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“you will be my witnesses ...”

ACTS 1:8 (ESV)

Dear friends,

You and I act as witnesses multiple times every day. We hear something on television and share it with others. We see a good offer in a store and inform others so they can benefit too. We read something and pass it along because it's newsworthy and others will certainly want to know. It's part of our nature. We don't need to learn how to be witnesses; we simply are.

Often, witnesses are called upon because they are experts in a specific field, because they have first-hand experience of an event, or sometimes to provide a character reference. Witnesses are crucial. They need to be effective communicators, but also truthful and reliable.

The Lord Jesus knows that we are naturally good at witnessing, but He says, “you will be **my** witnesses.” You and I know how to witness, but we are called to do it for Him!

How effective are we in our role as witnesses? Do we tell others when we see how God answers prayer? Do we share about Him at every opportunity? Are we faithful in gossiping about the Gospel?

At *Child Evangelism Fellowship*®, we are delighted to offer the “tools” to help you be an effective witness. In this edition of *omission*, we will present more about the opportunity of witnessing through literature distribution. There will be people you meet who will have no other opportunity to hear about the Saviour. Why not carry a tract or Gospel booklet with you so that you can witness even in these circumstances?

May God help us to be His faithful witnesses today!



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C.H. Spurgeon





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THE IMPORTANCE OF GOSPEL LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION

The printed page is a powerful way to proclaim the gospel to boys and girls. It can reach places, countries, cities, and homes where we cannot go. It is cost-effective, avoids issues with travel documents or lack of internet, and consistently delivers its message without tiring, losing its temper, or compromising.

Once written and distributed, the paper missionary can be read and shared repeatedly, privately, or publicly, speaking without accent to potentially influence many children and their families through its permanence.

Promoting paper missionaries to children across Europe is a significant way to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Over the past two years, CEF Europe has published over 7 million Gospel

booklets in 38 languages. Special focus was given to *Do You Wonder Why?* This short booklet addresses questions that are on everyone's mind: Why do so many bad things happen in the world? Why did God allow this to happen? How can I get through this terrible time? The booklet provides answers from the Bible and presents the wonderful solution—the gift of salvation. These booklets, and others like *Meet the King!*, *Gospel of John*, or *Things You Need to Know*, are easy to give to a child with a smile and some encouragement to read them.

It is very important to us that all CEF paper missionaries present the Gospel clearly and simply so the child can make a decision to trust in Christ (if the Lord has prepared their heart and brought

them to the point of conviction). Paper missionaries inject spiritual truth during special seasons of the year when distribution intensifies: Easter, Summer, and Christmas. For each of these seasons, CEF has prepared special tracts and booklets to deliver their message when the reader is ready to receive it.

Charles Spurgeon encouraged the use of paper missionaries: *“When preaching and private talk are not available, you need to have a tract ready...get good striking tracts, or none at all. A touching gospel tract may be the seed of eternal life. Therefore, do not go out without your tracts. Let each one of us, if we have done nothing for Christ, begin to do something now. The distribution of tracts is the first thing.”*



Our paper missionaries are a testimony—even if a child doesn't read the whole message, they are reminded of their need in Christ. The distributed booklets and tracts always provide a point of reference for the children to find spiritual help by contacting a church, national office, individual, or website.



Watch Christina's testimony here:



Watch Stephanie's testimony here:



Most likely, we will not be able to have all the children of a village, town, county, or country in CEF regular Good News Club® ministry, but we can bring glory to God by sharing the good news of Jesus with **every child** through paper missionaries. We encourage you to watch testimonies of Stephanie and Kristina, which are examples of two children among the millions who received the chance to hear the Good News through a paper missionary used in Romania.

We recently heard a testimony from one of our CEF workers in Kazakhstan: *"The booklets for children are very attractive and bring joyful truth. We ask for prayers that the children read and keep them. We also ask for prayers that Muslim parents do not react negatively when the children come home with this literature. May God introduce and protect the children, and may the parents see the light of God through the changes in their children."*

In a rapidly changing and increasingly secular European society, it is crucial to find ways to equip boys and girls with the message of Jesus Christ. Booklets and tracts can ignite the spark of faith in young hearts. In CEF, we strongly believe in the power of paper missionaries to make a massive difference.

Will you pray with us for more paper missionaries to reach boys and girls across Europe? Will you join us in distributing booklets and tracts to boys and girls in your neighborhood? Even if only one more child trusts the Lord as Savior by reading and responding to His Good News, it is worth the effort! *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."* 1 Cor. 15:58

-Bogdan Bassara



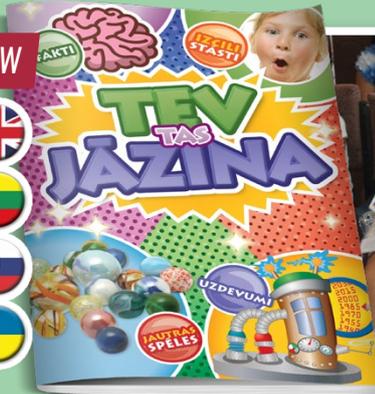
Below are the four most popular Gospel booklets, along with the language availability of each book.



MEET THE KING!



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW



DO YOU WONDER WHY?



GOSPEL OF JOHN



HE SPECIALIZES IN THE IMPOSSIBLE!

We serve a God who is able to do exceedingly more than we ask or think! Sometimes our dreams are so small, that we can be tempted to do them ourselves. This project is different! We cannot do it in our own strength. We need God's almighty intervention.

Scan the QR code to learn more.



AREA CONFERENCE *highlights*

To renew means to give fresh life or strength to; revive. Workers across Europe had the opportunity to do just that at the three area conferences: Eastern Europe, Central Europe and Southwest/Northwest Europe, held this past spring.

From March 11 to 13 we had the three-day CEF **Eastern Europe** online conference. Many workers from our region were able to attend and enjoy the fellowship with everyone else. We had Bible studies, reports, presentations of material, prayer groups and much more. Overall, it was an encouraging time and it was good to see most of our workers again—even if only on the screen.

In **Central Europe**, over 170 CEF missionaries gathered in Bosnia for three wonderful days of reflection, restoration, and fellowship. God blessed us with musicians with whom we sang and/or listened including two young, brilliant, high-school aged pianists, as well as speakers from a variety of nations and ministries that gave us good food from Scripture. As one attendee wrote, “I want to apply some of the truths that God showed me: how I might nurture

my marriage, my relationship with my family, my colleagues and above all not to burn out spiritually. I'm grateful to the Lord that He cares about every part of my life and lets me know that I don't have to fight my battles alone but surrender them all to Him.”

The conference for **Western Europe** was refreshing, encouraging and challenging. Solid Bible teaching gave deeper understanding to the meaning of ‘Press On’ (Philippians 3:14), the departments shared updates, and we had much time for prayer and fellowship. On the last day of the conference, Iulian Mangalagiu challenged us to live a life dedicated to Christ, the Gospel, the Word of God, prayer, the Church and the Ministry—key elements to reach more children in Europe. “It was a great joy to attend our first CEF Conference as a family. Our teens enjoyed food and worship time—we could sing in English, the music was excellent, and we were like a good choir. As parents, to relax from everyday duties, receiving God’s Word besides catching up with friends was precious!”



▲ Snapshots from the Central European Conference in Bosnia.
▼ The attendees of the Western European Connections Conference, who met in Spain.

Watch a video of the Central and Western conferences here!



SHORTFALL CELEBRATING MILESTONES AND RECOGNISING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

As CEF ministries across Europe commemorate significant milestones—30 years, 50 years, or more—we are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness. This year, our dear friends at Revival Movement Association celebrate 75 years of ministry. Such occasions provide a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that God has done. Just as Samuel set up a stone of remembrance between Mizpah and Shen, calling it Ebenezer, we too can proclaim, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." (1 Samuel 7).

Whether reflecting on a single event or 75 years of ministry, we can confidently declare, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." It is truly a blessing to testify to God's unwavering care.

In the past month alone, 300 workers have benefited from shortfall support. Since the beginning of this ministry, they can testify to God's care every month. They have faithfully and regularly brought the Gospel to children, affirming, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

In a particularly challenging country, when asked what we should pray for, the CEF national director responded, "Pray that the children we are reaching with the Gospel will love God more than anything else. Only then will we see a change in our country." We invite you to join us in this prayer for all the countries in Europe!

God has indeed helped us, and He has done so through your generosity! Thank you for your

prayers and contributions to the shortfall ministry, enabling 300 workers to continue their vital ministry, often in very difficult circumstances. To sustain and expand our vision to reach more children each month with the Gospel, we rely on the support of God's people.

The Apostle Paul captured this spirit of partnership in his words from 2 Corinthians 9:12, "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

Supporting the shortfall is "supplying the needs of the Lord's people" and indeed in CEF we are "overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

If you would like to contribute to supporting the workers who most need support this month, or receive regular updates about shortfall needs, please contact Harry Robinson at Harry.Robinson@cef europe.org.

As God takes care of the needs so children can hear the Gospel message around Europe, let's continue to give thanks to Him for His faithfulness!



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“GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD, PROCLAIM HIS NAME; MAKE KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS WHAT HE HAS DONE.”

PSALM 105:1

Communication involves sharing information, ideas, and thoughts, and it's essential in both life and ministry. The newly established communication department was created to glorify God by making known among the nations what He has done in the lives of children across Europe.

Yasmina (Romania) is responsible for photo & video projects, social media, and coordinating with other departments on video requests.

Teo (Romania) focuses primarily on video editing, using his gifts to produce high-quality content. **Ruth** (Northern Ireland) works part-time in the department, contributing to social media ideas and content creation.

The department's first initiative was to showcase CEF's efforts in every European country, on social media (see below). So far, eight countries have been covered, and their work has been an encouragement for local workers. One worker shared: *“Thank you for making the ministry in our country known!”* In addition to the social media campaigns, the department is committed to supporting local missionaries by documenting and filming mission trips. A few have already been covered, providing a visual testament to the impactful work being done and inspiring others to join CEF in reaching children with the Gospel.

Please pray for the communication department as they work to connect believers and ministry partners with the incredible stories of faith, hope, and redemption of children unfolding across various countries in Europe.



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