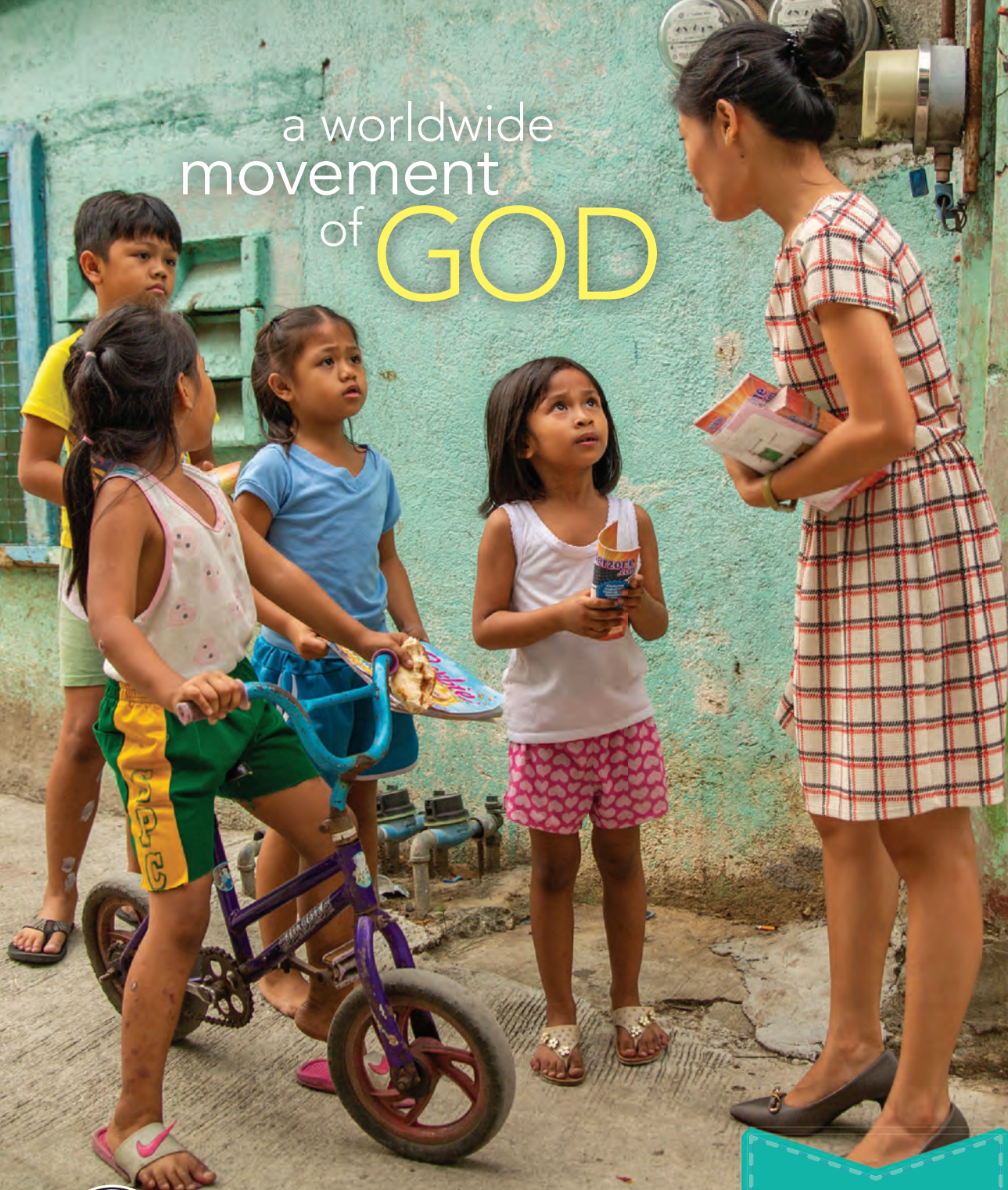


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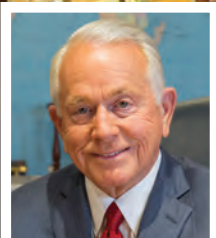
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EVERY CHILD
EVERY NATION
EVERY DAY



FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I traveled around the world last year, I heard many of my colleagues call out: **LUKE 10:2!** They have caught the vision of this simple solution to increase our ministry efforts. This movement of God can only be ascribed to the grace of God. How else can such a vast array of people from various nations, cultures, and languages come together to accomplish the same goal?

It all started when God showed J. Irvin Overholtzer that the Good News (Gospel of Jesus Christ) could be understood and received by a small child. **In 1937**, Child Evangelism Fellowship was established and within two years, the first missionaries were sent out to foreign lands. God burdened Mr. O with a passion for prayer, and he asked God for an army of child evangelists who would one day encircle the globe.

In 2006, God put in the hearts of CEF leadership a passion to fulfill the last command the Lord Jesus gave before returning to His Father in Heaven and the first command He gave to His church. We enacted a strategic plan to accomplish the Great Commission to go and teach all nations about Jesus. An army of child evangelists spread from nation to nation and now the sun never sets on the ministry of CEF. But the CEF laborers God has sent are not enough to reach Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day. Children in cities, towns, villages, and neighborhoods have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus. Many more laborers—missionaries, teachers, and volunteers—are needed.

DOES GOD HAVE A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM?

He is aware of the need and sets before His laborers HIS PRAYER REQUEST. It is time for all those around the world who labor for the Lord through the ministry of CEF to heed the call of Luke 10:2.

Read more about Luke 10:2—A Worldwide Movement of God on page 4.

Yours for all the children,

Reese R. Kauffman



Join us in praying God's own prayer request—Luke 10:2

And he (Jesus) said to them,
"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."

Please Pray

1 Children around the world who have never heard about Jesus will hear the truth about Him.

2 The Lord of the harvest will send more teachers in every area of the world to reach children.

3 *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® training will prepare effective children's workers.

4 More churches will partner with *CEF*® and sponsor after-school Good News Clubs.

5 More children will attend *Good News Club*® and other *CEF* ministries.



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A Worldwide Movement of GOD

BY REESE KAUFFMAN
President of Child Evangelism Fellowship Inc.





The Importance of prayer is our third Culture Point:

“It is not the work we do, the meetings we hold, or the decisions we make that bring the greatest advances in the work; it is the time spent before the throne of God in prayer, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that brings POWER, LABORERS, and RESOURCES into the ministry.”

Consider the absoluteness of God’s prayer request in Luke 10:2.

God tells His laborers to pray earnestly, to beseech Him, to beg, to implore for more laborers. The urgency of His request exposes the desperate need for God’s help and encourages faith in Him to provide His best to fulfill the need.

The Lord of the harvest appoints laborers and sends them to go to the harvest. But as a ministry we are only nibbling on the edge of the harvest. The task is far too great for us to accomplish. The Lord tells us there are not enough workers; then gives His solution. He commands those He sent to beseech Him to send more laborers to bring in His harvest.

I approached ten Bible scholars, Christian university presidents, and pastors with these thoughts about Luke 10:2 to make sure I understood the text properly. Each responded with affirmation, impassioned to heed the call. Pastor Adam Bailie, Arizona USA, sent this response to me:

“This is the simple, dependent, faith-filled plan for staffing the mission of the Savior, as delivered by the Savior Himself. As you have pinpointed so well, most ministries view the need for workers in the mission to be a worldly challenge with worldly remedies, strategies, and schemes. You are pressing us back to the Savior’s way. God’s hand will always be active where His heart is engaged, and there is nowhere His heart is more engaged than in the mission of His Son to redeem sinners for the eternal praise of His grace!”

In the fall of 2018, the Lord put on the hearts of CEF leadership the amazing truth, the undeniable reality of Luke 10:2. As the Holy Spirit opened our eyes to the absoluteness of this passage, God put it on our hearts to simply take Him at His Word and obey.

The Luke 10:2 initiative bears urgency because the need is great, the window is narrow, the time is now. Imagine what will happen when God’s people around the world unite to cry out to Him in obedience for the sake of the children and for His glory.



CEF staff from Southern Africa/ Indian Ocean developed a Luke 10:2 salute. Pictured here are workers from Malawi doing the salute.

IT WAS WORTH THE SUFFERING

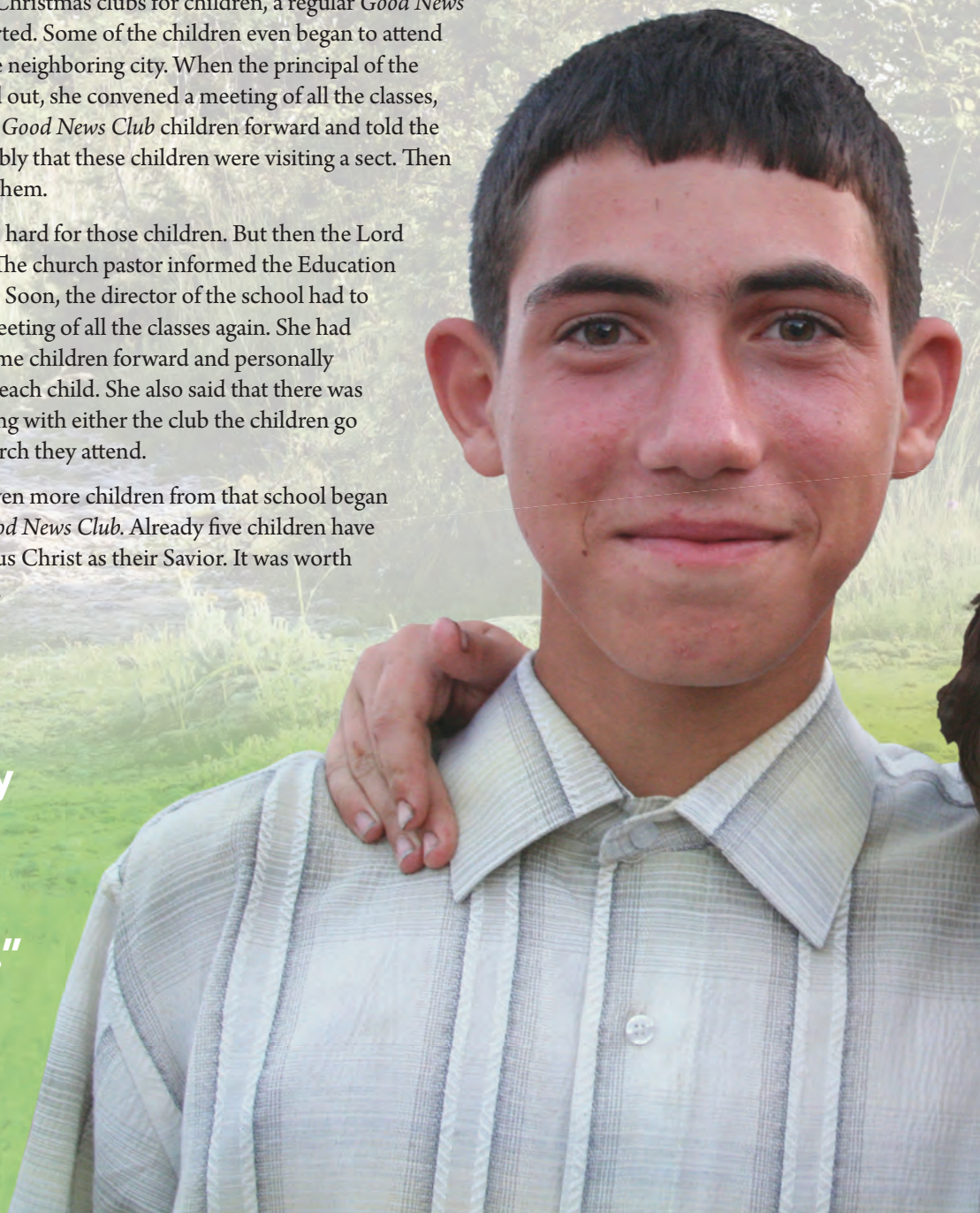
In one of the villages in Belarus where our missionaries held evangelistic Christmas clubs for children, a regular *Good News Club* was started. Some of the children even began to attend church in the neighboring city. When the principal of the school found out, she convened a meeting of all the classes, called all the *Good News Club* children forward and told the whole assembly that these children were visiting a sect. Then she scolded them.

At first it was hard for those children. But then the Lord intervened. The church pastor informed the Education Department. Soon, the director of the school had to convene a meeting of all the classes again. She had to call the same children forward and personally apologize to each child. She also said that there was nothing wrong with either the club the children go to or the church they attend.

As a result even more children from that school began to attend *Good News Club*. Already five children have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. It was worth the suffering.

**"...through many
tribulations we
must enter the
kingdom of God."**

— ACTS 14:22



Trials Are Part of Ministry

BY IVAN AND KATERINA STOITSEVI, National Director, CEF of Bulgaria

Every year Ivan and Katerina Stoitsevi choose an area for a project, which they call “Hope for the Children in Bulgaria.” This year it was the region of Sliven. Ivan and Katerina were responsible for the program in two villages.

The first day started strong. Thirty children and some parents listened attentively in Mladovo. In the village of Konyovo that evening, the wife of the pastor and several girls volunteered to reach nearly 70 children.

When Ivan and Katerina returned late to the place where they were staying, the tribulations began. The sewage system was blocked and backwater filled the bathroom. While they were waiting for help, a hornet stung Katerina’s arm. Finally at 11:30 PM they decided to sleep in a hotel.

The next morning a boy accidentally pushed Katerina hard on her stomach during game time. Her pain gradually subsided. When they went to their place for lunch they saw a fire on the hill above the village. Not long afterwards a siren went off. They thought they must evacuate again. Katerina reached out to grab a pillow and a wood chip sank deep under her fingernail. They rushed to the hospital for help.

The evening program took place as planned. But then at night the wind changed and brought smoke from the nearby fire. Ivan said, “We couldn’t breathe. We drove to a place where it was better and started the third day in the car.”

Ivan and Katerina continued ministering to the children, but that afternoon the pain in Katerina’s abdomen intensified and they had to go to the hospital again—no serious injuries. After the evening program, tired and dusty from playing with the kids, they returned to where they were staying to find no water in the village. Katerina shared, “For the next two days we had to ‘bathe’ with wet wipes.”

Although trials are part of ministry, God is still at work. That week the whole team had reached nearly a thousand children! Together with all the CEF staff and seven volunteers, they held 5-Day Clubs in 19 different places. And God opened the hearts of eight children to receive Jesus as Savior. The leader of the church in Mladovo shared that through the 5-Day Club® God revealed to him the importance of working with children. When the team gathered they praised God for his mercy.

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REACHING CHILDREN IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD

BY ARACEL TEMPROSA, CEF of Santa Cruz, Laguna, Philippines

Whenever new children move in to my neighborhood, I see to it they hear the Good News. Unknown to me, one group of seven siblings belonged to a religious cult. Having befriended them, I shared the Gospel with them using *The Wordless Book*. I was surprised they did not know who Jesus is. When I told them Jesus is God, they told me they believe in a different god and invited me to their house to show me. Praying before I went, I was shocked to see hanging inside their room a triangle with a big eye in the middle. They told me this was what they worshiped.

My heart went out to them, greatly grieved to encounter for the first time children who did not know of Jesus. Carefully, I shared with them who Jesus is and that He died on the cross so their sins could be forgiven. I told them God loves them and wants them to receive salvation by putting their faith in the Lord Jesus. They did!

I took the opportunity to talk to the children every day. I taught them Christian songs and Bible lessons and eventually started a *Good News Club* in my home for them and others. Before this, I noticed they were always fighting and shouting at each other but God worked in their lives and change became evident. Their parents took notice. I continued to connect with them offering to teach their children how to write. There were no more objections from the parents to their children coming to GNC™.

Two of the siblings, Joana—grade 5 and Judy—grade 6, go to this elementary school where I teach a values class. These girls were teaching their classmates the GNC songs—songs that

declare Jesus is Lord, Jesus is our Savior, etc. The teachers are happy with what they are doing.

While we had GNC on Saturdays, the children had GNC other days on their own. One of them would be the teacher, pretending to be me. What a joy and blessing to see God manifest His power for the family to see. When one daughter got sick and was in and out of the hospital, I prayed for her and God healed her. A wonderful testimony that Jesus our Lord answers prayer!

I learned recently that the family is moving. Please pray I can connect the children with a church or a GNC in that area so they can continue to be disciplined in God's Word and grow in their relationship with God.

“What a joy and blessing to see God
manifest His power for the family to see.”

MY CHILD'S FAITH *Changed My Life*

BY DAMENTI PRASAD, CEF of Fiji

I was born into a Hindu family and taught to be a devoted Hindu. Later I married a Hindu and we had a lovely daughter. Everything seemed perfect, until suddenly one day something happened that changed my life.

My daughter was admitted to a hospital diagnosed with pneumonia. The doctors tried their best, but told us they had given up hope. I was so afraid of losing her.

But when I looked at my daughter, I saw there was no fear in her eyes. She had received the Lord when she was nine years old in school during Scripture class. Even though I had gone to the same school, I had not accepted the Lord as my Savior. She told me she knew she would go to Heaven to be with the Lord. She handed me her Bible and told me I would find answers there.

After she died I was shattered and didn't know what to do. But at night I read the Bible and God comforted and strengthened me. I believed in the true God—the God of the Bible—and accepted Jesus as my Savior. I started attending church and desired to serve the Lord by reaching out to children.

I received teacher training through *Child Evangelism Fellowship*. Then I began to teach Scripture classes in two schools and I started a *Good News Club* in my community.

This year, the Lord has blessed me and given me an opportunity to serve as a board member with CEF. I thank the Lord for His grace, mercy, and love. He has given me hope to live and purpose in life.



Fiji is a country of 330 islands located in the South Pacific region.


There are three major religions: Christianity, Hinduism, and Islam. Our vision is to establish *Good News Club* ministry in every village on every island. Please pray for 100 *Good News Club* teachers who are coming here to reach children, and pray for more open doors. Next year our target villages are Nadi, Labasa, Savusavu, and Ba.



A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH

Last summer we saw the successful launch of *Christian Youth in Action*® training programs in Democratic Republic of the Congo and Burundi. Sara Mizpah and Martha Olango lead the teams. During the training in DR Congo, 19 teens applied

what they learned and shared the Gospel with 198 children; 79 made professions of faith. In Burundi, 31 teenagers were trained and reached 1,005 children and 670 made professions of faith.

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SPAN Fruit

BY JACOB OYUGI, CEF of Kenya

I praise God for the privilege to serve Him with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Kenya. I first came here in 2002 and by His grace am still here 17 years later. Assistance from the *Sponsor-A-National™* program enabled me to join CEF as a child evangelist and become the local director in the Siaya Chapter. I am also a teacher trainer in our *Children's Ministries Institute®* and *Teaching Children Effectively™* courses.

The fruit of the SPAN™ program shows in the thousands of children I have been able to reach with God's Word, many of whom prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior. I rejoice to think of the children I have reached over the years, today, and in the future. My heart's desire is that every child will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and the vision to reach *Every Child* will become a reality in our country and beyond. Because I have been trained, equipped, and supported through the SPAN program, we can continue to reach thousands of children.



The SPAN program empowers me to train others in and out of my country with peace in my heart knowing my family will have food on the table.

Because my ministry and personal needs are taken care of, I can bless others.

In our country raising support is difficult and sometimes even those who want to give don't have the ability to do so. The SPAN program has made it possible for me to take public transportation to ministry venues, buy ministry materials, and support volunteers. I praise God for SPAN and the fruit it has produced.



Trained and equipped nationals are the ideal individuals to minister to children in their countries. They already speak the language, know the culture, and can work where people of other nations are not welcomed.

Since 1972 the *Sponsor-A-National™* program has provided financial assistance to trained nationals who live in areas where it is difficult to raise support. Presently over 900 CEF national missionaries receive assistance through the SPAN™ program each month. This enables them to spend more time sharing the Good News about Jesus with the children.



INDIGENOUS CHILDREN FOR CHRIST

As the world's eyes are riveted by Amazon fires and Brazil's religious leaders fight over whether to support or condemn the government, one group quietly works to save children in every remote village.

This vast country (almost as large as the U.S.) has over 300 ethnicities, some extremely remote, who will not accept outsiders, even of Brazilian descent. Over the years, CEF of Brazil organized evangelistic trips along the

celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2021 they hope to have seven ethnic groups with indigenous missionaries.

CEF of Brazil's annual 12-week *Children's Ministries Institute* has equipped students to reach the children of Brazil in weekly Good News Clubs and other CEF programs. In 2017 the first CMI® that catered to indigenous people who spoke Portuguese was held in the Amazon region. Out of the 10 students, Pastor Gerson

Lopes da Silva became the first indigenous missionary with CEF of Brazil. He is now fully established in the Baniwa ethnic group in a region near the border of Columbia. In this area there are 98 villages spread over dozens of rivers. Access

is only by small boats, which must be carried around many waterfalls. Generous donations made it possible to purchase an aluminum boat and an engine for Missionary Gerson to share the Good News of Jesus with children across this vast jungle region.



On the opposite side of the country in São Paulo, 14 more indigenous students graduated from CMI last October. During training it was difficult for them to teach a Bible lesson, but when they taught in their native tongue they spoke with ease and passion. The boys and girls were able to hear the Gospel in their heart languages. Now five of these graduates are missionaries to three more ethnic groups.

Each year CEF of Brazil reaches nearly 1.5 million children. A couple years ago, 39,183 children were reached through a one month summer campaign in which 54 churches received training teams.

The results were astonishing—they trained 1,265 parents and teachers who held 69 Bible clubs in 126 schools and 35 day care centers. In total, 14,890 children indicated they accepted Christ as Savior. It will be exciting to see what God will do with this increased focus on the indigenous children of the Amazon region.



villages of the Amazon River to share the Gospel with indigenous children. Now they are taking this ministry a step further. "Indigenous Children for Christ" is a concentrated effort to recruit and train at least one indigenous missionary from each ethnic group. When CEF of Brazil

 **Of 3,500 Paid Staff, 96% are Nationals**

Cross-cultural missionaries have many challenges to overcome and are more costly. That's why *Child Evangelism Fellowship* equips as many nationals as possible to reach their own people. Of the over 3,500 paid CEF staff, 96% are nationals.



PERSISTENCE FOR THE Children of Bolivia

People from 13 countries joined together for a two-week Evangelistic Project in Bolivia. The goal was to reach 40,000 children but praise God 53,639 heard the Gospel with 22,434 counseled for salvation! CEF of Bolivia is now left with the challenge of continuing to work with the churches involved to give these children the necessary follow-up. Eleven people stayed after the project to receive specialized Instructor of Teachers training so they can then go out and train even more. The other workers, encouraged by all God had done, returned home with great enthusiasm.

Within a couple of weeks after the project, Bolivia held a national election. Protests broke out all

over Bolivia claiming electoral fraud. For three weeks there were roadblocks, transportation was shut down, and stores were closed. However, Miguelina had returned home to Camiri, Bolivia, burdened to reach children outside of the city. Despite the turmoil, Miguelina formed a new CEF committee and asked for prayer to help her pass through several roadblocks to get to the children.

Since the busses were not running, they walked to where the children were. The difficulties would not keep them from reaching children. Miguelina's persistence enabled her to witness many boys and girls accept Christ as Savior.



🌐 AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH ONLINE TRAINING

“WHAT A BLESSING TO HAVE A PART IN THE GOSPEL BEING SHARED AROUND THE WORLD WHILE WORKING FROM MY OFFICE IN WARRENTON, MISSOURI. IT TRULY IS AMAZING TO SEE GOD USE THE QUALITY TRAINING ON CMI ONLINE TO BRING MANY CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD TO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST!”

— BROOKE MORRIS

Romans Road for Children

BY BROOKE MORRIS, CMI Online Intern, CEF International Headquarters, Missouri

In a New Language

Four years ago, Mary, who had worn hearing aids her entire life, emailed *Child Evangelism Fellowship* to request a training course be made available in American Sign Language (ASL) so she could learn how to share the Gospel with children who attended a deaf school. She was willing to travel *anywhere* in the world to receive this kind of training. Mary grew up attending church where she could not hear the sermons and learn about Jesus Christ. Though she believed God was real, it was not until she attended a weekly

Bible study in 2014 when she finally believed in Jesus as her Savior. She shared, “For many years I didn’t understand (the Gospel), and I don’t want children to have to go through that. If I can reach even one child, then I have done what Jesus said to do in Mark 16:15.” Mary, a retired public school teacher’s aide for deaf children, has assisted with a weekly *Good News Club* since 2015.

For the first time ever, this past fall the *Romans Road for Children* course on CMI Online was offered with videos in ASL. This free three-week course, which is available three times a year, teaches how to use this method to share the Gospel in a simplified way with children. Mary was thrilled to take part in this class from her own home. She shared, “I am taking this class so I can help bring deaf children to Jesus Christ our one and only Lord and Savior.”

Diversity of Students from Around the World

Out of the 61 students enrolled in last fall’s course, 22 were from the U.S. and 14 were from other countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and South America. Many students





came from diverse religious backgrounds. Aapti*, born into a Hindu family from the Middle East, became a Christian while attending college. Though her husband and two children are saved, her parents are still Hindus. Hadiza*, born into a Muslim family in West Africa, was the first in her family to believe in Jesus when she was 17 years old. Now her entire family is Christian.

Effective Outcome

The 30 students who completed this course shared the Gospel with 302 children and teens, and 71 indicated they believed in Jesus as their Savior. Now equipped with an effective tool these men and women can continue to reach boys and girls around the world for Jesus.

*name changed

📍 Brooke Morris prays for each student (represented by the red dots) to effectively share the Gospel with children during last fall's *Romans Road for Children* course.

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