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From A Summer Intern Conner Nafziger



This summer, our team reached 380 children, some of whom had never heard about Jesus. This incredible outreach was made possible by God's mighty hand and a team with willing hearts who desired to share the Gospel message. In 1 Timothy 4:12, Paul encourages all young people by saying, "let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example..." which our summer missionaries, ranging between the ages of 14 to 18, displayed. I was so blessed to be part of the ministry that CEF® led this summer in Lancaster County, and I was encouraged to see the next generation's response to God's love and their desire to share it with children.

Toward the beginning of summer, we hosted several trainings to ensure that everyone taught properly while also reinforcing team spirit. I met many of the missionaries for the first time during our local training week. I noticed a lot of nervous high schoolers – though I was right alongside them with my first time teaching. I listened to many of them and gave tips to remember certain points, showing more enthusiasm, and being

more intentional (as they taught about Jesus.)

Days became weeks and we finished 21 programs. During the last week, another leader, Olivia, and I noticed times when the missionaries began to take initiative on their own and led segments of the programs without our explicit instruction. They also focused on improving their teachings on their own time to achieve a high level of excellence. Their motivation was shown by their eagerness to share the Gospel in the last weeks.

Over six weeks of ministry taught me many things, but I saw so much value in allowing teens to take leadership and create connections with children. I was especially impacted by being part of the stories of some of the ten children who received Christ as Savior.

Matthew 16:24 commands us to deny ourselves and take up our cross to follow Jesus, and throughout this entire summer all the missionaries made sacrifices that ultimately helped them grow their faith. I feel confident to say that they will be bright lights in their schools and friend groups – equipped, able, and eager to share what God did this summer!



From the Director

Lisa Kilgore



Last quarter, I shared how God placed an increased passion in my heart for everyone to hear the Gospel so that they might share the incredible sense of His peace and presence I had following my brain surgery. This summer, I was blessed to see God working that same peace

in the heart of a child who attended several of our programs. This young boy, “Max” came to our first program showing a lot of fear and hesitation, and we quickly learned that he had recently faced some traumatic experiences. At times, he would cry or yell about the noise of the other children. Our summer missionaries responded by letting him sit at the back of the room, where it was quieter, and talking with him about Jesus’ love for him. At the end of that week, Max decided to receive Jesus as his Savior.

But the story doesn’t end there. Max returned to our programs throughout the summer as a safe place where he

could interact with other children, and he became very trusting of our missionaries. While there were times when he still became fearful or upset, they quickly learned the best way to help him feel calmer. Can you guess what they did to help him find that peace? They would sit and read the Bible with him! What a joy to see this boy learn that God’s Word is the best source of peace.

How blessed we are to see God work in the lives of children! Our missionaries and volunteers often get to witness this firsthand, but we want to be sure to share these joys with everyone who makes the ministry of CEF® possible. Thanks to you—our donors, church partners, volunteers, summer hosts, and prayer warriors—God is changing the hearts and lives of countless children such as Max! Join us as we praise Him for allowing us to be part of His work!



Conner shares God’s Word with Max.

Can Charitable Donations Reduce Your Taxes? The Answer is...Yes

Child Evangelism Fellowship® programs are funded, staffed, and prayed over by generous people who give of their time and/or resources to make a difference in the lives of children. Anyone can get involved **and have an impact on children’s lives for eternity**. If you would like to join us in our mission to share the love of God with children, please contact Sue Nafziger at 717-569-5412 to get involved.

Qualified Charitable Donations (QCDs)

If you are 72 ½ years and older, you are required to take minimum distributions from your IRA. Did you know that if you use all or a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to make your charitable donations, your RMD is NOT taxable? All you need to do is tell your IRA broker how much of your RMD you want to send directly to the charities of your choice. When you file your tax return, you will indicate that your RMD was used to make Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD), and your RMD will not be taxable. It’s a win-win for both you as a taxpayer and the charities you support. (Of course, CEF

would be very grateful if we were one of your designated charities!) Talk to your tax advisor to learn more.

The One Big, Beautiful Bill (BBB)

This bill, recently signed into law, contains many tax law changes. One of the most significant changes affects charitable donations. In the past, you could only deduct your charitable donations if you were able to itemize your deductions. Unfortunately, 80% of Americans were not able to itemize, so there was no tax advantage to charitable giving. Under the BBB, you can now deduct up to \$2,000 a year (if married filing jointly, \$1,000 if single) even if you cannot itemize your deductions! This deduction will reduce the amount of tax you have to pay. Another win-win for taxpayers and charities alike! So, keep your receipts and give them to your tax preparer to take advantage of this new tax law.

How much can I really save by giving?				
Your RMD	QCD		Tax Bracket	Tax Savings
\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	X	15%	\$ 750
\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	X	22%	\$ 1,100
\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	X	37%	\$ 1,850
Your Total Charitable Donations				
\$ 2,000		X	15%	\$ 300
\$ 2,000		X	22%	\$ 440
\$ 2,000		X	37%	\$ 740

Fourth Quarter Prayer Calendar 2025

October, November and December

1 Pray for wisdom to guide the ministry well.	2 Pray for a new State Director for Pennsylvania.	3 Pray for children to come to saving faith in Jesus during this fall semester of <i>Good News Club</i> ®.	4 Pray for God's strength and for good health for our staff and volunteers.	5 Pray that God will use this ministry to raise up Christian leaders and teachers for future generations.	6 Pray for local school principals and staff.	7 Pray for God to lead the Development Coordinator, as she is looking for new private donors.
8 Praise God for the churches that are currently partnering with us to run school year ministry.	9 Pray for the Holy Spirit to make an impact in the hearts of the children.	10 Pray for God to raise up workers around the world so that every child who wants to hear the Good News may do so. (Luke 10:2)	11 Praise God for great relationships being established with church partners.	12 Pray for substitute volunteers for every <i>Good News Club</i> and <i>JYC</i> ™.	13 Praise God for new <i>GNC</i> ™ private donors.	14 Praise God for providing a new board member.
15 Praise God for the many faithful donors who help to make this ministry possible!	16 Pray for God's leading as we look for new ways to expand the ministry in Lancaster County.	17 Pray that our church partners remain strong and biblically-focused in their teaching.	18 Pray for the positive relationships with our local schools to continue.	19 Pray for children attending fall programs who don't have a home church to be connected with their program's church partner.	20 Pray for God to guide and protect our staff and board members as they lead the ministry of <i>CEF</i> ®.	21 Praise God for the many youths He has called to serve in our ministries in the school year.
22 Praise God for allowing <i>CEF</i> to be in the local schools.	23 Pray for Conner Nafziger, a summer intern who is enrolled at Penn State.	24 Pray for God to provide church partners for <i>GNC</i> programs that need partners.	25 Pray for Assistant Director, Fabian Martinez who will be learning more about the director position.	26 Pray for God's guidance as we look for matches for fall fundraisers.	27 Pray for God to bring new opportunities for <i>JYC</i> programs.	28 Pray for wisdom for the worldwide ministry of our parent organization <i>CEF</i> Inc.
29 Praise God for our youth interns serving this Fall: Karissa, Josh and Marcela.	30 Pray for safety for the children in Lancaster County.	31 Pray for our <i>CEF</i> staff: Melinda, Janice, Sue, Alisha, Fabian, Aubrey, Lisa, Hannah, Mimi, Ivie, Beth and Olivia.	October-November Pray for new opportunities for <i>CEF</i> in 2026.	November-December Pray that God will strengthen our fall volunteers and finish the <i>GNC</i> season well.	November Pray for staff to enjoy time with their families during Thanksgiving.	December Pray for children to enjoy the holiday season, and how it connects to Christ.

To sign up to receive monthly prayer updates go to <https://forms.office.com/r/1syL2PciFA> or scan the QR code.





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GNC™ is Coming

Summer has wrapped up and everything is falling into place for our *Good News Club*® programs for ages 5 to 12. Most of our programs are held in public elementary schools throughout Lancaster County. Please help us get the word out.



If you know anyone who is looking for a fun, bible-centered, after school program for their children or grandchildren let them know about this opportunity. *GNC* runs for 7 weeks in the fall and 7 weeks in the spring. Registration is open now, scan the QR code to find out if your school has a *Good News Club*.

Join Us at Our Banquet

It is not too late to register for CEF's annual fundraising banquet! Join us in celebrating all God has done this year! Our interns will display the skills they used this summer to give you a taste of what *Good News Club* is like. The banquet will be held at the Double Tree Resort, Lancaster on **October 16th at 6:30pm**. Go to ceflancaster.org/event/banquet-2025/ and register today.

When you arrive at the banquet, there will be a place card with your name and the table number on it and staff members will guide you to that table. Registration is free so you can freely give to the ministry.



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Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 16 at 6:30 pm **CEF Banquet**, DoubleTree Resort, Lancaster
Sunday to Tuesday, October 19 to 21 **Faithful Give**
October to December, **Fall Semester of Good News Club**

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