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## CHILDREN AS AMBASSADORS?

A CEF volunteer in one European nation unfriendly to the Gospel had organized a small camp for children and later followed them up. After meeting several times, a boy called the volunteer and said that he had unintentionally told someone about the camp. Knowing that the authorities would most likely visit her, she immediately took time off from work, rushed home and removed anything that might incriminate her—she

finished just in time. Her house was searched but nothing was found.

The home of the boy was also searched and the police officer took the boy into the car and drove him to the police station.

The parents of the boy were known for their bad lifestyle. The father and grandfather are heavy drinkers and often violate public order. His mother suffers, but does the same. The children

are often hungry, dirty and missing school a lot.

But at camp through the Bible lessons the Lord had touched the boy's heart. He had accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour. And now in the police car the boy started to talk to the officer about God. He said that we should stop drinking, stop smoking and stop doing bad things. But without Jesus it is impossible.

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### LOOKING TO JESUS

HEBREWS 12:2

Dear Friends,

Without doubt the European Conference last May has been a real highlight. The Lord has blessed our time together mightily. "Show them Jesus" was our motto for these days. For us as a children's mission showing Jesus to children is our purpose and privilege.

However, we can only show Jesus when we see Him ourselves, when we

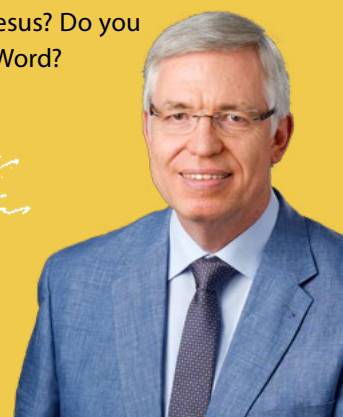
have fellowship with Him daily. We meet Jesus in His Word. There we see who He is, hear His voice and learn to understand His will. And there we also learn about the message we shall bring to the children.

Looking to Jesus is very encouraging. Finding Him in the Old Testament, studying Him in the New, fills our hearts with joy, our minds with understanding and our hands with strength. A children's worker who looks to Jesus has

a lot to share. A sad figure, on the other hand, is someone who tries to describe what he does not know himself.

Do you look to Jesus? Do you meet Him in His Word?

*Gerhard-Walter Buskies*




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

# KEVIN HAS TO MAKE A CHOICE

The “Mission Possible” Day Camp experience has certainly had an impact on the life of the children of “Rancitelli area”, the roughest area of Pescara city (Sicily/Italy), where many Roma families and drug dealers live. Among the kids who took part in the program is Kevin, a 10-year old boy. On the first day, Kevin was torn because he realized that his brother had taken his bike away from the park so he wanted to leave the camp to go and get his bike back. Of course, he knew that one of the rules of the camp is that you cannot

go in and out once you register so he was really torn and didn't know what to do! However, Kevin chose to stay at the camp and take part in all the activities. On the second day of the camp, Kevin was so touched by God's Word that he asked for a Bible to take home. Like Kevin, many other children came to the camp, despite the very hot weather, and two of them arrived even before the starting time. We are so thankful to God for all that he did in the lives of these children. Please continue to pray for them.



## AMBASSADORS

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The boy told the policeman, “We must receive Jesus into our hearts and He will free you from sin. If Jesus saves you, then when you die, you will go to the Golden City. But if you do not accept Jesus as Saviour, you won't be in paradise with Him.”

For some time, the policeman attentively listened to him. Then he abruptly turned the car around and drove the boy back home.

He later said to a sister: “I couldn't listen to this boy any longer. I know his family very well and I know how they live. If Christ can change people's lives in this way, I didn't want to stop it. We made great efforts to change this family but could not. Through the boy God himself began to work in them. I am a man and could not hold back the tears when I listened to the boy.”

God can use children as His ambassadors!

# FAREWELL TO RUSSELL BROOKS

With much appreciation and thanks, we say goodbye to Russell Brooks for his many years of ministry for CEF Europe as Director of development.

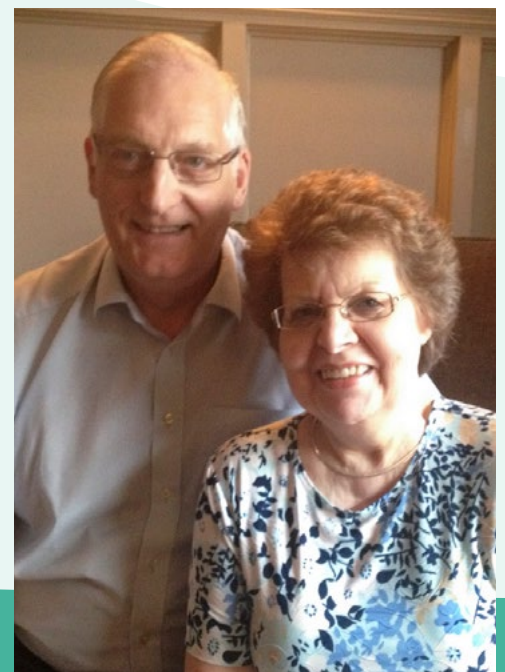
In addition to his work as a businessman, Russell has been involved with CEF Britain on a voluntary basis for many years. He started his full-time service for CEF Europe in 2007. With his unique giftedness in many different areas he was especially responsible for our building projects in the various countries of Europe. He examined properties, ensured good quality of construction or renovation work of national offices and camp centres, was

a valuable advisor for local architects and also made sure that contracts were to the advantage of CEF. He was also well experienced in the field of information technology and helped us with many projects, including *Wondersurf*.

However, Russell not only mastered the theory, but also supported his team practically everywhere in Europe. Many of our houses have his signature. He served us well beyond the retirement age with his gifts.

We thank him for his faithful ministry and extend our gratefulness to his wife Elizabeth, who often had to give up his presence during these

years! May the Lord bless both of you and continue to grant you strength and health!



# CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP® EUROPEAN CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



**Show them Jesus! From top right:** President Reese Kauffman shared his vision through Luke 10:2; The Education Department reported with enthusiasm; Fun on an outing; Serbia shared samples during an evening bazaar; Question and answer time with Dr. Paul Coulter; Artists showcased their skills; Pastor Mark Vroegop preached the Word each morning.

*Photos by Daniel Fér, Tim Shirey and Brent Hautle*



# A NEW TRANSITION FOR TIM AND SUE SHIREY

We experienced many transitions since arriving at Kilchzimmer in 1986. Following major changes in Europe during the 90s, the CEF print shop where we worked was eventually sold. Change can be difficult but we rejoiced to see the literature ministry continue to grow as the regional office provided support to countries developing their literature outreach.

When we first came into the work, multimedia meant filmstrips and slide presentations. Then, along came

the Internet and the digital age with multimedia taking on a much broader meaning! Again, CEF adapted and made the transition. I eventually swapped my paint brush and paper for a stylus pen and computer to illustrate the materials.

This past year, Sue and I faced a new transition in our lives. This time the change

was in location. With the selling of Kilchzimmer, the leadership asked if we would consider continuing our ministry with the European Regional Office from the CEF Romania national office and training center in Sibiu.

By this time, our three daughters were grown and out of the home, I continued to work with literature and multimedia production while Sue was involved as an administrative assistant in the Education Department.

Through difficulties and setbacks we faced this past year, we continue to place our trust in the Lord and are excited about this next step, knowing the changes are a result of growth in the ministry and part of God's perfect timing.

We made the move to Sibiu on 31, March. The AMEC (CEF) training center is now filled with 21 CMLC students from 12 countries. We have been blessed to have a small part in equipping another generation to reach children with the Gospel while the literature and multimedia ministries continue to grow, providing Biblically sound materials.

We would appreciate your prayer as we settle into home, ministry and learn the Romanian language.



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## KILCHZIMMER UPDATE

We thought Kilchzimmer was actually sold after a buyer had already made a down payment. But a few weeks before the notary's appointment, he withdrew. Directly afterwards we had contact with other interested parties, including a mission organisation to which we would like to sell Kilchzimmer. The organisation has to make some preliminary clarifications before they can make a purchase decision. For now, we continue to practice patience. Please continue to pray that Kilchzimmer will be given into the right hands.