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2023 European

ANNUAL REPORT

Give God

Praise

PLUS:
SHORTFALL
REMEMBERING PAUL REID
MULTIMEDIA AND
DIGITAL SUMMIT

Dear friends,

At the beginning of 2024, God impressed on my heart the words of Psalm 27:8, When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

God says to you and me today, "Seek My face".

What a blessing to know that we are encouraged to seek the face of God, to be in His presence, rejoice in His love, know His comfort and to share in the blessings of being near to the One who knows us so well. In His presence there really is fullness of joy!

Samuel Rutherford, the renowned Scottish theologian, once wrote, "Acquaint yourself with Christ's love, and ye shall not miss to find new goldmines and treasures in Christ."

Does it not amaze you to think that there are goldmines and treasures in Christ and we can know more of His loveliness every day as we seek His face?

We praise God that this message was taken to over 500,000 children in Europe last Christmas. They too were encouraged to draw near to their Creator and know the peace and joy that only He can give.

May this year be characterised by you and I taking time to seek God's face, rejoice in His presence and then amazed by His love, take the wonderful message of Salvation to a lost world.

The God of Creation is calling you and I to seek His face—may we find ourselves answering today, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."



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DIRECT
MINISTRY



KOSOVO



POLAND



IRELAND



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As we look at how gracious God has been to the ministry of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® in Europe this past year, we are grateful to bring the Gospel to boys and girls all across the continent.

More children were reached in face-to-face ministry than ever before, the number of children reached through online and digital means continues to grow, and “paper missionaries”—Gospel literature—continues to reach children on a daily basis through distribution.

Give God praise as you read stories of how He is changing lives across the continent!

KOSOVO

When our daughter was born, she was hospitalised for several weeks. While in the hospital we saw others who, like us, were also suffering. We prayed, and a desire to help these children and parents came to us. This year the desire came true! We met more than 60 children, parents, and paediatric staff when we had the opportunity to visit each room, give them gifts and a Christmas brochure. The children were in poor health, but still showed joy and a smile. Most importantly—we could give them hope by sharing our situation, how God works in miraculous ways and how He loves them very much. We thank God for this opportunity and for opening a new door.

POLAND

At the beginning of the year we helped a church in Żywiec, Poland to organise a winter day camp. In attendance were a mother and daughter invited by a family from the church. After one of the lessons on Nicodemus, the daughter asked her mother if she was born again. Her mother, who also listened to the lesson said she didn't know. On Sunday we learned that this mom had attended Sunday service for the first time after the winter day camp—she had never been invited before. She was also recently diagnosed with a serious illness. We were happy that mother and daughter could listen to the Gospel all week long. We pray she will experience the same thing as Nicodemus—new life.

MOLDOVA

Permission was given this year from the area education department of Balti to organise Christmas programs in all the schools in the town. We had a wide-open door but we didn't have gifts for the children, so we prayed. After a time of prayer, we remembered that very near to the school is the Emanuel Church. We met with the elders and presented the Christmas project along with the need for gifts and volunteers from their church. Very soon two teams of volunteers—along with gifts—were arranged and we preached the Gospel to more than 500 kids in that school. Pray with us for Emanuel Church and for the ministry they want to continue with the children.

IRELAND

Inters camps for 11–15 year-olds are always busy, noisy, and full of fun! Our Inters camp in August 2023 was very special. Over 80 young people enjoyed a great week together, and it was such a joy to see three of them come to faith in the Lord Jesus. The young Christians were encouraged to get involved in serving the Lord and as a result we now have 15 coming to learn about reaching children with the Gospel at our Junior Summer Outreach Training Course in July. We look forward to seeing these young people play a key role in reaching boys and girls in the future!



Scan to watch a video on the 2023 statistics.

MOLDOVA



Watch a Christmas Together video here!



DIGITAL MINISTRY

FRANCE



Imagine reaching 7–11 year-old children every day of the year with the Gospel! Today's kids—even as babies—see their parents connected to the internet—it's normal. But what is not normal to millions of French speaking children across the globe is to discover the Creator and how to be saved. Over the last year, CEF of France had more than 40,000 connections on their interactive website, *cliquelavie.com*. The councillors answered many questions from needy children. Though the harvest is plentiful, our internet development team is small. Please pray for more workers. God might be calling you! Contact Johan Bloemhof at Johan.bloemhof@aee-france.fr

KOSOVO

We now have a social media presence on Instagram and Facebook. In only a short time we have many followers who are interested in seeing the work of CEF of Kosovo. We constantly post encouraging photos and also photos from direct ministries. Seeing the world moving towards a "digital life", we must also follow this path to evangelise and inform people. Every child and every teenager has easy access to social networks and we can use this opportunity to reach as many children as possible through digital means. CEF of Kosovo is definitely committed to evangelise in every possible way.



DIRECT MINISTRY

11 YEAR COMPARISON
Number of children reached

2023
1,371,305

2022
983,333

2017
759,808

2012
656,306

one-year
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PLUS 1,499,118

Pieces of literature distributed in 2023



DIGITAL MINISTRY

11 YEAR COMPARISON
Number of children reached

2023
850,733

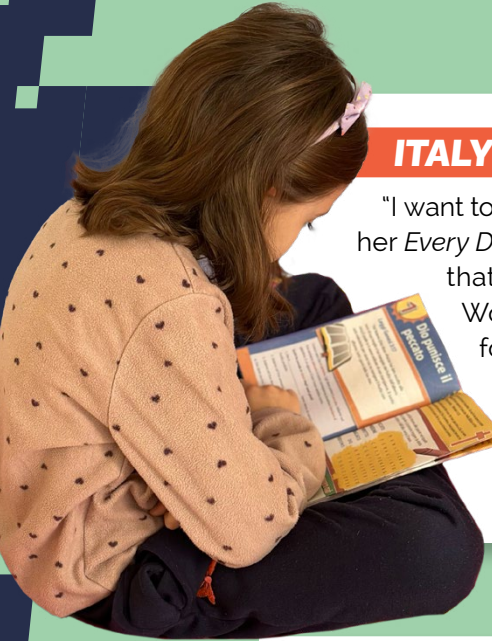
2022
461,642

2012
31,081

2017
50,184

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change!

DISTRIBUTION



ITALY

"I want to read the Bible every day!" Elisa, an 8-year-old-girl, said when she received her *Every Day with God* booklet. That wasn't just a promise—Elisa was so enthusiastic, that since then she's been spending time with God every day, reading His Word, and praying. It's amazing to see how powerful a little booklet can be for the life of a child. Alina shared about the Christmas party held in southwest Italy: "When we distributed the packets with the *Joy to the World* and *Things You Need to Know* booklets, we never expected that the Muslim and Hindu mums would also accept them with a big smile and a 'Grazie.'" All to the glory to God!

MOLDOVA

Before leaving after the training course finished, we took some Gospel booklets to distribute during the Christmas celebration in our town. We were surprised to see the dedication of the teens and youth who helped to share the Gospel, but more surprised to see the joy in the children's eyes as they read the booklets they received. Our only regret was that we had not taken more booklets! We plan to visit the CEF office very soon and pick up more.



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We hope you are enjoying this edition of *onmission*. It's our joy to bring you exciting news about what God is doing through the ministry of CEF of Europe.

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Thank you!



2023 AT A GLANCE:

GOOD NEWS CLUBS
11,434

CAMPS
921

5-DAY CLUBS
3,192

TEACHERS TRAINED
70,329

HOLIDAY PARTY CLUBS
2,843

PRAYER PARTNERS
35,043

CHRISTMAS PARTY CLUBS
17,680

NATIONAL MISSIONARIES
90.9%



IN MEMORY

Paul Reid

Paul Reid was called Home on the 13 December 2023 at the age of 85. Paul together with his wife Audrey were called by God to start the work of CEF in Spain, which they began in 1967. Later they led the Education department in Europe for many years. The following comments shared by Audrey from the cards and letters she received testify of the wonderful way God worked through His faithful servant Paul:

We held Paul in the highest regard; he was a godly gentleman, and excellent teacher and such a hard worker; a life that really counted for eternity.

We loved him very much. We had especially high respect for him. His thoughts, his devotions shared

in our home, his Bible messages and children's lessons all spoke of his passion for Christ.

What a privilege to hear Paul preach and teach over the years! A true gentleman!

He has left a wonderful heritage in the lives of many boys and girls and also in the wider CEF family.

He was truly a man of God, a faithful servant and a gracious gentleman.

Paul was an inspiration to us all.

I benefited greatly from his teaching and encouragement. His reverence for the Word of God was so evident.

And finally, I was privileged to be his wife for over 61 years.

-Audrey Reid

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SHORTFALL



To increase the number of Children hearing the glorious Gospel, trusting that many come to Christ—all to the glory of God.



By God's grace CEF Europe hope to increase the number of children reached from **1,426,811** in 2022 to **5,000,000** by 2032



By God's grace CEF Europe hope to increase the number of CEF National Workers from **601** in 2022 to **1,000** by 2032.

CEF EUROPE MINISTRY 10 YEAR VISION

The vision to reach 5 million children each year with the Gospel is an inspirational one, and it requires the Lord to raise up many new workers and to sustain existing ones. These workers will recruit thousands of volunteers, train them, and help them reach more children with the Gospel.

In parts of Europe where it is not possible to raise all the support needed locally, God is opening doors for growth. This past Christmas, Ukraine and Russia were two of the countries where many thousands of children heard the Gospel. More opportunities exist today, but it is challenging to raise support in these and other places. Praise God for the Shortfall Ministry!

Based on those who have already committed to giving monthly, the remaining Shortfall need is an average of €178 per worker, for the month of April. We are currently seeking to help just over 300 workers.

For more Shortfall Ministry financial information, please visit partners.cefeurope.com.

One of the ways we 'tell His people' about the worker's need is by having them share their stories of how ministry is happening each day because of gifts to Shortfall.

Otilia is a new worker serving with CEF. She has answered the call of God to serve Him. She said, "My heart beats for God and His ministry." Last year Otilia prayed that God would allow her to serve Him full time and not just from time to time as a volunteer. God answered that prayer. Support for Shortfall enables workers like Otilia to join in serving Him full time!

Why not join us for the monthly prayer meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month @ 12:30 GMT? It lasts just 30 minutes and is open to all.

As we continue to work towards our vision of reaching 5 million children each year with the Gospel, we invite you to be part of this work for Him. Keeping the workers resourced for this task is a vital part of fulfilling this large goal. Please join us by supporting this aspect of the ministry of the Gospel.



Scan the QR code to hear from Otilia:



Would you like more information to support the Shortfall ministry? Use this QR code.



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Discussion Questions Day 2

- What are the benefits of following the curriculum? What challenges have you encountered in implementing the curriculum?
- What are the main ministries of CEF for which we need a curriculum and what should be included in it?
- Is it a good idea to offer our curriculum to Sunday school teachers? What are some of the benefits and challenges?

CLIMBING TO NEW HEIGHTS!

This past February, CEF of Europe had one of its largest online gatherings of workers ever for the Multimedia and Digital Summit. Around 200 workers from nearly every country in Europe attended the three-day gathering, which had simultaneous interpretation into six languages.

Open to all CEF workers, the goal of the Summit was to strengthen the vision of Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day through multimedia and digital ministries. Attendees learned how direct, digital and distribution ministries can work hand-in-hand to reach more children through Gospel booklets and videos, curricula and devotional books.



A session on applications for saved children was very much appreciated. Product production showing multiple perspectives—writers, illustrators, designers and translators—was shown, to which one person shared, “I learned many new things about your work and appreciate you all the more.”

Breakout sessions gave everyone a chance to share problems and solutions to specific types of multimedia and digital ministry and how the Gospel was spread through creative means.

In the afternoons, special PRO sessions were organised for those specifically working on translation, editing and layout to better help those working with literature and media in their country.

“It was a privilege for me to be at the summit. The amount of printed and digital material that God has given to CEF is just amazing. And also that we have such a great team that is willing to invest in developing new things and update what is already there.”



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