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# IMPACT



## ANNUAL REPORT

2018 MINISTRY STATISTICS



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EVERY CHILD  
EVERY NATION  
EVERY DAY





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### SACRIFICING FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL



"Taking the Gospel to **Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day** is a daunting task and will not be accomplished without sacrifice."



Jesus made it clear to His disciples that there would be a cost to carry out the Great Commission. "Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you" (1 John 3:13). The signs of opposition are all around us. Nearly every week we hear of one of our workers suffering for the sake of the Gospel. On the international scene, the cost of following Christ is becoming greater and greater. But as in the days of Jesus, persecution does not stop the spread of the Gospel; rather, it accelerates it. Here in the U.S., our culture is speeding away from God. We still have great freedom, but with that freedom comes the responsibility to do everything in our power to reach the next generation—across the street and around the world.

The world population is well beyond 7.7 billion people; with 2.5 billion children under the age of 15 who desperately need to hear the Good News. The Lord has given His Church the task of taking the Gospel to every corner of the Earth so that all may know Jesus' words, "... I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Taking the Gospel to *Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day* is a daunting task and will not be accomplished without sacrifice.

Our workers around the world have been striving together for the sake of the Gospel (Philippians 1:27-29), "not counting their lives dear unto themselves" (Acts 20:24). God has used their sacrifices to reach the greatest number of children in the

history of CEF®—25.5 million in 2018! We are thrilled that the number of Good News Clubs increased by 30 percent! The impact of that growth is huge because this is our core ministry, where boys and girls gather weekly to hear God's Word. The Lord is blessing our efforts to evangelize, disciple, and establish children in the local church.

The task, however, remains unfinished. Even though the Lord has made it possible to establish CEF ministry in most nations of the world, there are still billions of children waiting to hear. The Lord has burdened our hearts with the absoluteness of Luke 10:2, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." We are asking our staff, volunteers, and ministry partners to pray earnestly—to beseech, implore, beg the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers. The need for more workers is abundantly clear because the harvest is abundant. We must ask God to call and send workers to reach children while there is still time.

We are praying for 1,600 more workers worldwide in the next three years to allow us to move from reaching 25 million children annually to reaching 45 million. This is a God-sized vision, but as someone said, "Attempt something so great for God, it's doomed to failure unless God be in it."

Yours for all the children,

Reese R. Kauffman

# Please Pray

- 1 Reese will be launching the Luke 10:2 strategy in several regions as he travels this fall.
- 2 National Directors Institute will be held in Brazil. Pray for all visas to be granted.
- 3 For thousands of new Good News Clubs to begin this year in schools worldwide.



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# Millions Hear the Message

"One of the volunteers and I started our journey [to teach] a Christmas Party Club seminar 30 km away from our home. Halfway to the place, heavy rain stopped us. Books were safely covered by polythene, even though we got wet. After we prayed, the rain eased. We managed to reach our destination and were surprised—20 teachers were

waiting for us! Many of them were soaked. It showed us how much they were thirsty for God's Kingdom. God helped us to complete eight training sessions." –S.

**T**he 28 countries which make up the Middle East Region are among the most difficult places to take the Gospel. Opposition is real and the cost of sharing the Gospel is significant, but God is at work in wonderful ways. God has used your prayers and gifts to get the Good News to over 7 million children in the Middle East during the last 12 months. While the *Good News Club*® (GNC™) is one of the tools the Lord is using, there are two other programs we want to highlight.

## 1 Christmas Across Middle East Lands, known as CAMEL

The CAMEL outreach vividly illustrates the effectiveness of training workers. The only way to reach more children is to prepare more men and women to evangelize and disciple them. Through CAMEL God enabled us to share the wonderful story called *A Day to*

*Remember*. Set in Sri Lanka, the story tells of Chathuri, who as a little girl lost everything in the tsunami that struck her country. Chathuri went to a *Good News Club* held at a refugee camp for those

impacted by the tsunami. There she heard the Gospel and accepted Jesus as her Savior. Others will long remember the tsunami

as the day they lost all their possessions, but Chathuri remembers it as the day she heard of Jesus and was saved eternally.



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# in the Middle East

In many places in the Middle East, 280 staff worked tirelessly training believers to share the Gospel using this story. Some trainings were held in public places with many students, and others were held in secret because they were in sensitive countries, but when all was said and done 3,897 trainings had been conducted, equipping 57,536 teachers! These teachers committed to go into their communities and share the Good News through Christmas Party Clubs.

God multiplied the impact of the 280 staff, and 162,996 Christmas Party Clubs were held throughout the Middle East. Over 5.8 million children heard of Jesus, and over 2 million were

counseled for salvation. God always does exceedingly beyond what we could ask or think!

## 2 A Better Life Booklet

This little booklet was developed for the express purpose of sharing the Gospel in the thousands of refugee camps in the Middle East and other countries where refugees have fled. The book tells the story of Abraham, who was called

to leave his country and go to a place he did not know.

Like the refugees, he had to trust God.

The booklet shares the Gospel using two languages — Arabic and the language of the country in which it is distributed.

OVER  
**5.8**  
MILLION  
children heard  
of JESUS

"When we distributed books, five children came and asked about the son of Abraham, whether he is Ishmael or Jesus. We explained it to them; after that we asked them if they were ready to accept Jesus as their Savior. Four of them prayed to accept the Lord Jesus as their Savior. After one week I met a girl who was one of these children. She told me that her brother A. accepted Jesus after he read the book two times." —R.



## TENTS OF BLESSING!

BY BROTHER JEREMIAH,  
Middle East Regional Director

**M**y wife and I, along with our team, visited two families who had opened their homes (tents) in refugee camps to CEF workers. I told one hostess that her tent was a tent of God's blessing. She was so eager to hear God's Word.

Later she said, "... When we were having a lot of difficulties...only Christians came to encourage and help us. I want to extend our tent further so the children around us can hear God's Word."

While we were there, the children rushed to the tents and sang to us. There are about 2.5 million refugees in this place. Our CEF leader in the country spoke to several men in the camp. He said it is impossible for him to reach out to these people and share the Good News with them in their home country, but they are opening their hearts here in the camps.

Why did God show me this place? Because this golden opportunity should not be missed! After discussing with local workers, we decided to launch a project called "Tents of Blessing" and will collaborate with the churches to train around 200 volunteers to start 100 Good News Clubs at the tents, multiplying the number each year.

Please pray for this project so we can share the Gospel with the children in refugee camps while the door is still open and before they are sent back home.



## A WORD FROM DANNY AKIN

President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Wake Forest, North Carolina

# PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A GREAT COMMISSION LIFE



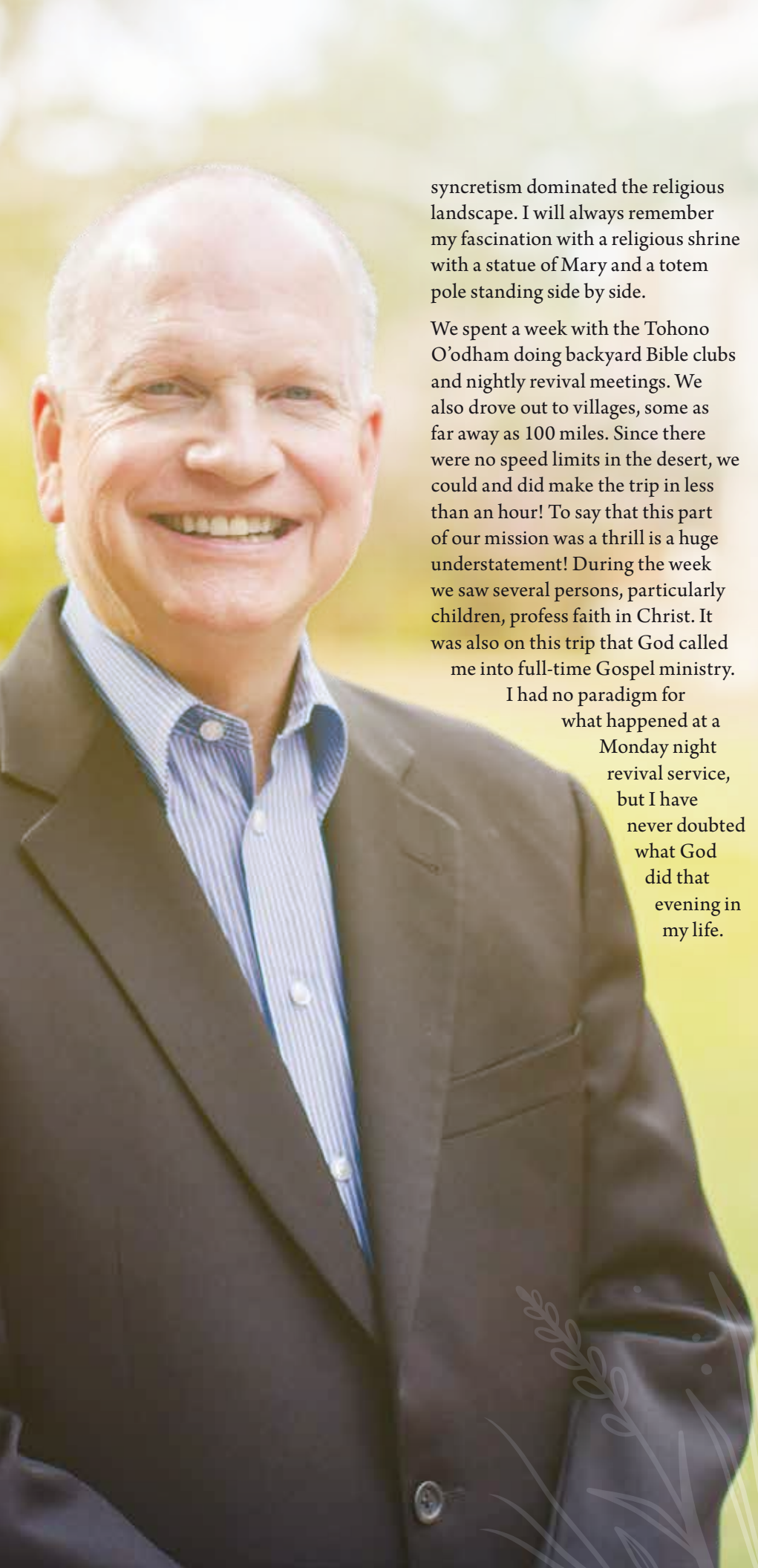
Passion for the Great Commission was planted in my heart at the age of 19. I repented of my sin and trusted in King Jesus when I was ten years old. Unfortunately, I did not grow much in my faith during my teenage years, and few of my friends knew that I was a Christian. I still look back on those years with much sadness and regret. Our God, however, is a faithful and loving Father who, as Hebrews 12:6 teaches, “disciplines the one He loves” (cf. Proverbs 3:12). My heavenly Father got up close and personal in His disciplinary work in my life in the summer of 1976, putting me flat on my back for a month and train-wrecking my college baseball career. I am so glad He did.

As I was recovering from a serious injury, a wonderful group of teenagers and young adults reached out to me and began loving me unconditionally in Christ. An older man named Jack Fordham taught me how to share the Gospel and to start doing the work of a “soul winner,” a term I wish we could reclaim. I started going out on what we called “Tuesday Night Visitation,” where we would go door to door and tell others about Jesus. We did not care who

was in the house. If they were human, we knew they needed Jesus just like us. I, in particular, went after my friends from high school. The word soon got out that Tuesday night was “spiritual hit man night” when Danny would come knocking on your door, so a number of my friends began to find a way to be away from home on Tuesday nights. At that time, I did not have enough sense to go on a different night! It was a time of great spiritual growth in my life.

But in the summer of 1977 I came to a radically new understanding of just who my neighbor is. Our church was not only active in local missions and evangelism, but it was also active in mission work thousands of miles away. For several years our church had adopted a Native American tribe in and around Sells, Arizona, known as the Tohono O’odham Nation. Alcoholism and poverty were rampant among this tribe. The Gospel witness was a faint light as





syncretism dominated the religious landscape. I will always remember my fascination with a religious shrine with a statue of Mary and a totem pole standing side by side.

We spent a week with the Tohono O'odham doing backyard Bible clubs and nightly revival meetings. We also drove out to villages, some as far away as 100 miles. Since there were no speed limits in the desert, we could and did make the trip in less than an hour! To say that this part of our mission was a thrill is a huge understatement! During the week we saw several persons, particularly children, profess faith in Christ. It was also on this trip that God called me into full-time Gospel ministry.

I had no paradigm for what happened at a Monday night revival service, but I have never doubted what God did that evening in my life.

That mission trip was life changing for me in so many ways. I now had a new sense of calling and direction as to my future service to Christ. I also came home with a new set of eyes as to who is my neighbor, which I have never lost. My neighbor may live across the street, but he or she may also live across the nation or in a different part of the world. If they need to be loved and cared for in Jesus' name, no matter who they are or where they live, they are my neighbors.

John Wesley said, "Do all the good that you can, by all the means you can, in all the places you can, at all the times that you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." I would say that is a very good formula for loving your neighbor well and a very good foundation for a Great Commission life. Just as those who reached out to me laid that foundation, we must plant the seeds of the Great Commission with the next generation, because they are the ones who will take up the mantle next to share the news of King Jesus.

One of the reasons I appreciate the work of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*<sup>®</sup> is their dedication to taking the Gospel to Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day. They are sold out to the Great Commission, and they are daily working in the most fruitful mission field in all the world—children.

Dr. Akin serves as the President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is a Professor of Preaching and Theology. Dr. Akin and his wife, Charlotte, have traveled to Sudan, Turkey, Middle East, Kenya, Asia, Central Asia, Thailand, India, and Paraguay serving SBTS students and missionaries and helping share the Gospel. Dr. Akin is also an author or editor of several books and is known for his emphasis on the Great Commission.





## OUR MISSION

### CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP

*is a Bible-centered, worldwide 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.*

*—Jesse Irvin Overholtzer*



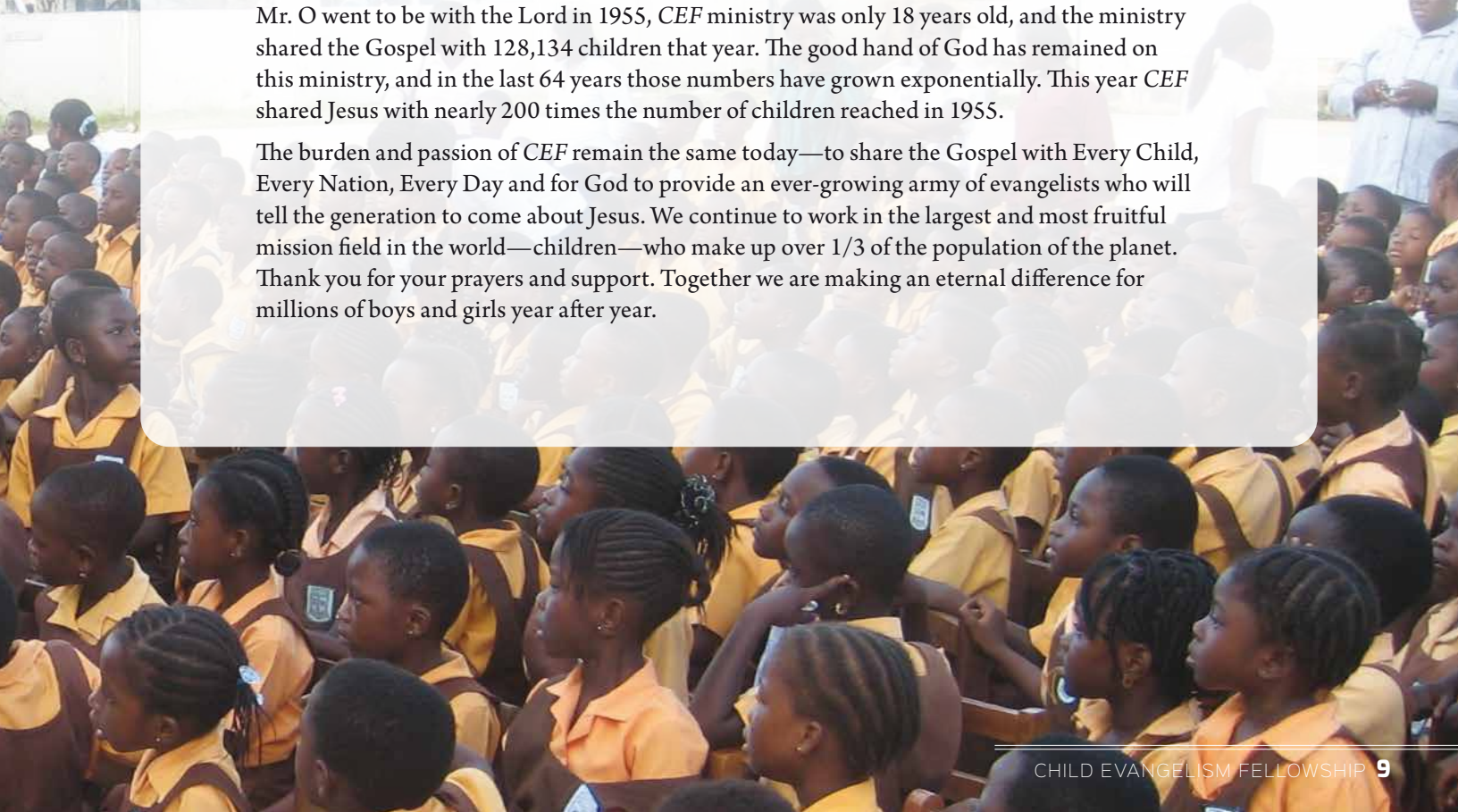




## *“An Army of Evangelists That Would One Day Encircle the Globe”*

**T**hese evangelists were the focus of the prayers of our founder—Jesse Overholtzer. Mr. O would sit at his desk, put his finger on a nation and pray that God would raise up an army of evangelists that would take the Good News of Jesus to the boys and girls of the world. When Mr. O went to be with the Lord in 1955, CEF ministry was only 18 years old, and the ministry shared the Gospel with 128,134 children that year. The good hand of God has remained on this ministry, and in the last 64 years those numbers have grown exponentially. This year CEF shared Jesus with nearly 200 times the number of children reached in 1955.

The burden and passion of CEF remain the same today—to share the Gospel with Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day and for God to provide an ever-growing army of evangelists who will tell the generation to come about Jesus. We continue to work in the largest and most fruitful mission field in the world—children—who make up over 1/3 of the population of the planet. Thank you for your prayers and support. Together we are making an eternal difference for millions of boys and girls year after year.







# OUR GLOBAL STRATEGY

BIBLICAL, INTENTIONAL, AND FOCUSED







## TRAINING

*Each year hundreds of thousands of men and women are trained to evangelize and disciple the next generation effectively.*

### HAITI:

15-year old Olsen Michel has such a burden to reach children that he became the youngest person ever to complete our *Teaching Children Effectively™* training course here. “God gave me a mission to be a catalyst influencer among my friends to rescue them from their darkness,” he says. Children are 43 percent of Haiti’s population and face widespread poverty, malnutrition, crime, and voodoo worship.

**GOD HAS GIVEN  
US A SIMPLE  
AND EFFECTIVE  
STRATEGY TO  
TAKE THE GOSPEL  
TO THE ENDS OF  
THE EARTH.**



## EQUIPPING

*Equipping provides teaching materials to trained men and women and discipleship materials to children so effective evangelism and discipleship can take place.*

### SENSITIVE NATION:

Amri\*, a CEF missionary, wrote: “The visual aids you sent are such a help ... We are very grateful for the existence of these flashcards. The attractive colors and clear images get the children’s attention and help them follow the Bible lessons.”

*\*Name changed.*



## SUPPORTING

*Supporting provides the resources for trained and equipped men and women to focus on effectively evangelizing and discipling the generation to come. Last year over 900 Sponsor-A-National® recipients in 130 countries received much-needed support. The average SPAN™ recipient receives \$300 per month.*

### ZIMBABWE:

“After completing the *Children’s Ministries Institute®*, I was nervous about being a CEF missionary. But God’s Word says, ‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me’ (Philippians 4:13). As Zimbabwe experiences economic hardships, the monthly *Sponsor-A-National* support enables me to cover ministry costs, take care of myself and my family, and reach boys and girls in many areas.

“One day as I approached some children in a park, some girls saw that I was holding a Bible and asked me to give them a Bible study. Immediately I pulled out my *Wordless Book* and shared the Gospel message. They were amazed at the wonderful story of Jesus. With tears in their eyes, they prayed to receive Christ.

“I am grateful for the SPAN program, which enables me to continue to minister to the boys and girls of Zimbabwe.” –Martha Rambanapas



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## NORTH AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

People Trained


 39,732

Good News Clubs

 7,133

## EUROPE

People Trained


 69,310

Good News Clubs

 6,221

## LATIN AMERICA

People Trained


 31,771

Good News Clubs

 18,310

## WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA

People Trained

 30,370

Good News Clubs

 8,505

JOIN US IN PRAYING GOD'S  
LUKE

CURRENT NUMBER OF STAFF

 **3,528**



OWN PRAYER REQUEST

10:2



## ASIA PACIFIC

People Trained

92,287

Good News Clubs

21,272

## MIDDLE EAST

People Trained

85,794

Good News Clubs

18,451

## SOUTHERN AFRICA & INDIAN OCEAN

People Trained

10,396

Good News Clubs

7,002

## EAST & CENTRAL AFRICA

People Trained

33,332

Good News Clubs

11,724

CURRENT CHILDREN REACHED

25,478,775



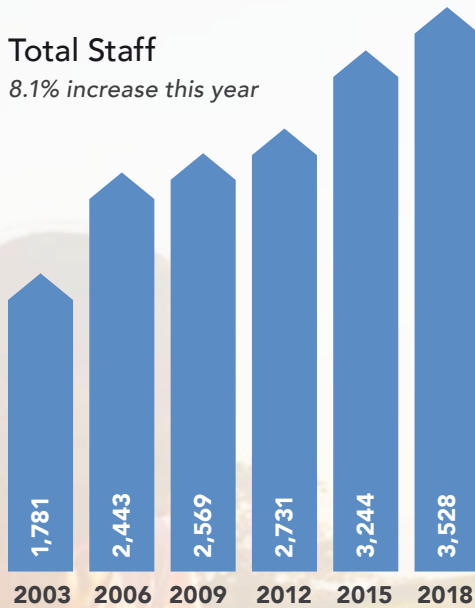


# GOD HAS GIVEN US MOMENTUM



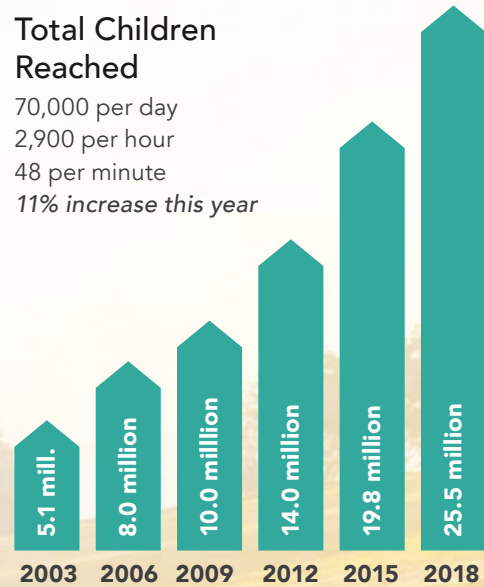
## Total Staff

8.1% increase this year



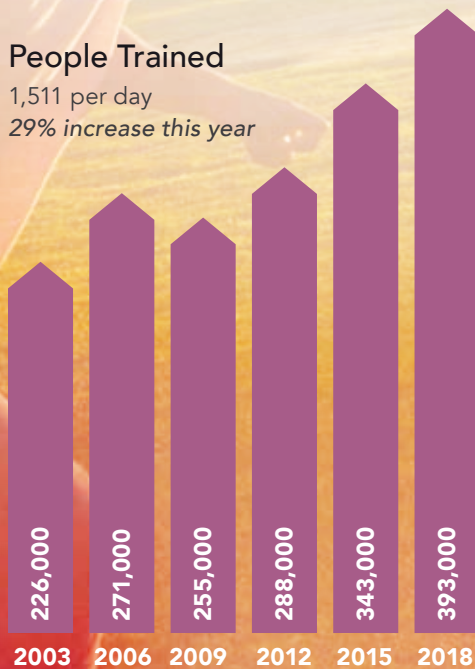
## Total Children Reached

70,000 per day  
2,900 per hour  
48 per minute  
11% increase this year



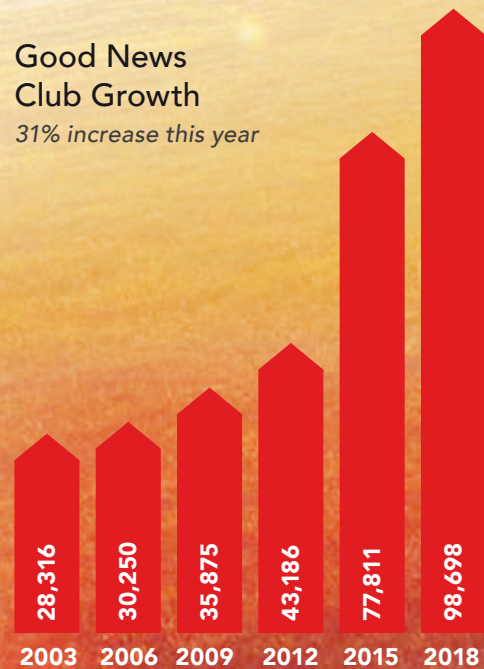
## People Trained

1,511 per day  
29% increase this year



## Good News Club Growth

31% increase this year





## Children Reached Worldwide

7,267,953  
Middle East

2,649,488  
Southern Africa/Indian Ocean

6,628,280  
East and Central Africa

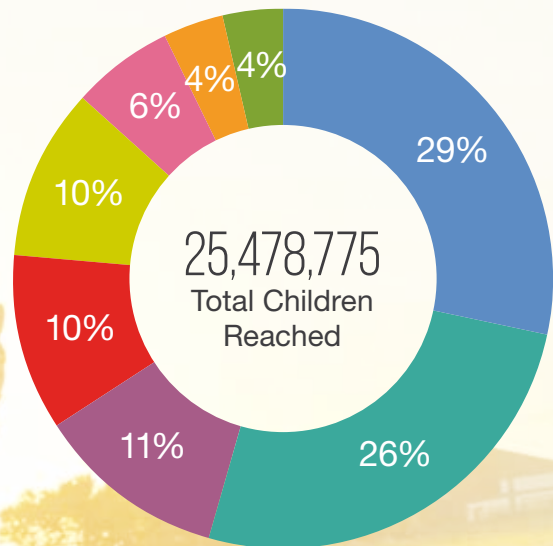
1,548,578  
West and Central Africa

2,910,875  
Latin America

903,130  
Europe

2,675,675  
Asia Pacific

894,796  
North America/Caribbean







## SPOTLIGHT ON MILITARY CHILDREN

The number of military kids needing mental health care has more than doubled since 9/11. Every single day thousands of these precious boys and girls wonder if their mommy or daddy will be killed. Will they make it back from deployment? If they do, will they come back seriously wounded in some way? CEF now has more than 30 Good News Clubs in public schools on or near a military installation. Chaplain Rodie Lamb shared, “The *Good News Club* has made a positive impact on Fort Jackson by helping parents in our community with spiritual development, formation and discipline for their children. ...Parents are excited about this ministry because their kids interact with one another, parents interact with one another and the kids learn about the unconditional love of Christ from the weekly lessons. When we invest spiritually in our children on Fort Jackson, communities are better, schools are better, our soldiers and families are better, and leaders are better.” These clubs are making a huge difference for military children ... and yet, with over ONE MILLION\* children who have a parent on active duty, there are MANY MORE children still to reach.

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\*According to <https://militarybenefits.info/month-of-the-military-child/>



18 YEARS LATER



# THE AMAZING IMPACT OF **OUR SUPREME COURT VICTORY**

Did you know that on June 11, 2001, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of *CEF* and granted equal access to the public schools for the *Good News Club*? Since then, the doors to thousands of schools have been opened to the Bible, but thousands more remain. It's hard to believe that the children born the year the schools opened to *Good News Club* will this year graduate from high school. We have a great opportunity and responsibility to take the Bible back into the public schools while we still can.

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## USA Ministry Statistics



906

Total Staff



671,941

Total Children  
Reached



71,193

Professions  
of Faith



6,310

Good News  
Clubs



4,557

5-Day Clubs



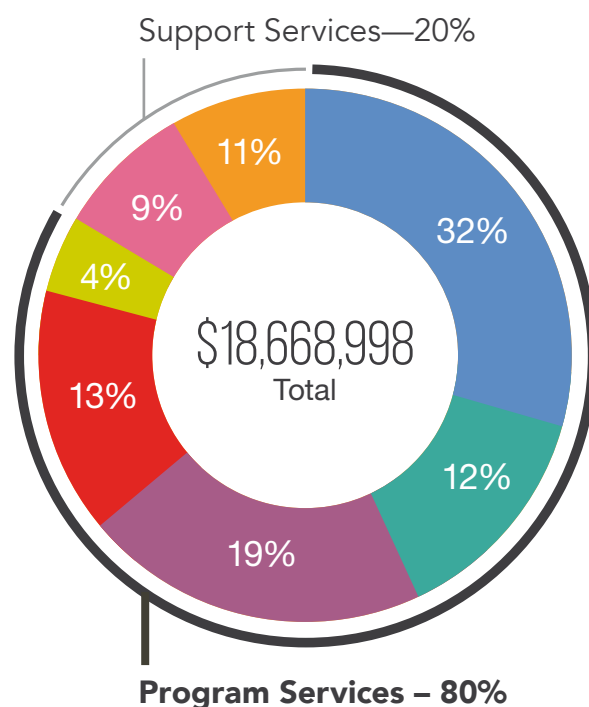
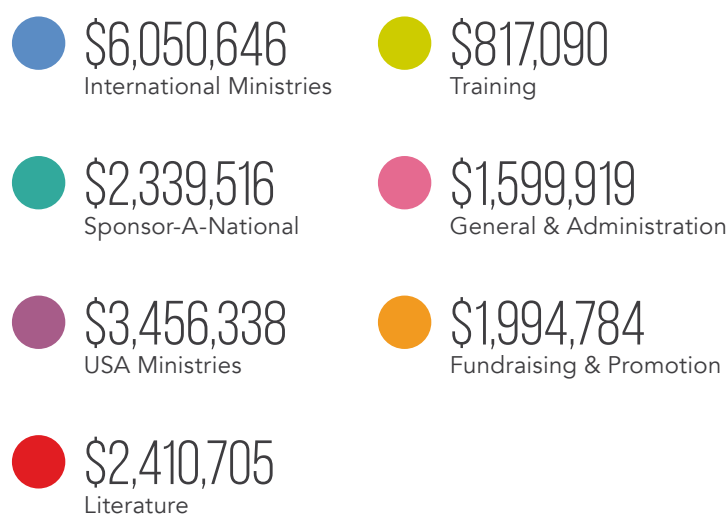


# HEADQUARTERS FINANCIALS



## Audited Distribution of Funds 2018

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EVERY **CHILD**  
EVERY **NATION**  
EVERY **DAY**



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# GOD WANTS US TO MAKE THE MOST OF OUR LIVES



By Jeff and Connie Horvath

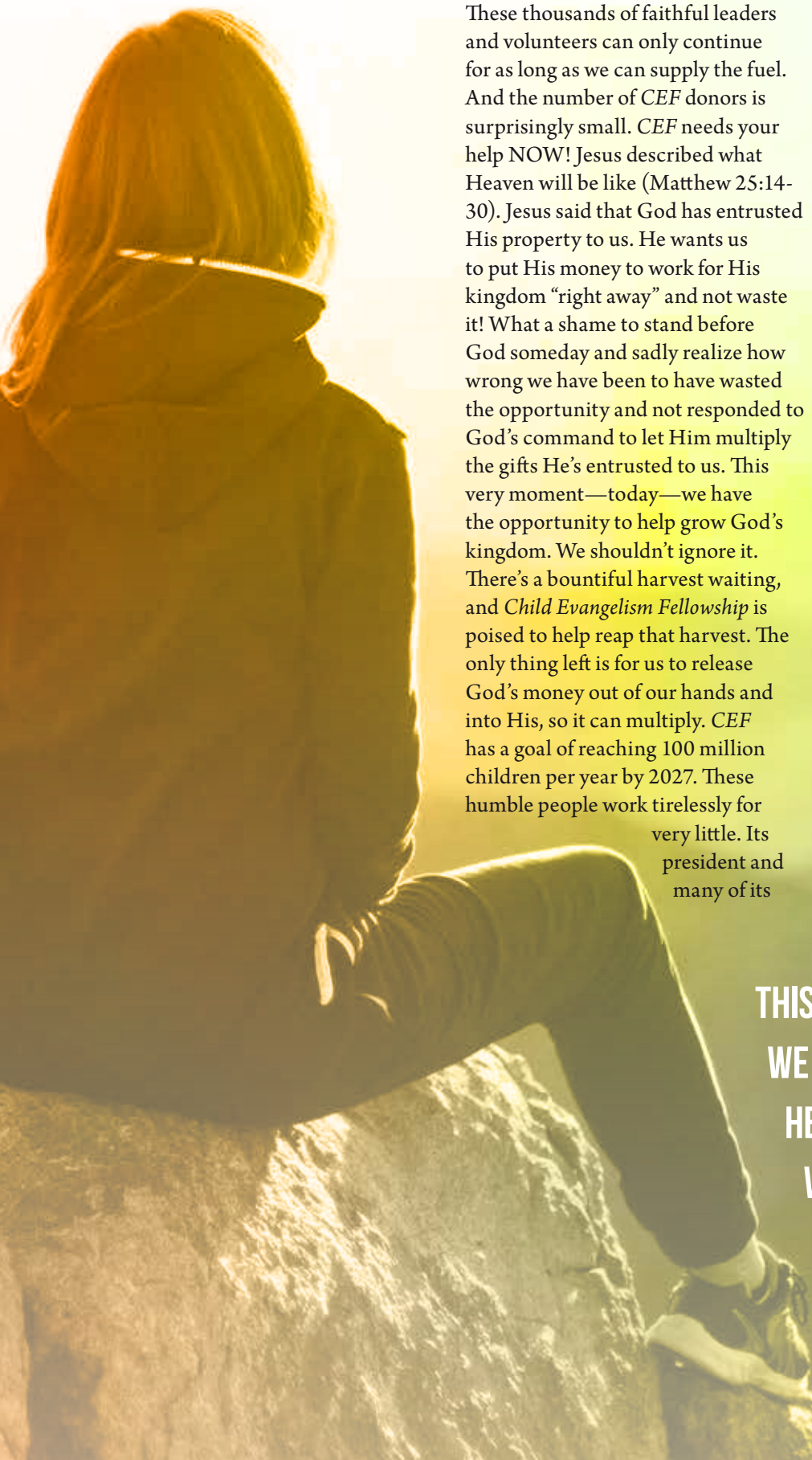
**F**riends invited us to a *Child Evangelism Fellowship* Good News Gathering about 10 years ago. We were truly amazed at the magnitude, effectiveness, and godly focus of *CEF*. Now Connie is involved with a *Good News Club* locally. If you ever have the opportunity to attend a Gathering, we really encourage you to do so; it will greatly enrich your walk with God.

We can all agree that life is fleeting and our time here on Earth is short! God wants each of us to make the most of our lives—to help impact this world for His kingdom. What does that mean, and how do we do that? Jesus said, “Whoever does

not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it” (Mark 10:15). And He commissioned us to “Go...and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

We’ve found no other ministry that has responded to these calls by Jesus as faithfully as *Child Evangelism Fellowship*. It is difficult to fully comprehend the enormous width and breadth of that impact. Children from every culture in the world are coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior through *CEF* teachers; and they are growing in their relationship with Him—over 25 million last year alone! Hundreds of thousands of humble, dedicated, trained servant-leaders who love God and love children are ministering selflessly in their own countries to present the clear Gospel message to children in a wonderfully engaging way. And they’re doing it with excellent teaching aids and resources created and provided by *CEF*—each lesson biblically sound and containing the Gospel message in their own language!





These thousands of faithful leaders and volunteers can only continue for as long as we can supply the fuel. And the number of *CEF* donors is surprisingly small. *CEF* needs your help NOW! Jesus described what Heaven will be like (Matthew 25:14-30). Jesus said that God has entrusted His property to us. He wants us to put His money to work for His kingdom “right away” and not waste it! What a shame to stand before God someday and sadly realize how wrong we have been to have wasted the opportunity and not responded to God’s command to let Him multiply the gifts He’s entrusted to us. This very moment—today—we have the opportunity to help grow God’s kingdom. We shouldn’t ignore it. There’s a bountiful harvest waiting, and *Child Evangelism Fellowship* is poised to help reap that harvest. The only thing left is for us to release God’s money out of our hands and into His, so it can multiply. *CEF* has a goal of reaching 100 million children per year by 2027. These humble people work tirelessly for very little. Its president and many of its



workers receive no salary at all so that the money you contribute can impact the most children eternally.

You may not personally have time to teach a *Good News Club*, but you have been called by Jesus to participate in His Kingdom work. We can think of no better eternal investment that you can make than to join in God’s work through *CEF*. Imagine, literally each dollar that you contribute brings another child into a life-changing relationship with God Almighty!

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## SNIPPETS

## FRONTLINES

## CHICAGO:

One of the most amazing privileges of being a Christian is being able to sit in the front row and see God work in hearts and lives! At a club I was teaching there was one of those front row moments. I taught a Bible lesson and then gave the children a chance to follow up on what had been taught by talking with me further. Eight children indicated that they wanted to do so. I called over one of our summer missionaries; she talked with four girls and I talked with four boys. One of the boys had talked with me many times about what it means to believe in Jesus; the other three boys told me that they had never before embraced Jesus and believed in Him for the forgiveness of their sins. We sat on the steps and talked about Jesus and His work for us for over 30 minutes.

Toward the end of our discussion as I spoke of believing in Jesus, one of the boys firmly held up his hand like a stop sign. "Can I do that right now?" he said with tears welling up in his eyes. He prayed in his own words, ending his prayer with, "Jesus, I want to follow you all the days of my life..." Two other boys made professions of faith as well.

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

12-year-old Maria uses *The Wonder Devotional Book* each day. For over a year, and at great sacrifice, she has sent a monthly offering of \$1 from her lunch money to help tell other children about Jesus. (The average adult earns only \$5-10/day so you can see what a sacrifice this is!)

## BENIN:

Sold to Voodoo,  
Valuable to God

Espides, CEF missionary in Benin, West Africa, lives in an area considered the cradle of voodoo. Parents are encouraged to sell their children to voodoo worshipers for what amounts to only \$8 in U.S. currency! Many children are sold and convinced to also become voodoo worshipers. Two years ago Espides started a children's ministry. By last year more than 400 children had heard the Gospel in 10 different Good News Clubs. Now the number is growing thanks to many newly trained volunteers. These volunteers tell children that God loves them—and that they are valuable to Him. There have been many spiritual attacks on this work. Children are even persecuted for their faith. One boy is beaten by his dad every time he returns home from *Good News Club*, yet he still comes to learn about the God who loves him.

## CANADA:

"Nine years ago I was introduced to Jesus for the first time at a *5-Day Club*® and my life has never been the same. Had I not gone to that club as a child, who knows if I would ever have heard the Gospel or decided to follow Christ. It is very important that we reach these kids because most of them are like me—they have little or no biblical knowledge. I saw a little bit of myself in each child I talked to this summer, and it makes it all worth it." Praise God—Maria trusted Christ in a *5-Day Club* and also went to *Camp Good News*®. Later she was asked to be a junior camp counselor and then a summer missionary. Now Maria is a *Good News Club* teacher in her home town!



Andrew, Dee and Ron York

## FAMILY

When God  
Calls a Family

By Stephanie York

It always amazes me how one person's faithfulness to follow God can have such a large ripple effect, impacting their entire family. In 2008 my husband, Andrew, started working for *Child Evangelism Fellowship* as an intern for the Information Technology department, but this wasn't the beginning of his CEF story! Andrew's history with CEF starts with his grandparents. In 1998 Dean and Marilyn Bahre started serving at CEF—Dean as a cook in the kitchen and Marilyn as a financial assistant in International Ministries. The Bahres encouraged their son-in-law and daughter, Ron and Dee York, to pray about moving from Indiana to serve in this global mission. Ron and Dee prayed about the decision; moving three small children—Amanda, Andrew, and Zachary—to a new state and starting a new career would be no small change. After feeling God's calling to proceed, they packed up and moved to Missouri in 2001. Since then God has allowed each of the Yorks to serve at CEF in some capacity. Ron and Dee both still serve at CEF—Ron as the Executive Director of Support Services and Dee as a Customer Service sales representative. Zachary serves as a logistics assistant, and Andrew and I continue to serve as well. It is awesome to now be a part of the legacy that God has created through this small family from Indiana.

## FRUITFUL

Some may wonder if childhood decisions for Christ really “stick.” Lynne Herlein is one of those who we refer to as “grown up fruit” of CEF ministry. She began attending a *Good News Club* at the age of four.

Lynne said, “The first verse I remember learning was Joshua 1:9, which we learned as a song. I have been told that my grandma led me to the Lord in the GNC, but I don’t remember that. What I do remember is attending Sunday school, where

another CEF trained teacher taught the kindergarten students. When Mrs. Booker gave the invitation, I remained behind and she counseled me and a little boy for salvation. I remember running up the steps and meeting my mom coming down and telling her I had just believed on Jesus as my Savior.”

When Lynne was 11 years old, she began attending CEF teacher training workshops at her church. Lynne never stopped. She taught 5-Day Clubs and Good News Clubs throughout her high school years, became a local CEF director and then CEF missionary in



Lynne Herlein

Kenya. Today Lynne is the *Children’s Ministries Institute*® director. She says, “It has been my delight to train individuals from all over the world to reach children I will never meet!”



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Being a parent is a special joy and awesome responsibility. We all want to teach our kids the life skills they will need as adults. The most important thing children will ever learn is how to have a personal relationship with their Creator. That’s why I so appreciate the work of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*. For [over] 80 years CEF has been teaching boys and girls about Jesus. They offer a wide variety of programs and resources—all designed to point children to Christ and strengthen their faith in Him. And the proof is in the harvest! Generation after generation CEF has had a significant impact on countless hearts and minds all over the world. If you are like me, you appreciate all the help you can get raising your son or daughter in the knowledge of the Lord. I’m happy to recommend the work of *Child Evangelism Fellowship* to parents and churches everywhere. I encourage you to learn more and get involved with this great organization.

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