

SHARING THE VISION

OF CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF BRITAIN

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On your knees!

Maybe that is where you see your church's children's work. Maybe you have no children or families in your little fellowship. Maybe you remember the old Sunday School on a Sunday afternoon when everyone in the neighbourhood sent their children more for an hour's peace than to learn about God or perhaps a bit of both.

Now maybe children hang about your neighbourhood wanting to be part of something or looking for trouble but you have no-one to run a club for them and it breaks your heart: or maybe you are tired or even a bit scared of them and just wish they would go away.

You are in good company whatever the circumstances. When mothers brought their little children to Jesus his disciples thought he had more important matters to attend to so they used their initiative and tried to send the Mums and Tots away.

Jesus on the other hand called them to him and said "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." (Luke 18 v 15)

We know Jesus wasn't saying the children were automatically in the Kingdom because scripture is clear

that entry to that kingdom is by faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour but what he was saying is that small children live by faith in their parents to provide and care for them so they know how to trust. It is so important to reach them with the gospel before they learn other ways to survive which make them far more self-reliant and hardens their hearts to the truth that they need to rely on God.

Scripture also makes it clear that it is not the Father's will that any little one should perish. "We know all this" you may say "but we have no-one who can teach the children round the doors."

All is not lost. Scripture also tells us that we are to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field.

"On your Knees" is where the solution to this desperate situation lies.

Pray for children in your fellowship. Pray for local children outside your fellowship.

Pray for children around the world experiencing hunger and conflict, persecution and displacement.

Your heavenly Father is willing and able to save completely all who come to Him through Christ.

Alleyn Wilson Editor



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UPDATE

Peak District

■ Mid May saw Steve and Rachel (CEF East London) leave London behind them and travel up the M1 to the beautiful Peak District. The weather was perfect but this was not a holiday! They were representing CEF Britain at a Missionary Weekend at Stanton Lees Chapel. Five local churches held a Missionary Weekend and CEF along with SASRA, GBM, EMF and IMJP were taking part.

The Saturday was split into two sessions with presentations from each Missionary Society. In between there was a tea and time for fellowship over the Missionary Exhibition and outside Stanton Lees Chapel enjoying the sun and superb scenery. On the Sunday Steve preached at two services in two of the organising churches (Crich Baptist and Stanton Lees Chapel) and gave a Children's Talk.

We were very encouraged by the weekend, the genuine interest in Mission and the friendliness of the folk from the churches. It is always encouraging to meet with representatives of other Missionary



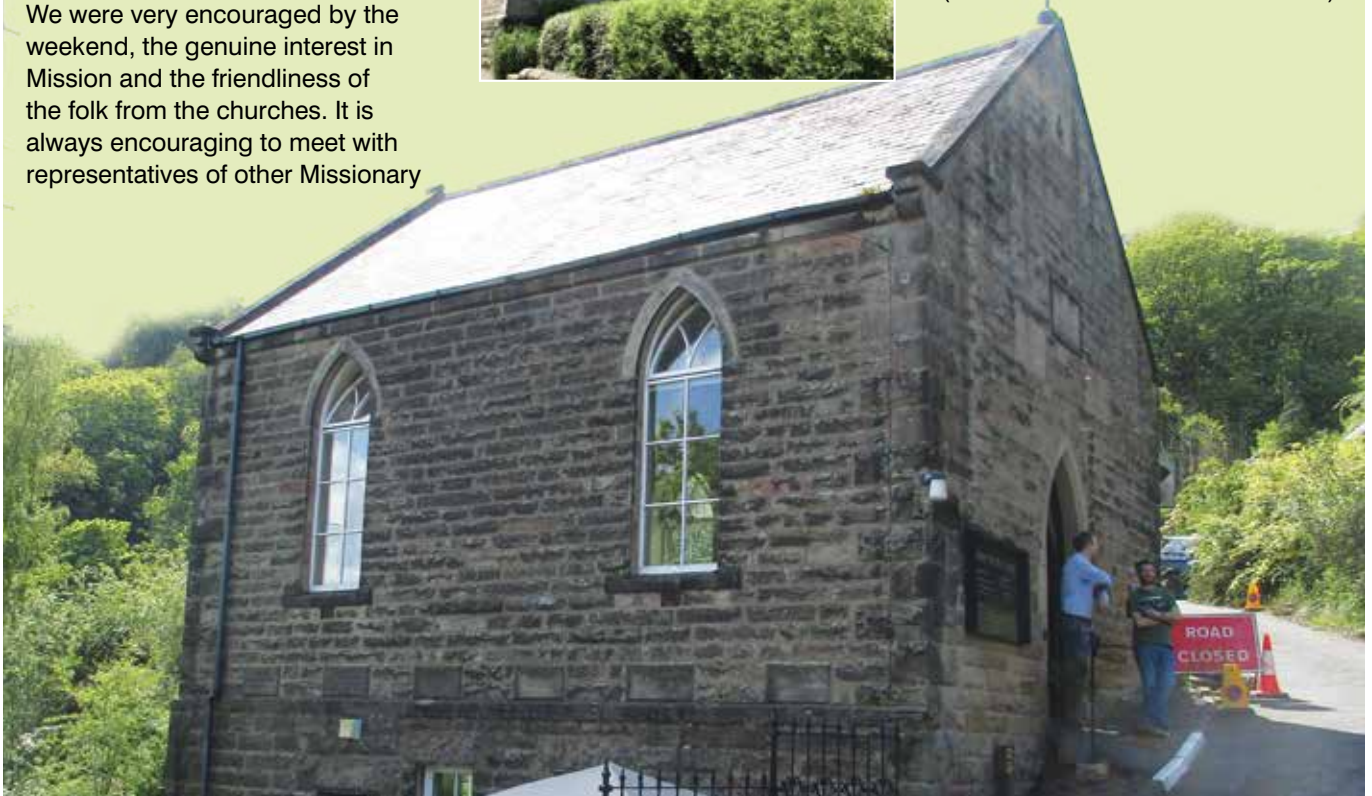
societies and hear what they are doing.

We enjoyed our stay in Stanton Lees immensely and although it wasn't a holiday we returned home refreshed and encouraged.

If you would like a representative from CEF to come to share at your church please get in touch.

Steve Ball

(Local Director - CEF East London)



Ayrshire Keswick 2023

Over the weekend of the 2nd-4th June this year several of us from CEF in Scotland had the privilege of attending and exhibiting at Ayrshire Keswick in Kilmarnock. Paul Mallard was the speaker at Ayrshire Keswick this year, so it promised to be another great weekend. Hannah, Edith and I were able to attend on the Friday evening. Seeking the best possible location and thinking through how to setup the most 'eye catching' display table. There were several hundred people who attended the conference in the opening night and this gave us a number of opportunities to speak with individuals and share about CEF ministry. One lady came along and immediately noticed the classic CEF flashcards that we had out on a display stand. After browsing for a time, she shared that a number of years earlier she had run clubs in Ayrshire using CEF material. Later that night I was able to pass on 50 meet the King booklets which she could hand out to the children she ministered too. She also took details where she would be able to purchase up to date material. Later in the evening I got speaking to two other

people which led to an exchanging of details with the possibility of sharing at a couple of local churches. John Meagher had the privilege of attending the following night and really enjoyed his first conference

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exhibitor experience. John spoke to a number of people and gave out a number of pieces of CEF literature and contact details. He shared with me about one lady who was given task of looking into starting something for children in her church, John shared about CEF's materials and methods and passed on our details. It was an encouraging first outing for us as a team.

Simon and Hannah Snodgrass,
CEF Scotland.

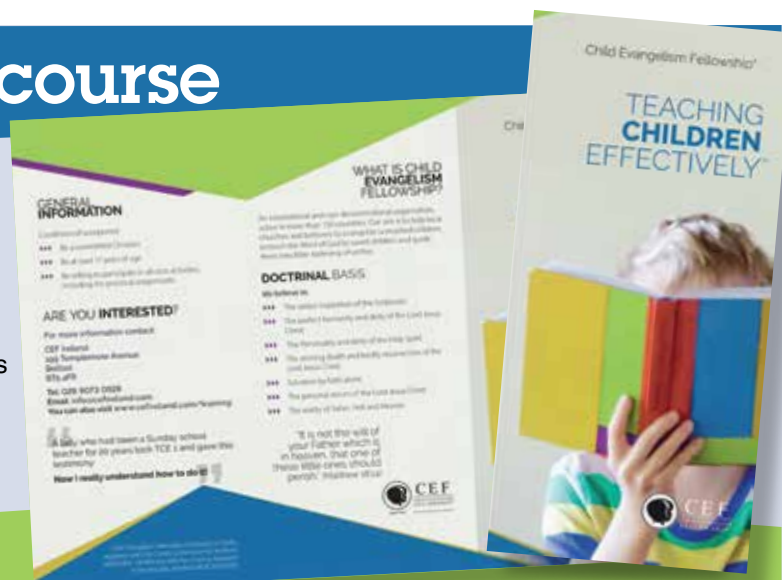


Online training course

Workers in CEF Britain are teaching an online course commencing on 19th September 2023. This will take place weekly on weekday evenings from 7pm to 9.30pm.



If you would like to apply for this upcoming course, please email info@cefbritain.org as soon as possible, so that we can follow up with you afterwards.





Our vision for the children of Brazil

While the whole world was rocked by the onslaught of the Covid pandemic, the CEF ministry in Brazil found itself going from a dynamic, globally-minded ministry to a grinding halt. With that came great heartbreak and discouragement for the CEF family in Brazil, as their country saw over 700,000 Covid-related deaths. Though the future of the ministry seemed bleak, God did not forget His work in Brazil, and we've begun to see amazing results!

For many years CEF of Brazil has had a strong vision for the children of their vast nation and for the children of the world. Because of that vision, the ministry has multiplied in many other nations. They helped most of the Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa by sending trainers, literature, and finances to help. They also trained many of the new staff of those African countries at the Brazil Children's Ministry Institute. Every year they sent people to a selected country in Latin America to help with an evangelistic blitz. They blessed the USA by sharing their blitz program which was eventually called Good News Across America and was later adopted by CEF of Romania. Brazil also sent a missionary to Portugal.

When Covid impacted the world, it had a dramatic impact on CEF in Brazil too. Staff lost loved ones to Covid, and robust ministries like Good

News Clubs and 5-Day clubs had to stop because the in-person ministry was no longer allowed. Brazil was closed down for longer than many countries, which made it harder than ever to restart the ministry, but staff continued to push forward.

In October of 2022, I accompanied Jeremiah Cho (the new CEF President) as a translator and we went to the CEF camp outside of Sao Paulo, Brazil. All 80 CEF of Brazil staff met there for the first time after Covid, to receive training about Christmas Party Clubs (CPC). They were so happy to be together! Workers were challenged to pray and commit to a goal of reaching MANY boys and girls through the CPC ministry, and they responded with great faith. There were also several staff at the training from the Amazon

indigenous tribes. One of them told me that he was going to teach the children about Jesus and about Christmas, as the children in his tribe had never heard about Christmas.

The launch of the CPC was also the official relaunch of the CEF ministry post-Covid. Even with some remaining restrictions and not much time to prepare, staff and volunteers were able to reach 213,793 children through CPC last Christmas season. Praise God!

I would like to ask you to bless CEF of Brazil by praying for them as they rebuild the ministry. They have blessed so many people and especially children in many countries of the world, and they would welcome your prayers for them!

Moises Esteves, Executive Vice President, CEF



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