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The Importance of Godly Leadership

Deuteronomy ch 31 v 7 “And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.”

Moses had been a faithful servant of the Lord for nearly forty years. He had led the children of Israel through many difficult and testing circumstances. We can reflect on the life of Moses and observe the close relationship he had with God. We read on many occasions when he climbed the mountain to spend time alone with God seeking His direction and wisdom for the path ahead. When we read Deuteronomy ch 31 v 7 Moses was standing before the people, and now was the time to pass on the baton of leadership to Joshua. Moses tells him to be a strong and courageous leader as he guided the Children of Israel to their promised land.

Moses was an exemplary leader not only to Joshua but also to each one of us. He understood the importance of spending time alone with God. Leonard Ravenhill has said “A true shepherd leads the way. He does not merely point the

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way.” Moses was a true “shepherd” chosen by God for a specific time.

In Child Evangelism Fellowship® we have six culture points. The first culture point states - “The importance of Godly leadership at every level,regardless of the skill of a leader, if he or she lacks a heart for God, the work will be eroded at its very foundation.”

CEF Britain has been without a National Director for seven years. This is an important leadership role with many responsibilities, including leading a team of workers and volunteers. Our prayer is that God would send a “shepherd”, with a heart to serve and follow God’s leading in their life and ministry. We encourage you to join with us in prayer that God will send His person to lead the growing team in Britain as they reach children with the Gospel. It may be that God has placed on your heart to step into leadership in ministry or you may know someone suitable, if so, please contact us at the National Office but above all please join with us in prayer that God will send His choice of leader for the work in Britain.

ANDREW MCMULLAN

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UPDATE

Supporting our leaders at every level

“Pray also for me” (Ephesians 6:19) are just a few words which show how the Apostle Paul was grateful that the Christians he encouraged and ministered to also supported him by their prayers. Paul’s prayers for the Christians in Ephesians (1:15-20 and 3:16-17) are an example to leaders how to pray for those they minister to. Their prayers for Paul are an example to us to support those who lead us spiritually, whether in CEF or in our church. Paul “urged” us to pray for leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3) which “pleases God”. Many leaders in the Bible were aware of their own weakness and dependency on God. The Apostle Paul lists a large number of people who helped him in Rome (Romans 1:1-16), along with individuals such as Tychicus (Ephesians 6:21), Timothy (1 Timothy 1:2), and Onesiphorus (2 Timothy 1:16). In the Old Testament Jethro gave very

helpful advice to Moses (Exodus 18) who was leading the Children of Israel. Ezra provided the spiritual leadership to those in Jerusalem, working alongside Nehemiah who organised the rebuilding of the city walls.

Leaders greatly appreciate individuals who help share/shoulder the responsibility of leadership, encouraging their vision for ministry. A well-functioning CEF National Committee will be a great support and assist the National Director as they direct the work in their country. A CEF Local Committee will do the same for Local Directors, working together to reach the children in a local area. Committee members have responsibility for specific aspects of the work and share in the responsibility of leadership. People who cooperate with each other and assist one another can form a more resilient team than individuals who function at a high level but in isolation.

Leaders can become overwhelmed with the weight of responsibility for the work God has called them to. Moses found this after the burning bush and repeatedly took his problems to God (Exodus 5). Leaders should not be pressurised to do “more, more, more” which will exacerbate this weight of responsibility when their resources (human or financial) are scarce. It is important for leaders to nurture their own spiritual life and have a healthy work/life balance to prevent overwork and overload. They should review this balance regularly and have times of spiritual retreat and refreshing holidays. We can encourage them by getting to know them and their family personally and respecting their personal and spiritual time. We can try to be efficient in providing what they ask of us and help with projects and



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programmes. We can support them by being a cooperative team member. We can rejoice and celebrate good things with them.

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality” (Warren Bennis). “Spiritual leadership is knowing where God wants people to be and taking the initiative to use God’s methods to get them there in reliance on God’s power.” (John Piper). We praise God for godly leaders in CEF who encourage us spiritually, practising what they preach and leading by their actions and words. Working together with them they will bless us, bless others and honour God. They need our support and prayers.

CHRIS HOLT (Member care coordinator)

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” Hebrews 6:19

Dear friends,

What a wonderful reminder we find, in Hebrews 6, of the hope that we have in the Lord Jesus Christ. In the world we live in today, this is something that we need to be reminding ourselves of daily. Are you fearful for the future? We have a hope. Are you uncertain about the way ahead? We have a hope. Does life seem to be overwhelming and just too much at times. We have a hope! Our steadfast, unmovable, firm and secure hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our hope of glory. Our past is forgiven. Our present is sure and our future is glorious. Rejoice today, dear brother and sister in Christ. We have a hope – an anchor for the soul!

My wife, Anca and I have had the joy of serving God with CEF, Romania for more than 20 years. God has blessed us with 3 children – Yasmina, Eduard and Eric. As a family we served God in taking the Gospel to children in North East Romania – sharing the hope of God to thousands of

children and teenagers and God graciously blessed. For a number of years, we led the team of CEF Romania and from 1 May 2022, we have taken the responsibility of CEF European Directors.

When God calls you to a specific ministry, He has a wonderful way of making room in your heart for that new ministry. We saw this happen when He made room in our hearts for all the children in Romania, and not just those in Iasi county. Today, we find ourselves, burdened for the children of Europe and not just for those in Romania. Our God is gracious and He always prepares us for the task that He has for us to do.

Thank you so much for all that you are doing for the children of Britain and beyond and may God give each of us increased vision and room in our hearts to reach more children for Him, wherever they maybe.

For the children of Europe,

IULIAN & ANCA MANGALAGIU

■ “What a wonderful opportunity I had to teach and be part of the Children’s Ministry Leadership Course (CMLC) in Ireland. In CEF training others to reach children with the Gospel is one of our great goals. The subject I was given was the Victorious Life, teaching the students how to live a life of victory over sin, a life of trust and faith even in difficult circumstances and a life of dedication and sacrifice to God. There were sixteen students from five different countries, my prayer for each student is that in life and in ministry they will be victorious in every area of their life.”

ANDREW MCMULLAN

■ It was a blessing to be part of the CMLC course. We do not take it for granted that we went this year. We have seen God miraculously provided for us by using His people to foot the bill in completing the

course. It was a great privilege to be under the tutelage of Angie McKee and the other lecturers. Their invaluable experience and knowledge have motivated us to live by faith in order to experience God’s favour. We had the privilege to spend time in God’s Word and live with other Christians of different cultures. CMLC was superb.

PRIYA AND CORINNA

■ I have been studying with students across Europe in beautiful Kilkeel, on the coast of Newry, Northern Ireland. Seaview Camp and Conference Centre became my home for six weeks and I woke up to stunning views of the Mourn Mountains. Each day started with 7:00 a.m. morning devotions. It has been such a blessing to have this time set aside and to grow in my personal relationship with the Lord. I have made wonderful friends for life.

MEGAN STONE



New CEF President appointed

The CEF International Board of Trustees announces the appointment of the new President, Rev. Jeremiah Cho, effective August 1, 2022. Jeremiah is currently one of the eight CEF international Regional Directors. He and his wife Sarah will relocate from Seoul, South Korea to Warrenton, Missouri, USA.



Brother Jeremiah brings a wealth of experience in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children of the world. He has served full time with CEF over the past 34 years in a number of roles including Local Director and National Director for CEF South Korea where he directed a staff of over 200 workers reaching 325,000 children.

He was a missionary to Sri Lanka and opened the country to CEF ministry. From 2014 to the present, he has served as Regional Director in a sensitive region with 28 countries, expanding that ministry from 137 to 387 workers, and expanding the reach of children from 700,000 annually to approximately 7.5 million children annually, pre-COVID.

The International Board of Trustees is grateful to God for calling Jeremiah to serve as President and lead Child Evangelism Fellowship into the future, reaching the children of the world with the Good News of the Gospel.

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Labouring in the Low Lands of Europe

New labourers

We are very thankful for new labourers in the harvest of our countries! Marilou Basurto will take up the role of being coordinator for the French and Spanish speaking trainings in Wallonia and Luxembourg. She is originally from Ecuador and moved to Belgium many years ago. Still we urgently need Flemish workers. In the Netherlands three young ladies did apply for traineeship coming year. God brought also Elise de Koning on our path with marketing and PR experience. She will join our team as a paid ambassador to promote the work of CEF in our countries.

Prepared hearts

In child evangelism often it takes long time before you see seeds coming up. My wife and I led a Good News Club since 2014 in our hometown Alblassterdam. My wife started a Girl Only Club as a follow up for teenage girls. Always with the same concept: starting with a meal, doing Bible study regarding a woman in the Bible and finally a craft. The funny thing

It's a pleasure for me to write about what the Lord is doing in the "Low Lands" of Europe: Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. The work of child evangelism is often compared to sowing the good seed. Let's take a look at our field on the other side of the North Sea.



ELISE DE KONING



MARILOU BASURTO



JANET VISSER



THIRZA PENNING



LISA KNEPPERS

is that they invited their girlfriends to come to the meetings. Special girls with all different backgrounds: Muslim, non-religious or nominal Christians. José built a band of trust and they want to know what it means to be a Christian or they want to attend a church with us.

The enemy is there

It's a battle for the hearts of the next generation. Yes, we see the work of the

enemy who is sowing weeds among the wheat, but we continue (Matt 13,25). The enemy is trying to fill the children and teenagers with the filth of this world but we never doubt the power of the seed. There is nothing wrong with the seed of the Gospel. We have to pray that we are available to do the work of ploughing, sowing, planting and reaping because it's the promise of the Lord Who gives the increase.

So hopefully, we see seeds coming up in the Low Lands.

MARCO BAAN

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"Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."

Matt. 18 v 14

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