

SHARING THE VISION

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Not one should perish

Matthew ch 18 v 14 “Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish”.

What is your greatest desire in life? You may have many answers, for example, to have great success in your job, to see your family grow up, mature into adults and settled in life with their family. It may be as a young person your desire is to do well in your exams, get a good job and be top of your game in your chosen profession. We all have many desires in life. We live in a world of



materialism and our minds can become so focused on everything around us and even on our needs and desires. That is what it was like for the disciples in Matthew ch 18. They had been on a great journey following and learning from Jesus. He taught them who He was and what was to come even after they left their earthly life. The disciples were walking and talking, they were thinking about their home in Heaven and they wanted to know, who would be the greatest? Their desire was to be greater than each other but, Jesus would humble them as he taught them something they would never forget.

The disciples had focused on themselves but Jesus called a little child and set the child in the middle of them. He was teaching them, removing the attention from themselves and re-focusing on those around them and specifically on the children, each child as an individual. When we come to verse 14 Jesus taught the disciples that His heart's desire was that not one of the children in the world should perish and go to a lost eternity. His desire for each child is that they would have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and put their trust in Him for salvation.

In our organisation our desire and prayer is that the children of this generation will hear the Gospel and, as we are told in

Psalms 78 v 7 “that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.” There are 11.8 million children in Great Britain and we should have that same desire as our Saviour “that not one of these little ones should perish”. The greatest joy in ministry is to see children coming along faithfully to Good News Club®, 5-Day Club®, camp or other ministries. We should be careful not to lose our focus but, remember that to Christ every individual child is precious and, it is His desire that they are taught of Him. We trust and pray that you have a desire in your heart to see the children in your neighbourhood reached with the Gospel!

If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God. -D.L. Moody

ANDREW MCMULLAN CEF Europe

“You may speak but a word to a child, and in that child, there may be slumbering a noble heart which shall stir the Christian Church in years to come.”

C H Spurgeon



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UPDATE

Starting from scratch

■ We had just started a brand new GNC – and the first evening 1 little Slovak Roma girl came along. She was delightful – and engaged really well with us – and we adapted the lesson section by sitting at a table and getting alongside this little 7 year old – and figuring out how familiar she was with the Christian faith. “Have you been to church before?” – I asked. “What’s church?” she answered. We knew we were starting from scratch – and that was a good thing - an important opportunity. We laid down some foundations – and she listened intently – a bright intelligent child. At the end – I asked her if she had any questions. “Where’s heaven?” she asked. And that was a difficult question to answer!

JOHN AND MARTHA MEAGER Glasgow

Time with God

■ This world where our children live is full of new information, new ideas, new values, and offensive human philosophy. Christian children are bombarded with all kind of non-biblical teaching in their daily lives. Are our children ready to discern and choose the truth in this secular society? Today, it is more urgent and crucial for Christian children to establish a solid biblical worldview. Therefore, Rosehill Full Gospel Church started helping children in its Sunday School to develop a good spiritual habit- “Quiet Time”. We use “Every Day with GOD” publish by CEF. Above all, children like the QT books. Parents encourage their children to have a QT at home each day. Teachers cheer them to share what they have learned from the word of God through their QT on Sunday. And we pray for each child to build a biblical worldview in order to live a victorious life.

EUN SOOK GEUM South London

Child’s eye view

■ Many children in Good News Clubs have never heard the stories of the Bible before. One seven-year-old sat on the edge of her seat listening to the story of the Royal Official, whose son was ill. He leaves Jesus to return home and is met by servants who tell him, “Your son is well.” At this point the seven-year-old cheers and fists pumps the air!

Sometimes during the Bible story, we ask questions, Why couldn’t Jochebed hide Moses any longer? A child’s answer tells us so much, ‘She would need to go to work and find a babysitter. They might not have had babysitters back then.’ What happened when Moses waved his staff over the Red Sea? ‘God made a bridge appear so they could all walk over.’

One child who had been attending club for some time commented, ‘I used to think that every time I sinned Jesus needed to die again. Now I know that isn’t true.’

Pray for children hearing Bible stories for the first time – for real understanding of the truth of the Bible and for them to be saved.

STEVE AND RACHEL BALL North East London

Don’t underestimate Grandparents’ Role

Psalm 145v4

“One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.”

■ One of the privileges of working alongside local churches that are committed to the evangelising and discipling of children is the joy of seeing grandparents bringing their grandchildren along. This is true for us in our GNC in Allander Evangelical. Danny, who also is an invaluable member of the GNC team, brought his grandson along

from the beginning. Since Christmas he has also brought his younger grandson as well. It is a joy to see the heart Danny has for his grandchildren (and other children) to be reached with the gospel.

SIMON AND HANNAH SNODGRASS
Scotland



Retirement of European Director

■ “Light For The Path” was a surprise gift to Gerd-Walter Buskies on the occasion of his retirement as the Regional Director of CEF Europe. Since 2013 he has encouraged the CEF leaders and workers throughout Europe by preparing a series of devotional memory verses on a wide range of Christian topics. The verses he used and the teaching he prepared have blessed many people. Unbeknown to Gerd-Walter, the leadership of CEF Europe agreed to collate his memory verse devotions into a hard-backed book. This was presented to him on his retirement at the European Conference in Germany on 1st May. Copies were also available to all those attending the conference and Gerd-

Walter had a long queue to sign individual copies. It was a great delight to him to see the book and to witness its enthusiastic reception by those at the conference.

On the back cover of the book Gerd-Walter writes: “Faith embraces the whole of Christ. At first, I may see Him only as my Saviour from sin. As my faith matures, I also embrace Him as my shepherd who knows and satisfies all my needs; as my treasure to whom my heart clings; as my Lord who instructs me and to whom I submit; as the truth for my orientation; as overseer of my soul, and so much more.”

CHRIS HOLT CEFEB National committee member.



Time to get ready for Christmas!

■ Nearly everyone celebrates Christmas. It's a great time to run a special club for children. CEF have lots of resources to make it easy for you and your Church to tell the story of the first Christmas to children in your neighbourhood. For more details about resources and materials contact Neil Verner in the CEF Shop on neilve@cefireland.com. A typical Christmas Club has party food, crafts, games and at the centre of it all the story of the birth of the Lord Jesus. Christmas is an opportunity to tell children about Jesus!



Start Young

■ Four years ago, the Lord put on my heart the importance of reaching toddlers, but the opportunity to work with this age group was only fulfilled this year. After completing the CEF Pre-schooler teacher course in April, my home church has started a weekly Toddler group. There are weeks when only one toddler attends with her mum, yet I still run the same club with her as I would a larger group. She is a precious soul, and a lovely bond is being established between the three of us. She and her mum engage with stories, songs, and crafts about the wonder of creation. Sharing with a group or sharing with just one little one is a joy. It is also a way of encouraging a mum who is searching for something more to life, a way of bringing the greatest gift of all.

MEGAN STONE South Wales

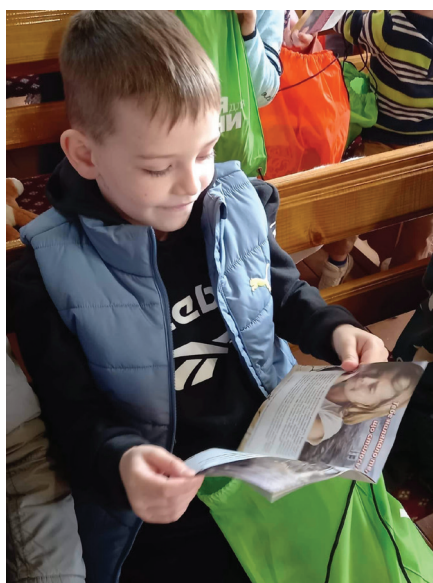




CEF International Focus UKRAINE

On 24 February 2022, the continent of Europe watched the news in disbelief when the war broke out in Ukraine. Many people were found saying, "War? Really? In Europe... at this time in history?" Disbelief turned to fear. What if it spreads? What will it mean for me? Where is God in all of this? Why is it happening? Who could answer all of these questions?

In CEF Europe, we knew that the children of Ukraine, needed to have their questions answered and needed to know that there is still HOPE. It is a



hope that can be found only in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Within a few days, the project HOPE for UKRAINE started – a project to print and distribute 5 million Do You Wonder Why

Gospel booklets in Ukrainian, Russian and many other languages of Europe to children who have many questions. Much good work has been done to bring humanitarian help, but we knew that we needed to provide the vital answers to the questions of the heart at a time like this.

One little girl in Sweden said on the national news, "I am afraid all night". CEF workers in Sweden immediately said, "We need to do something!" Not only in

Sweden, but in many other countries in Europe, CEF workers began holding hope clubs, distributing literature and doing all they could for the project.

The project continues. As well as printing 5 million Gospel booklets, we also plan to distribute 125,000 Gospel Backpacks which contain colouring books, pens, a toy, toothpaste, toothbrush, chocolate, sweets and Gospel literature for children. Gospel backpacks show love and care, while offering the wonderful message of Hope that can only be found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Updates about the project can be found here: <https://cefeurope.com/hope> There is hope for the children of Ukraine because we serve a God who is in control and working out His purposes in our world. He offers hope that no one can destroy and every child in Ukraine... and in Europe should have the opportunity to hear about this wonderful HOPE!

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Matt. 18 v 14

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