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EVERY CHILD  
EVERY NATION  
EVERY DAY



# FROM JEREMIAH CHO



How well do you handle difficulties? I am grateful for God’s faithful navigation through the constant changes and challenges of life. One thing I know; I can’t do it on my own. I need Christ my Lord to be my anchor.

I love what God says in Psalm 91:14-15:

*Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.*

As I hold fast to God, He holds fast to me—He delivers, protects, answers, rescues, and honors. Wow! God promises His presence. Because of what the Lord Jesus has done, we can stand firm in faith. Let us encourage one another to hold fast to God. He is good. Our earthly family may discourage our faith, but love and comfort mark the family of God.

Our Lord, our anchor, strengthens us to accomplish His plans. We are His workmanship (Ephesians 2:10) who can accomplish the ministry He has set before us. We can reach out as His witnesses, no matter how difficult the community, knowing He will go with us. As we press forward in new endeavors, let us look for the blessings God gives. After all, He “is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think…” (Ephesians 3:20).

Christ our Lord anchors our lives in Him to grow our **faith**—

- in the midst of our **families**
- as we accomplish His **ministry**
- as we witness in difficult **communities**
- as we embark on new **endeavors**.

Let us praise Him for the **blessings** of His protection, provision, and presence, as well as the special fruit He produces.

Yours for all the children,

*Rev. Jeremiah Cho*  
Rev. Jeremiah Cho



## Please Pray

- 1 Child Evangelism Fellowship® missionaries’ faith will stay firmly anchored in Christ.
- 2 Difficult family life will not hinder children from coming to Christ.
- 3 CEF® ministry will expand into hard-to-reach communities.
- 4 God will use the teaching of His message to grow faith in the hearts of children.
- 5 God will open new doors and provide resources to reach even more children with the Gospel.
- 6 Thank God for the blessings of fruitfulness as we see children share the Gospel with their peers.



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# An Anchor in Troubling Times

FRED PRY, Assistant Vice President, USA Ministries

The last four years have been filled with troubling headlines on a global scale. Who could have imagined at our last National Conference in 2019 that our world would change so much in such a short time? Even though it was difficult to gather together as a CEF family, we are thrilled by the new doors God opened to continue ministering to children in every state.

God gave stability and strength to our hearts during this troubling time, enabling ministry to continue in different, yet meaningful ways. As a result of the pandemic, our ministry has grown creatively through digital platforms and in ways we never considered before. God continues to anchor His ministry and preserve opportunities to share the Gospel.



This is not the first storm we have weathered as a ministry, or as individuals, and it will not be the last. Why fear the future when we can hold tightly to the Lord who will anchor our soul, our life, and our ministry? His heart remains gentle and kind, and His arm remains capable and powerful. He will keep us safe and sound into the future.

We are excited to come together in person May 8-12 for the National Conference! Each morning, we'll be spiritually encouraged by our Bible teachers as they point us to the Lord who is our only sure foundation. And we'll worship and praise God together with one heart and voice. Anticipate times to pray together, laugh together, eat together, and catch up with friends and colleagues.



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Whether you are CEF staff, a volunteer, board or committee member, ministry partner, pastor, or Sunday school teacher, you'll be refreshed and equipped for the ministry God has for you.

We encourage you to join us and bring someone with you! Invite those you teach alongside, your ministry team, your committee, or those from partnering churches. In coming together, let's have our hearts firmly anchored in Christ, and our vision to reach boys and girls focused and strengthened.



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Hosein family

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— Dr. Ricardo Hosein

## A LIFE OF MINISTRY

# RICARDO

MARK SHAW

Ricardo Hosein grew up in the Caribbean Island nation of Trinidad and Tobago in a religiously diverse family and pluralistic community. He attended a Roman Catholic school, although his dad's side was predominately Muslim, and his mom's side was predominately Hindu. Even though his dad wasn't a part of his life, his extended family influenced his beliefs.

### YOUNGER YEARS

Around the age of 13, Ricardo went to a Hindu prayer festival with his grandfather and cousin where he asked for prayer to do well on an important exam. The priest had him sit next to a box of cow manure with a fig tree planted in it and began chanting. Then he brushed a mixture of cow manure and water on Ricardo's face. He also dipped his thumb into a white paste and smeared it on the young teenager's forehead.

During all this, Ricardo kept thinking, "Why am I even here? How is this going to help me pass the exam?"

When Ricardo was 14 years old, Christians from a local church began holding Bible clubs every Friday afternoon in his neighborhood. As they shared the Gospel, Ricardo realized this was what he'd been missing. He came to faith in Christ that day.

When Ricardo told his mom he had accepted Jesus as Savior, she chastised him and refused to talk to him for a week. Nevertheless, she let her son walk a few miles to youth group every Saturday and church every Sunday. Ricardo even quit Boy Scouts, which he loved, because it was at the same time as his youth group. This shocked his mother.

Almost a year after Ricardo accepted Christ, he invited his mom to a Christmas service. To his surprise, she agreed to go. God had been working on her heart and at that service, she received Jesus as Savior. Ricardo's mom started to attend church regularly. Later she became involved in the ladies' ministry, joined the worship team, and eventually became the president of the ladies' ministry team.

### GOD'S PLAN IN ACTION

Years later, Ricardo moved to the United States, got married, and earned a doctorate in counseling from Liberty University. He knew the Lord was leading him into full-time ministry and yearned to work with children. He searched online for something that would fit his calling and discovered *Child Evangelism Fellowship*.

Twelve years later, he is still in CEF. Currently, Ricardo is the state director for CEF of Wyoming.

"The Lord gave me a passion to share the Gospel with kids and train others to share the Gospel with kids so their lives can be impacted for eternity. I know God can use those kids to change their families, like He used me to impact my mom with the Gospel," Ricardo said. "That's one of the reasons why I love the ministry of CEF. We hear how kids in our state come to *Good News Club* and then go back home and share the Gospel with their families. And their family members are getting saved."

Today, Ricardo pours into the lives of his own children and shares the Gospel with them because no one shared the Gospel with him when he was a child. Acts 16:31 says, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." This verse has been true again and again throughout Ricardo's life and ministry.



Dr. Ricardo Hosein

Doctor of Counseling  
Active Reserve  
Chaplain for US Army  
CEF State Director  
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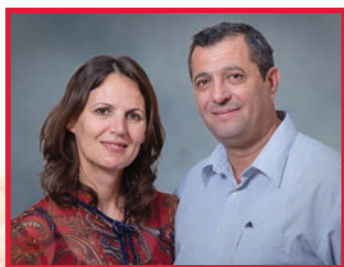




# Camp Stories

LUKA AND IRENA SEMA, Albania

A ten-year-old neighbor wanted to come to camp when he heard that other children were registering. When I gave camp information to his mother, she nervously said they were a Muslim family and her son should not change his religion. I told her who we are and what we believe, then left. Sometimes, the best we can do for children is ask God to make a way for them to hear about Him.



Thirteen-year-old Dren\* came to camp. He was from a Muslim family and had never heard of Jesus. During devotional time, he distracted the children so they wouldn't listen or read. He also put his hands over his ears so he couldn't hear. Irena stayed close to Dren, and he started



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talking about his family difficulties—financial struggles, divorced parents, etc. Although he was young, his life was not easy. Dren saw that we prayed for him. As he saw our love and patience for him, he started to change. On the last day of camp, he said in front of all the children, “Now I know God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; Jesus died on the cross and rose again.”

In one of the groups, we had two brothers and one of them caused trouble. Other children and volunteers demanded we exclude him from camp. After we talked with him, he apologized but later continued the same disruptive behavior. However, when camp ended, his mother told us how excited he was about camp. He told his parents about the miracles of Jesus and other things we taught at camp. Now we have become friends with this family and spend time together.

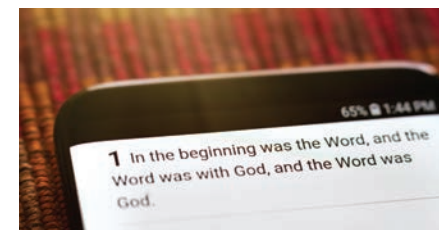
\*name changed



## THE SECRET BEHIND THE BRACELET

BIENFAIT RÉGIS NTAKABANYURA, Burundi

*The method can change but the message never changes.* Having that in mind helped me share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with seven children. I was at a party with my Christian friends when I saw children coming in the compound. My heart was touched and I quickly thought about how I could evangelize them.



That Sunday, I did not have a Bible, but I was wearing my Wordless Book bracelet and I had a Bible on my phone. As I shared about the secret behind my bracelet, the children became excited to hear how God showed His love for them and that while they were still sinners, Christ died for them.

After I gave an invitation to those five girls and two boys, all of them believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

Glory be to God!

Every Child  
Every Nation  
Every Day



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 1,250 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.



# quotes



"Eleven-year-old Sophia lives in the quilombo community of Santa Luzia, Brazil. This little missionary gathered the children and took them to the church two miles outside of the community. Most of the children went by bike but Sophia took those who did not have one on her own bike. In the winter, when the trail became muddy and full of holes caused by the rain, Sophia did not give up. Sometimes she got off her bike and walked through the mud. But she was always happy and singing to the Lord. Now her whole family believes in Jesus. Praise God for all He accomplished and provided through this project."

— Darlene Alencar



"When we arrived to talk about the love of God, I noticed an eight-year-old boy playing with a ball. He asked us to wait for him, so he could put the ball away. When I turned, he was sitting and said, 'Auntie, I am ready to listen.' In fact, he was prepared to receive Jesus as Savior. That child was happy to be part of the family of God and that made our hearts rejoice. We were so happy to look at him and see his countenance. We realized it was worth all our investment to participate in the project and leave our comfort zone to reach the children of Marajó for Christ."

— Marineufas

## Crianças do Marajó Para Cristo

### THE CHILDREN OF MARAJÓ FOR CHRIST

DALIERSON SARRAZIN, National Director, CEF of Brazil

CEF of Brazil, in cooperation with evangelical church members from various places in the country, focused on bringing the Good News of Jesus to the children of Marajó Island. Considered the largest river-maritime island in the world (located where the Amazon River meets the Atlantic Ocean), Marajó Island is bigger than the country of Belgium. This required different kinds of transportation including plane, ship, ferryboat, small boats, cars, motorcycles, and carts pulled by buffaloes. At all times the Lord guarded the team.

God used 51 team members to bring the Gospel to children of Marajó Island and surrounding area. They visited more than 40 places, including several quilombos (communities founded by fugitive African slaves), garbage dumps, and shelters for children at risk.

We achieved the aim of the project by training 375 teachers, holding 71 Bible clubs, and reaching 2,546 children with nearly 700 indicating they received Jesus as Savior. We also saw 243 adults hear the Gospel with 29 of them professing Christ as Savior. Thirty-five kits of CEF material were given to the teachers for them to continue reaching children through Good News Clubs.







# GO and TELL!

One day, a child in West Africa heard the Gospel at Good News Club. He talked with his teacher and expressed his desire to receive Jesus as Savior. After returning home, he told all six of his siblings the Good News and they also received Christ.

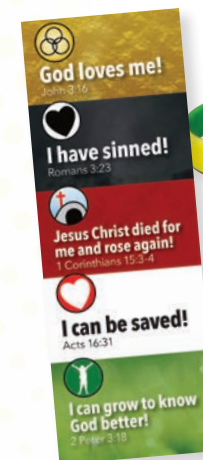
We often hear stories like this one. No matter what region or culture, children are on fire for Christ all over the globe. From the overflow of their hearts, these little ones cannot help but share their new faith in their homes, schools, and neighborhoods.

This created a huge opportunity for CEF to expand our Gospel ministry even further with the help of an often overlooked, yet strong force for evangelism: children.

In 2021, the Children Reaching Children training and resource kit, *Go and Tell!* was launched. Although peer evangelism was already happening in many countries, this kit provided an excellent resource to train children to share the Gospel with their peers using *The Wordless Book* wristbands.

The *Go and Tell!* program was piloted in Guyana (North America/Caribbean Region). The CEF national director, Renwick Walcott, and his wife, Shaundell, saw God work through this program in a big way. Here's what they had to say:

**We are not free to go into many of our schools anymore. But children can go where adults may not be able to go. And children equipped through *Go and Tell!* can share the Gospel in those difficult homes, villages, communities, cities, countries, and regions where adults cannot.**



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**We equip the children, pray over them, and send them out. Then we hear how the Gospel changes the hearts of children and their families.**

**Above all, we must not underestimate children. Many churches believe children should only be taught and not expected to do any real ministry until they are older. But *Go and Tell!* has proven that children can do ministry at an early age.**

**One boy in particular, I call him "the preacher," would stand on the street corner and preach to the children. We even saw adults impacted.**

**We have already ordered more *Go and Tell!* materials to train more children.**

As children join *Go and Tell!*, they get excited to share the Gospel and go places their teachers could never reach. Whether at school, on the street, or at home, more people will hear the Good News from a new, growing army of evangelists.



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# Ten-Year-Old Missionary

JANELLE STOERMER, Central Chapter Local Director, CEF of Arkansas

**C**'mon, Mrs. Janelle. You know I can do it!" Sarah implored, her eyes wide and earnest.

*Should I let her do it?* I wondered.

"You know I took the same training everyone else did. I'm ready! Let me talk to these kids about believing in Jesus as Savior!"

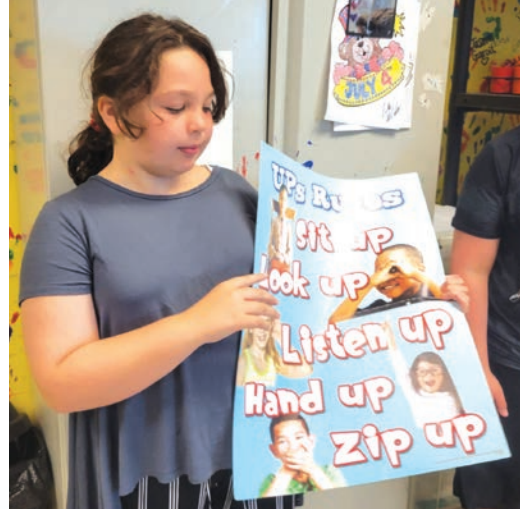
Sarah has been a helper at her mother's *Good News Club*. This past summer she attended *Christian Youth In Action* along with her mother, who was on staff. Although Sarah was too young to be called an official CYIA missionary, this sweet, ten-year-old girl kept up with the other teens in all the classes.

She was bold and eagerly put her all into it. She especially excelled in *The Wordless Book* training.

After CYIA, Sarah and her mother were with me at a *5-Day Club*.

Three girls had raised their hands, indicating they wanted to talk to us about what it means to believe in Jesus as Savior. Sarah was begging to be the one to talk with them.

"Alright, go ahead, Sarah," I told her. I stood nearby, watching her put her training into practice.



**"IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE HOW GOD WORKED THROUGH SARAH THAT DAY."**

She did exactly as she was trained to do—she asked

them the questions she had learned to determine their readiness to receive Christ. Her interaction with the girls went perfectly—she didn't need my help at all. That day, Sarah led two girls to the Lord, and led the third one in assurance of salvation!

It was amazing to see how God worked through Sarah that day. But He wasn't done with her. A few weeks later, Sarah helped in another club, this time at a church-based daycare center with 37 children. Daily, I gave the invitation and let Sarah talk with the children about salvation. That week at club, the Lord used Sarah to lead 19 children to profess faith in Christ!

**"I'M READY! LET ME TALK TO THESE KIDS ABOUT BELIEVING IN JESUS AS SAVIOR!"**



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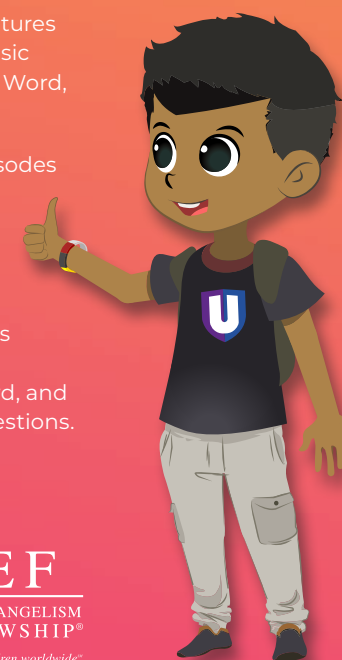
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