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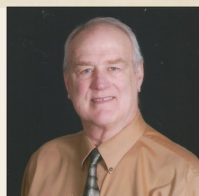
Dear Friends & Supporters,

We just finished the week of *CYIA*™ training, and I came away very impressed with our group of teens and the effort they put forth to be prepared to share the Good News of Jesus to the children of this state. I am convinced that our future is in good hands from what I witnessed. The excitement and enthusiasm our team exhibited was such an encouragement to me.

They studied, they practiced, they memorized and worked on their presentation of Bible stories, missionary stories, songs, Bible verse memorizations, and games. It was uplifting and exciting to observe. I look forward to hearing their stories and the results of their outreach to the children of our great state.

You should be proud of them. God will use them in many ways, and the spiritual results will have an incredible benefit to the future on the children they will encounter this summer. Please be in prayer for them as they will face resistance from the evil one. To the parents who have been willing to share your children with us this summer we want to extend our deepest gratitude for this great cause. For those of you who have sacrificed time, finances and provided snacks, homes, transportation, we can't thank you enough. God is and will be blessing us for your love and compassion for the many children of South Dakota.

In His Service,
Greg Buche
State Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship



Thunder, Rain and Noah

By Glenda Palmquist, Ministry Coordinator

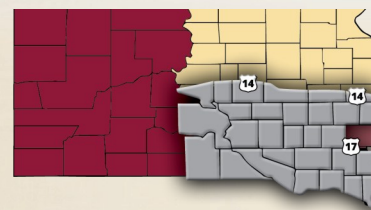
As soon as *Christian Youth in Action*® was complete, the summer missionaries hit the ground running teaching 5-Day Clubs across the state. This is my second week of teaching clubs in the Huron area with different teens from Huron, Aberdeen, and Madison. It is a great experience to be able to teach children we have taught before plus many new children in new clubs. We have reached close to 90 children. We had clubs in Mitchell the week of June 29th.

We have experienced all types of weather from extremely hot to very cool for summer. This summer our theme is "Turned Around," sharing stories from God's Word of lives being turned around. Just this week we were setting up club, and it looked like the rain would not hold off, so we moved the club into the shelter. As we were moving there it started to rain. We decided to teach the club under the shelter during the rain and thunderstorm as we talked about Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You." I taught the story of Noah while the thunder clapped overhead. By the end of the lesson, the sun came out and it reminded us that we can trust God's promises, even during a storm and when we are afraid. Please pray for the children as we continue to teach them this summer.



The Candlelight

Reaching the children of the Lewis and Clark Area



Summer Missionaries Ready to Reach the Children By Kennon Hofer

The summer ministry has a great start with *Christian Youth In Action*® training held at Sunshine Bible Academy during the week of May 3-June 6. There were nine summer missionaries from the Lewis and Clark area who attended the *CYIA*™ training. The summer missionaries for the Lewis and Clark Area are Sadie Troxell, Tyler Troxell, Sammy Troxell, Eli Davis, Felicity Davis, Danni Schuman, Audri Hohm, Sofie Jennings, Lyla Materses, Gretta DeBerry, and Genesis Henderickson. Bree Wettlaufer is serving this year as the State Summer Coordinator, working in all areas of the state. There was a total of 27 teens who attended the training. Please pray for them as they reach the children for Christ.

The months of June, July and August will be busy for *CEF*® ministry of the Lewis and Clark Area. The 5-Day Clubs are planned in Platte, Salem, Tulare, Bridgewater, Huron, Howard, Madison, Mitchell, Parkston, Marion, Monroe Area, and Freeman.

The summer ministry season will end for *CEF* by reaching the children through Gospel face painting at the Turner County Fair and Steam Threshing Jamboree at Prairie Village in Madison. The dates for the fairs are as follows: Turner County Fair in Parker, August 17-20; and the Steam Threshing Jamboree at Prairie Village in Madison, August 27-30. Hope to see you at the *CEF* booth at the Turner County Fair and Steam Threshing Jamboree Day.



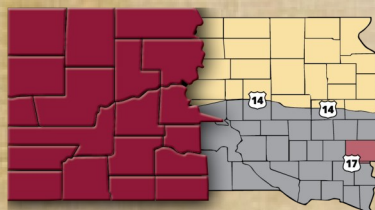
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Black Hills Bulletin

Reaching the children of the Black Hills Area

Summer Events Beginning By Janet Keegan

A great team of volunteers represented us at the Homeschool Convention held at the Monument in Rapid City. They shared information about *CEF*® in general and the local chapter in particular. Many were interested in *Christian Youth in Action*®. Next winter we will reach out to this demographic to recruit youth for *CYIA*™.

Two experienced and one new youth from our area attended *CYIA*. They are ready to share the Gospel with children at 5-Day Clubs. At the Commissioning Service, one of our students shared her moving testimony about the positive impact *CYIA* has had on her life.

To date we have participated in two Rapid City Police Department Community Engagement Events, sharing the Gospel through face painting. We are excited to be able to participate in the weekly Sturgis Gathering Markets on Friday afternoons. And we are anticipating partnering with the Salvation Army and individuals to host Party Clubs and 5-Day Clubs. Then there are the county fairs! It will be a busy summer!



Many hands make teamwork
at CYIA

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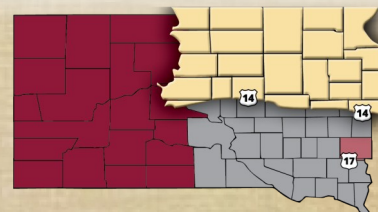
Reaching the children of the Great Plains Area

Halfway Point *By Sakura Eggena*

We have reached our almost halfway point of the summer, and I have seen God do so much in the lives of the teens and the kids!

One of my favorite things about serving with CEF® is seeing how these kids and teens grow in their faith over the years. It is such an encouragement to watch them mature in their relationship with Christ and begin to live out their faith in practical ways. Often, kids who attend 5-Day Clubs, Good News Clubs, and *Camp Good News*® grow up to become CYIA™ Summer Missionaries, dedicating their summers to sharing the gospel with the next generation.

Please join us in praying for all the Summer Missionaries teaching this summer and for the kids who have attended or will attend 5-Day Clubs. Pray for the older students in our clubs who may have a heart for missions, that they would have the confidence to share their faith with others as well. And praise God for the work that He has done in the lives of these teens and for the work that He continues to do in them each day.



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Sioux Falls Area

Reaching the children of the Sioux Falls Area

Who is This Guy? *By Stuart Curry*

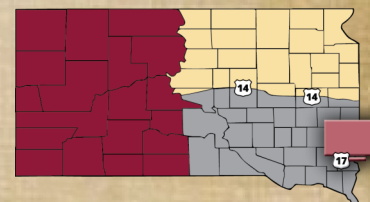
CEF of Sioux Falls has a new Director of Development: Stuart J. Curry. Stuart grew up in Tacoma, Washington, where a neighbor invited his family to church. That invitation changed his life. At camp, God confirmed his call to ministry with children. From there came children's church, youth ministry, camp ministry, and eventually *Child Evangelism Fellowship*®.

At thirteen, Stuart found himself responsible for a cabin of 11- and 12-year-old boys with no senior counselor. He did not know it then, but God was showing him the direction of his life: helping children hear about Jesus.

Stuart previously led CEF's Kitsap County chapter in Washington. There, he saw God work through churches, volunteers, and supporters to bring the gospel to children. Today, he serves as pastor of Salem MB Church in Bridgewater and serves part-time as Director of Development for CEF of Sioux Falls.

Would you consider joining the **Band of 200**? We need prayer for open doors in schools and communities, churches ready to partner, volunteers willing to serve, and children whose hearts are ready to hear the good news of Jesus.

Prayer is not an extra part of this ministry. It is the foundation of it. Would you be one of the 200? Contact Stuart J. Curry at 360-228-5120 stuart.curry@cefsd.org.



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5-Day Clubs



For the last 4 weeks 5-Day Clubs have been happening around the state. Redfield, Aberdeen, Columbia, Watertown, Platte, Beresford, Tulare, Huron, Mitchell, Salem and Madison to name a few. In the coming weeks, we will reach more children in smaller communities and in Sioux Falls as well. These clubs reach children with the Gospel and disciple them in the Word of God. Many children continue to come year after year. Pray for the staff and teens as they reach these children

Prayers:

- For many children reached at the 5-Day Clubs and fairs
- For travel safety and protection as we visit new locations to share the Gospel
- That God would raise up 200 people committed to praying for CEF of Sioux Falls
- That the older students in our clubs who may have a heart for missions that they would have the confidence to share their faith

Praises:

- For 27 teenagers attending CYIA training for the summer
- Praise God for His promises
- For the our new CYIA attendee, Katelyn
- Praise God for opening the door for Stuart to serve as Director of Development

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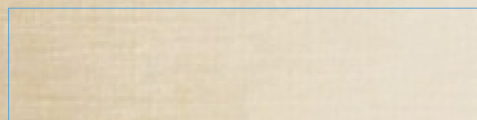
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