievements, memorize God's Word, and get answers to common biblical questions.

U-Nite Kids 2.0 is in production and will include avatars for children to customize, a store for them to spend their points in, and story-based games to play.



"In Kampal, Uganda, we had a wonderful, unexpected ministry opportunity. Two CEF staff members and I went to a church to host a Christmas Party Club training. While we were setting up and waiting for volunteers to arrive, some children were hanging around the church. I pulled out my computer and played several U-Nite TV videos for them, and they loved it!"

– Rose Kirby, CEF missionary in Uganda



TWO MAJOR INITIATIVES



GO AND TELL!

Children can reach children for Christ! That's the premise of a program called *Go and Tell!* which focuses on children reaching children. The goal is to train saved children to share the Gospel clearly and biblically with the help of color-based Gospel tools. Training materials have been developed. Pilot programs have been conducted and we look forward to how the Lord will use this not only to reach more children, but to call some children into the ministry of CEF.

HARVEST TIME

Luai Patu, National Director of CEF Samoa

In 2021, we used the *Go and Tell!* curriculum to train a total of 70 child evangelists between the ages of 8 and 13, as well as 50 volunteer teachers and helpers, from our surrounding churches and Good News Clubs.

When the day of the outreach arrived, our evangelists went out by groups into the streets of Apia to share the Gospel. Some of our teams didn't come back until well after the outreach was over. Our group leaders gave us the reason: "They didn't want to come back." A total of 398 souls (young and old) accepted Jesus Christ as Savior that day!

The following year, many of those same churches were not able to participate because of COVID-19 restrictions, but one church decided to still go ahead with their own *Go and Tell!* outreach. CEF Samoa trained 55 child evangelists and 24 teachers and volunteers from that church. On December 10, 2022, they were sent into town and 167 people received Christ that day! Many pastors, leaders, and parents said after the program, "This should be a yearly event!"



CEF is emphasizing *Christmas Party Clubs* and *Go and Tell!* as ways for more children to hear about Jesus.



CHRISTMAS PARTY CLUBS

For many years CEF has conducted Christmas Party Clubs around the world. Perhaps you have heard about Christmas Across Middle East Lands (CAMEL). There is now a new emphasis on this strategic means of reaching children and launching on-going Good News Clubs. In 2022, the effort for Christmas Party Clubs went global, impacting each of the eight regions of the world.

The strategy emphasizes multiplication. CEF staff invests in training so the number of workers is exponentially increased and the number of children hearing the Gospel at Christmastime is multiplied. In 2022, staff conducted over 11,000 trainings which prepared more than 167,000 workers and volunteers. These teams conducted over 169,000 clubs, reaching over six million children. They heard the true meaning of Christmas through last year's curriculum, *Emmanuel: God with Us*. Best of all, over 1.7 million children indicated they received Jesus as Savior. Next year we plan to further expand the reach of Christmas Party Clubs so millions more can hear the Good News.

Plans are also underway to establish 20,000 new Good News Clubs because of this outreach. The Lord used the Christmas Party Clubs to ignite a passion in the hearts of our volunteers. Pray for the children who heard and the many Good News Clubs that are starting.



FISHERS OF MEN

Jackie Chen, CEF missionary in Taiwan

Taiwan has many temples full of false idols. One of them is called “King of Kings” and is the greatest god among them all. He has no images. No one knows who He really is . . . but we do!

The workers at a local temple allowed us to host Christmas Party Clubs in front of their temple! The Lord helped us prepare a message just for them—a message to introduce them to the one true, living God! At the first session, only one child and one adult showed up. As I preached the Good News to them, a fisherman came and began to sell fish next to us. Soon, people from town were coming to the temple to buy fish and listen to the Gospel at the same time!

I am sure many people heard the message—our speakers made sure to project their voices. During the second club, four more children came. At the end of the club, three of them accepted Jesus as Savior. As we were leaving, we were filled with joy as the children sang a song from the Christmas Party Club, “Emmanuel”.





HUMBLE FAITH

JESSE IRVIN OVERHOLTZER

was born in 1877 and raised in a Christian family but struggled regarding his own faith. At age 12, he expressed interest in personally receiving the Gospel, but was sadly told that he was too young. Doubts about his salvation plagued Overholtzer for years. The initial joy of salvation diminished as his gaze drifted off the cross and onto his own obedience.

One of the events that brought Overholtzer to a renewed understanding of salvation was the life of D. L. Moody. Overholtzer read an old biography of the evangelist and was at first unsettled. How was this imperfect man, with only a sixth-grade education, used so powerfully by God? In Overholtzer's own words, "I saw that [Moody] had something which I did not have—the Holy Spirit's presence and blessing in his life and ministry."

When Overholtzer's family was quarantined for scarlet fever, he found he had plenty of time for Bible study. It was during this period of seeking truth that the Holy Spirit opened his eyes to the sufficiency of grace. He saw that it was Christ's righteousness, not his own, that made him right before God.

Trusting in Christ alone, Overholtzer found joy and peace. Years later, Overholtzer read a quote of Charles Spurgeon in which the pastor stated his belief that even young children could come to faith in Christ. Struck by these words and remembering how he had been turned away at age 12, Overholtzer conducted his own experiments and saw proof that children indeed could come to saving faith and even lead others to Christ.

Overholtzer went to Chicago to solicit the help of Moody Bible Institute in the founding of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*. One summer, he led 5,000 children on the streets of Chicago to faith in Jesus using *The Wordless Book*.

Both Moody and Overholtzer understood the importance of reaching young people with the Gospel. Each man's work with children was certainly a defining aspect of his ministry, but their bond is more foundational. Both Moody and Overholtzer acknowledged their own weaknesses and cast themselves fully on the grace of God. They understood that both receiving the gift of salvation and serving the Lord require humble faith. In unique ways, their lives displayed God's power to accomplish His purposes through those who have submitted themselves to Him in faith.



Mr. O's Bible



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INCREASING YOUR IMPACT

In recent years, our government has put in place many new regulations and laws that govern the distribution of our wills and affect our current giving. Therefore, to be a wise steward, you need more than just a heart to want to give; you need knowledge of the tools and options available that will help protect your God-given resources for your family and the ministries you love.

Although most charitable gifts are in cash, you can increase your potential impact and experience significant tax benefits by giving non-cash assets. These options are simple, flexible, and cost-effective.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

APPRECIATED STOCK

Double Tax Benefit – You receive a tax deduction for the fair market value and avoid all capital gains tax.

- Gifting stock to CEF through Barnabas Foundation eliminates a commission fee.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

- If you are over 70½ years of age, you may give through your traditional and Roth IRA without any federal tax liability.
- The gift can count for all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD).
- No income needs to be acknowledged.
- No tax deduction is allowed.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

- This irrevocable gift (minimum \$25,000) guarantees a fixed income for life.
- You receive an immediate charitable deduction.
- A portion of your income stream is tax-free income.

GIVING THROUGH YOUR WILL

- Models to your loved ones a legacy of generosity.
- Honors the Lord in your last opportunity to be a steward.

- Continues your impact for the ministries you love.

More options are available that offer wonderful solutions for Christians who wish to give in a substantial way but are concerned about retirement income or tax consequences.

CEF works with Barnabas Foundation to bring you this crucial information.

To learn more contact Nerus K. McEwen, CEF Director of Planned Giving at (866) 563-9114 or nerus.mcewen@cefonline.com.



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