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NEWS FROM CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP® IN EUROPE



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## GOOD NEWS RADIO IN ROMANIA

Evangelising children was relatively easy. Children were everywhere. We invited them to *Good News Club* and they came. We held 5 Day Clubs and they loved it. We offered them the Gospel and they received it gladly. And then, gradually, things began to change.

Children stopped playing outside as much as they used to. Interest in *Good News Club* began to drop. And yet the need to tell them the wonderful news of Jesus Christ had never been more necessary.

More and more children were spending time online. This was where we needed to be. Children were faced with multiple options of online content. We needed to help them make right choices. Children no longer were so familiar with the truths of God's Word.

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### [ A WORD FROM **GERD-WALTER BUSKIES** CEF EUROPEAN DIRECTOR ]

**... WHO DESIRES ALL PEOPLE TO BE SAVED AND TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.**

1 TIMOTHY 2:4 (ESV)

Dear friends,

One of the most groundbreaking discoveries of the first missionaries in the New Testament was that the gospel was not only for Jews but also for Gentiles. Some of the first Christians had a hard time believing this.

It was also a breakthrough when our founder, Jesse I. Overholtzer,

understood that children at a young age can be saved. Less than a hundred years ago this was certainly not a widely accepted opinion. Some even today find it difficult to believe this.

If God desires all people to be saved, no group of people is exempt, neither locals nor foreigners, young or old, rich or poor, near or far.

Some categories of people are brand new, for example the so-called Smartphone Generation. They are often difficult to reach by traditional means. But they too should come to the knowledge of the truth. We must not overlook any category or group

of children. Not the seemingly well protected child, nor the one from a broken family; not the children who are very far from faith, nor those from our own church.

In CEF we try hard to reach every child in a meaningful way. That you support us in this effort is an ongoing encouragement to us. Many thanks!

Sincerely yours

*Gerd-Walter Buskies*







Dani and Doina Vasilca während einer Live-Sendung im Aufnahmerraum.

## RADIO

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His Good News needed to be told! Online radio was the way to go!

The name of our new radio ministry was incredibly important to us. And so we asked the children who would be benefiting from this ministry, "What would you call it?" To our surprise (and delight!), the resounding answer came back—call it "Good News Radio". The children of our country reminded us of a marvellous truth. The Gospel message is Good News and CEF is about telling the Good News! Tell it as it is! Keep on doing what God has called you to do!

And so in June 2014, *radiovesteabuna.ro* (Good News Radio) was launched! God blessed this ministry in a way that exceeded our expectations by far. During 2019, there



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were over 50,000 listeners from 110 countries. "This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."

Psalms 118:23

Each of the 50,627 listeners have a story to tell. Here is just one example:

*"My dear ones, I can't thank you enough for all that you have taught me. I thank the Lord for you. I love you very much. May God help you continue to do many more radio programs."*

We tell our listeners that we have 3.5 million reasons to do what we do because there are 3.5 million children in Romania and beyond! Everyone deserves to hear the Gospel at least once in their lives and because of Good News Radio, even more Romanian speaking children can hear of the Saviour!

## THE FRUIT OF FAITHFUL SUMMER MINISTRY

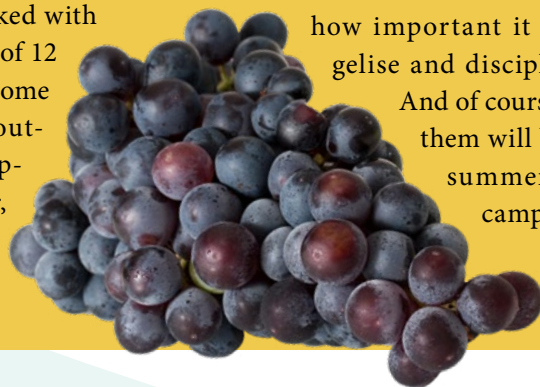
For 28 years the local CEF office in the Ruhrgebiet-area has been running a 6-week programme every summer at the largest family campsite in Germany by the Rhine river near Wesel. One of the regular visitors was Sarah (name changed). The Lord opened her heart. She was very interested and often the last to leave the Campsite Club. At the age of 10, while she was at the campground, she put her trust in Jesus. That

was 10 years ago. Her parents continue, even today, to oppose the gospel. But Sarah faithfully walked with the Lord. At the age of 12 she was proud to become a "helper" in the outreaches on the campsite. Some years later, after attending the TCE 1 course, she became a trusted

volunteer. Since the beginning of 2020, Sarah has been attending the TCE 2 course together with four other now grown-up "campsite kids". All of them

know from their own experience how important it is to evangelise and disciple children.

And of course, all five of them will be back this summer at "their" campsite for 2-6 weeks!

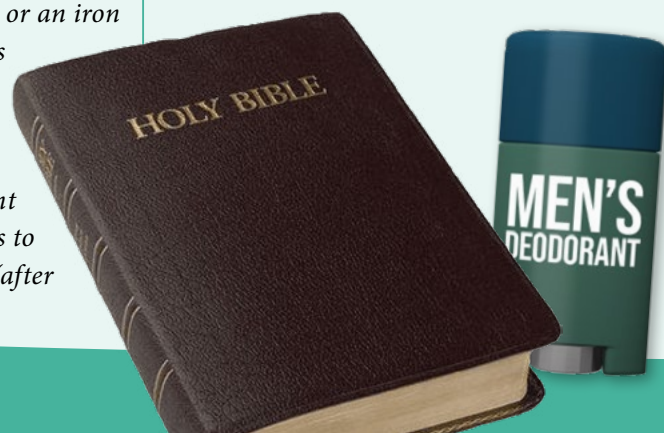


## TWO THINGS A MAN NEEDS

In a Central Asian country, our volunteers have invented their own way of doing ministry for security reasons. For five days they held Bible lessons in private homes followed by lunch, games and handicrafts in small groups. The children listened with great attention and joy to lessons about being born again, growth in faith and Christian living. Afterwards there was an excursion into nature. All groups met there and shared joyfully what they had learned. Many children trusted Christ. Parents saw the love

of God and considered their state before the Lord. One of the boys gave the following testimony: "It was an unforgettable time. We learned from Joseph's life how to be real men. We prayed together. We were also taught how to fix an electric socket or an iron and many other small things a man should do around the house." Our team continues: "At the end of the excursion, each participant received two important tools to be a real man: a deodorant (after

all, a real man should smell good) and the Bible, because as a real man he prays and allows himself to be guided in his life and decisions by God's Word. We stood in a circle, hugging and praying together."



# "ALWAYS ON THEIR PHONES!"

We see it every day! We complain about it, are frustrated by it and even sometimes despair with it! We live during a time when everyone is online, connected to the internet and one click away from any piece of information required or entertainment desired—day or night!

Studies suggest that 88 percent of Europeans have access to the internet and we in CEF want to reach this smartphone generation with the gadgets they use every day.

CEF Europe has therefore established a whole new department, the IT department. It leads and coordinates all our European internet-based ministries for children, including [wondersurf.com](http://wondersurf.com), Online Bible Courses, Apps and other projects to reach and teach today's children.

Since online is the place to go for information, we also want to be there to tell you about children's ministry. You can find CEF Europe at [www.cefurope.org](http://www.cefurope.org) and more information about our training ministry at [www.cefeuropetraining.org](http://www.cefeuropetraining.org). We even have an excellent resource for free Bible lesson materials at [www.teachkids.eu](http://www.teachkids.eu) for children's workers anywhere!

The department staff is spread across Europe: Romania (**Iulian Mangalagiu**, Director), Serbia (**Vilijam Valentini**, Graphic Design), N. Ireland (**Ruth Nelson**, Graphic Design) and Germany (**Angelika Herhaus**, Wondersurf). Please pray that God will add more workers to the team.

They might be on their phones, but we don't need to despair! Through CEF internet ministries, we have the opportunity to take the Gospel to EVERY child right where they are! And additionally, to train and equip believers in their local churches to do what really matters.

CEF internet ministries... for EVERY child, and EVERY teacher!



Check out our websites:  
[CEFEUROPE.ORG](http://CEFEUROPE.ORG)  
[CEFEUROPETRAINING.ORG](http://CEFEUROPETRAINING.ORG)  
[TEACHKIDS.EU](http://TEACHKIDS.EU)

## EURO NEWS

In this space we would like to inform you, our friends, about important changes in CEF Europe. It is with great joy and gratitude to God that we can announce to you today some important appointments on the European level.

**Stephen and Grace Chambers** from Northern Ireland have taken up their position as Area Directors for North West Europe. This area includes



the Baltic, Scandinavian and German-speaking countries, 11 in total.

**Darko and Lidija Adamek** from Serbia have become Assistant Area Directors for Central Europe. Sebastian Edlmann is currently training Darko as his successor. The handover is scheduled to take place in May 2021.



**Iulian and Anca Mangalagiu** from Romania support the European Director as his assistants. Iulian also leads two departments, including the new IT department. He is to become Assistant European Director next year.





# SHORTFALL

Shortfall is the voice of the CEF national workers asking business and professional people to partner with them in their ministry to children.

## CEF EUROPE PROJECTED SHORTFALL 2020

	Projected for 2020	Received by end of February 2020
Promised from USA	€650,000	€112,000
Matching gift offered	€250,000	€203,500
Gifts of €10,000 or more	€250,000	€33,000
Gifts of €1,000 or more	€250,000	€5,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>€1,400,000</b>	<b>€353,500</b>

## MATCHING GIFT OFFER

God has been graciously providing for the workers during these early months of 2020. We started the year needing €750,000 on top of the €650,000 already committed from the USA. These amounts, while large, will support almost 300 CEF workers for a whole year! Some friends have kindly offered a matching gift towards the €750,000 need. As a sign of their care, you can see in the summary, they already given a portion of what is needed—so the workers can continue their ministry.

Perhaps you know someone who would like to join in giving towards this shortfall? The increasing need means that we need more generous givers across Europe—but it is also a sign that more children are hearing the Good News of the Gospel!

Please contact us at [shortfall@cefeurope.org](mailto:shortfall@cefeurope.org), if you would like to help.

## “ASK GOD AND TELL HIS PEOPLE”

—J. IRWIN OVERHOLTZER, FOUNDER CEF

In CEF our financial policy is to ‘Ask God and Tell His People’. Each fulltime worker is seeking and trusting God for their support in the ministry. God is providing through an army of generous givers like yourself—Thank You! However, in the past number of years we have noticed that across Europe—only around 90 percent of the total amount needed comes in this way—which is what we have called Shortfall. During 2019, a group of businessmen worked together to meet this shortfall—the remaining 10 percent support needed. Their generous support has been a blessing also.

*We read of Mary and her alabaster jar in Mark chapter 14. She had in her possession an item of great value. Maybe she bought it herself. We read that it was worth a year’s wages. Maybe she had inherited it. We don’t know how she had obtained it. But we know it belonged to her. And she could do whatever she wanted with it! What would she do with an item of such great value?*

*Mary made her choice. She would pour it out as an act of wholehearted and generous worship to the Saviour. She knew it was costly ... but He was worth it.*

*Jesus was about to go to the cross and give His all for Mary—her response to His amazing generosity, was to give generously. Each of us has been given something from God—He has blessed us over and over again. And as the Giver of all good things, He loves to see His children being generous givers too.*

*John Wesley said, “Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”*



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