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NEWS FROM CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP® IN EUROPE



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## THE MARTIN LUTHER ANIMATED VIDEO IS A HIT!

Just in time for the Reformation anniversary last October, *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® produced an animated video on Martin Luther and the rediscovery of the gospel. God has blessed this project beyond our expectations. A countless number of children, youth and adults have seen

this video. It was shown in schools, at camps and large and small children's events. CEF® in Germany produced a colouring book with the Luther video on DVD. It was distributed to 40,000 children. The movie, however, was mostly watched on the Internet and still is viewed a few hundred times each

day. The German version has had more than 100,000 views from 83 countries. We are so thankful for this simple, effective and inexpensive way to reach children from the farthest places in the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

So far the Internet video can be seen in 5 languages (English, French, German, Russian and Swedish). And what do the viewers themselves say?

- "I liked Martin, he is brave and strong—I really want to be and believe like him."
- "Thanks, I never understood this, but because of the video I did. Tomorrow I write a test in religious education."
- "Thanks to this animated video, I got answers to many questions about Protestants."

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A WORD FROM **GERD-WALTER BUSKIES** CEF EUROPEAN DIRECTOR

**HE IS NOT HERE,  
BUT HAS RISEN.**

LUKE 24:6

Dear Friends,

The graves and tombs of the leaders of this world say "Here he lies". Only one tomb carries a completely different message: He is **not** here! He is risen!

Those who live without this hope, in relation to Jesus and themselves, will most likely choose a purely materialistic way of life. "Let us eat

and drink, for tomorrow we die!" (1 Cor. 15:32).

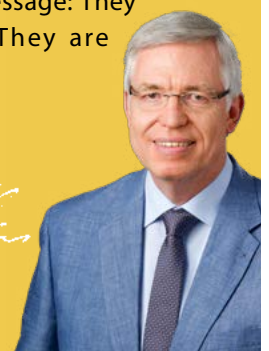
Those of us for whom Easter is a living reality, those who have been raised with Christ, have another priority. We want to promote the building of God's Kingdom. We want to win children for Christ!

Many, many children are still spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1). They lie in "spiritual graves". No education or upbringing, no matter how good, can bring them out. Only the Living Word of

God makes the impossible possible (1 Peter 1:23). Children brought to life and coming to faith in Christ! That is why we preach the Gospel to them. So that many of these "spiritual graves" may bear the message: They are **not** here! They are spiritually risen!

Yours,

*Gerd-Walter Buskies*





## MORE THAN EXPECTED!

For a long time *CEF* in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had the desire to form a children's choir and produce songs for children with a Gospel message. Just before Christmas God made it happen. Fifteen children recorded the Christmas album *Joy Resounds*. The songs were mostly written by the *CEF* workers in Macedonia and Bulgaria and arranged by a well-known Macedonian musician and her husband.

The response exceeded all their expectations. Over 200 people came

to the promotional concert. The next day Suzana Kostadinova, the wife of the *CEF* National Director, and the choir leader appeared on Macedonian National Television. They had the opportunity to present the CD and explain the reason for it so that people heard the truth about Christmas. A few days later the choir was given even more air time on one of the private TV stations. Suzana also could share about her faith, as well as about the ministry of *CEF*. Within a week *CEF* Macedonia sold nearly 800 copies in the churches

and public bookstores of this small country.

One church in Skopje gave CDs to the police and firemen for their children. Some of them later called the pastor and told him that their children liked the CD more than their other Christmas gifts. The CD played non-stop in their homes.

Pavle Kostadinov says, "We did not imagine that the CD would produce such a hunger and thirst for the Lord."

## BIBLICAL TRUTHS COMFORT A LITTLE BOY

After a break of a few months, *CEF* in Armenia was able to continue ministry in an orphanage. The children were enthusiastic. They had missed their teacher a lot.

One of the childcare workers in the orphanage shared about a boy who had had blood cancer. In his serious condition they took him to the Apostolic church. Similar to other nominal Christians, they believed that God may perform a miracle when

they light a candle and pray a special prayer. They lit a candle, gave it to the little boy and asked him to pray. The boy started to sing his favourite song, which he had learned in the orphanage *Good News Club*® a few months before: "God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He is so good to me!" The child was convinced that God and His will for him was good. He now is with His Saviour and Lord. The simple truth of that song had comforted him.





# GOOD NEWS CLUB CHANGED THE WHOLE FAMILY

In the summer of 2014 Dominika Dragon, a Polish lady, was given a Bible. She desired to read and understand it. A few months later she took her daughters Wiktoria (10), Kasia (6) and Alicja (3) to a church related GNC\*. Being a devoted Roman Catholic she was so full of fear at the first meeting that she was afraid to faint. The Lord helped and she started to attend the club regularly together with her children.

In that church in December her girls were going to give a performance of the Bible verses they had learned in GNC. Parents were invited, too. Dominika's husband Mariusz first refused. He said that he "won't take part in that circus". If she wanted she could go alone. However, after a long persuasive talk, he decided to join them. Dominika recounts, "The meeting became a huge turning point for our family. My husband was very moved after the meeting and asked me to



read the Bible to him at home. Before he didn't want to hear about this at all. At the beginning of February 2015, we gave our heart to our Lord Jesus."

Today, nearly 3 years later Dominika is involved in Good News Clubs and sometimes teaches Sunday school at her church. She also completed *Teaching Children Effectively* level 1. Her husband is involved in church, too. Wiktoria, now 13 years old, gave her life to Jesus this year. Also the two younger ones, Kasia and Alicja have accepted the Lord. A GNC has changed and blessed a whole family. And now through Dominika's life other children in GNCs are influenced and blessed.

## WITHOUT SPAN WE WOULDN'T EXIST!

Few of us can imagine the pressure our National Directors feel when there is not enough money to pay the salaries of their workers. They all feel responsible for them. They all want to help, but so often they just cannot.

In many of these cases God provided through SPAN. **SPAN** or **SP**onsor-**A**-**N**ational is a CEF programme for CEF full time workers who do not yet have their full support. At present every month about 250 CEF missionaries are supported by SPAN.

Barna Kovac has stated it well: "Without SPAN we wouldn't exist. So we want to acknowledge all the SPAN people, and praise God for them."

There is no need to add anything to this. THANK YOU!

**Gifts designated for SPAN can be made via your national CEF office or can be transferred directly to one of the accounts of CEF Europe.**



## LUTHER VIDEO CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

- "Wow! Awesome! I'm at a hospital watching this."
- "It's wonderful to hear the story of men and women that changed the world for God's glory."

We want children to do more than watch a video. Therefore, it is important for us to link the video to wondersurf.com. On the Wondersurf site children can take an interactive quiz on the film, receive a response from the trail guides and ask more questions using the message centre.



You can find the video on YouTube.  **YouTube**

Click on these links:

**German:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVLyT-MxTV4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVLyT-MxTV4)

**English:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-l3dlhwBA34](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-l3dlhwBA34)

**French:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Wqaw-4ajv8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Wqaw-4ajv8)

**Russian:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0a6Ltv03PK0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0a6Ltv03PK0)

**Swedish:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=myQzBAJ7Zpo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myQzBAJ7Zpo)



[ EDUCATION ]

# INSTRUCTORS OF TEACHERS LEVEL 2

Reaching Europe's children with the Gospel cannot be accomplished by one organisation, one local church or even one denomination. The Lord Jesus' command to "go and make disciples of all nations" was given to all His people. This is why in CEF we place a priority on training and equipping God's people to teach children effectively from His Word. As more teachers are trained the

potential of "making more disciples" increases. During the first two weeks of February an Instructor of Teachers level 2 course was held in Kilchzimmer. This course focuses on helping children who have trusted in the Lord Jesus for salvation to grow spiritually. Nine participants (full time CEF workers) came from 4 different nations—

Italy, Germany, Ireland and Britain. They left equipped to train others in their countries—especially GNC teachers—who are seeking to help and encourage saved children in their clubs to grow in their walk with God. Pray for these "new" instructors and the teachers they will train who in turn will go out and make disciples.



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## YOU ARE INVITED!

With the coming closure of Kilchzimmer, we invite you to join us in giving thanks to God for His faithfulness and blessings.

- ▶ **When?** Saturday, 22 September 2018, beginning at 14:00 (15:00 – 17:00 Thanksgiving Service)
- ▶ **Where?** Kilchzimmer
- ▶ **What?** Thanksgiving Service, Looking back, Looking forward.
- ▶ **Who?** For all new or old friends of CEF Europe
- ▶ **Registration:** Overnight guests please register with Felix und Diane Dürrenberger, Tel.: +41 62 387 3010, [fduerrenberger@cefeurope.org](mailto:fduerrenberger@cefeurope.org). Rooms in Kilchzimmer will be booked on a first come bases.