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FROM THE DESK OF...



Dear Friends and Supporters,
Last month, I attended CEF's State Leaders Conference in Warrenton, Missouri. Our leaders were challenged to pray for local churches, care for their ministries, and share our mission and message with them.

We saw the need to improve on how we come alongside the church to meet the needs of the people in their congregations. An example shared with us was about a woman that had four children, no job and no place to live. This was presented to the congregation. Someone one found her an apartment. Another individual gave her a car, and another offered her a job.

Through our ministry with children, we often learn of family needs and challenges that may not yet be known to the church. We want to serve as the eyes, ears, hands, and feet of Jesus, responding with compassion and care. We were encouraged to become more actively involved when these needs come to our attention.

During a subcommittee meeting, I was encouraged to learn that South Dakota has one of the largest paid staffs consisting of 5 full employees. Some states have less staff with populations of one to three million. This reflects well on our South Dakota team. God is working through your support to make a significant difference in this ministry. Thank you for helping ensure that children throughout South Dakota hear the message of salvation through Jesus.

In His Service,
Greg Buche State Director of CEF® of South Dakota

VISION FOR THE FUTURE *By Glenda Palmquist, Ministry Coordinator*

The last few weeks the weather has finally shown it is Fall. Fall ministries are in full swing. Good News Clubs® have started across the state with a few more to start by the time you are reading this article. It is exciting to share after many years absence a club will start at Washington school in Huron with a local church partnership. Recently I held a teacher training for this church with seven people attending.

Also, this fall most of the chapters and the state have had their Vision Dinners. (Lewis and Clark Chapter holds theirs in the Spring.) These dinners share what God is doing in the ministry and share the vision for reaching the children in the next year. It is exciting to be able to gather and share how God has changed lives. This is one of the reasons we have people share testimonies and give ministry updates.

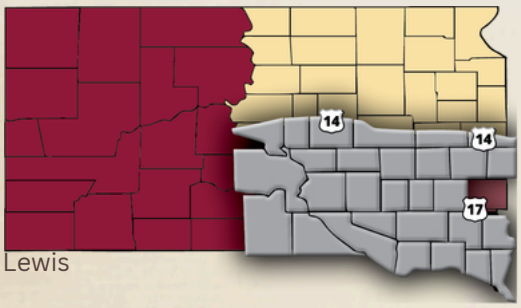
There are many children in South Dakota who do not have access to weekly on-going Biblical teaching in their lives. This is why we continue to hold Good News Clubs, Christmas Party Clubs and other ministry outreaches. Our Vision continues to be Every Child, Every Nation (Town in SD) Every Day. We partner with churches to help disciple the children and establish them in a Bible believing church for Christian growth. Please continue to pray that many of the 87,000 children ages 5-12 can hear the gospel that will change their lives.



All Children Need to Hear!

The Candlelight

Reaching the children of the Lewis and Clark Area



Making an Impact for Christ

By Kennon Hofer

Let's look back on 2026 what God has done through the ministry of *CEF*® in the Lewis and Clark area.

The month of June was the *Christian Youth in Action*® (*CYIA*™) training. There were 27 teens who attended the *CYIA* training, which helps to equip teens minister to children through the *5-Day Clubs*.

The summer ministry was packed full of **eighteen** *5-Day Clubs*. A total of 291 children attended the clubs and heard the Gospel of Christ, with 1 child trusting Christ as their personal Savior. The 5-Day Clubs were held in Huron, Tulare, Salem, Platte, Freeman, Madison, Mitchell, Marion, Monroe Area, Emery, Madison, and Ramona.



5-Day Club in Madison

There were 450 children who were reached at the Turner County Fair and a 137 children who were reached at the Jamboree Days in Madison and 4 decisions.

Last school year we had Good News Clubs in the following public elementary schools; Marion, Freeman, Mount Vernon, and Bridgewater/Emery, 2 clubs in Huron, and 2 clubs in Pierre. The *Good News Clubs* will be starting again for this school year.

Over 1,000 children were reached in 2026 with the Gospel in the Lewis and Clark area. Now, we are closing in on our "End of the Year" financial goal with $5,000 left to raise by the end of 2026. If you wish to give financially to the Lewis & Clark Area, please make out your checks to CEF and write in the check's memo line, Lewis and Clark Area. Thank you for your support towards the ministry of CEF!

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Black Hills Bulletin

Reaching the children of the Black Hills Area

Fall Brings in New Club

By Janet Keegan

Great News! A new club in a new school district with new volunteers from a new church partner is up and running! After half a year of waiting to finalize details with the Douglas School District, we now have a Good News Club® at Badger Clark Elementary School. The club is open to students from all three elementary schools which are all near each other. Currently all the students are from Badger Clark. The school provided a large room with outdoor access (for playing review games outside on nice days). God is good!

Looking forward, we are anticipating participating in Trunk or Treats and Harvest/Fall Festivals in the area. Hot Springs Volunteers will be reaching children with the gospel and sharing about the Hot Springs GNC at the annual Christmas Craft Fair.

It is time for Christmas Party Clubs to be scheduled. If you would like to host a Party Club, please let Janet know. Training for Party Club hosts and helpers is available.



Maris and Heather at the Hot Springs Back to School night.

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Prairie Winds

Reaching the children of the Great PlainsArea



Love of Hearing the Gospel

By Sakura Eggena

What a blessing it is to be in our Good News Club® (GNC) season! We have had two GNCs in our chapter for some time now, and lately, our Good News Club® ministry has been growing!

One of our GNCs started last year in Eureka with just seven children, and this year, it has grown to sixteen! The teachers shared that the children who attended last year were excited to start again this year and have even begun inviting their friends. It is such an encouragement to see these children looking forward to coming back and wanting to share this opportunity with others.



Good News Club in Eureka

Along with this growing club, we have another GNC starting at the Deuel School in early November. We are so thankful for the faithful volunteers who give their time and energy to teach these clubs and, most importantly, have a heart for sharing the love of Jesus with the next generation.

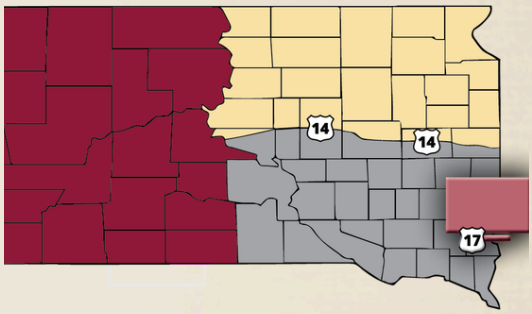
Please pray for all our GNC teachers as they continue to disciple these children, faithfully teach God's Word, and help them understand what it means to follow Jesus. Please also pray for every child enrolled in GNC, that their hearts would be open to the Gospel, that they would come to know the Lord personally, and that they would continue to grow in their faith.

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Sioux Falls Area

Reaching the children of the Sioux Falls

Until Every Child Hears

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There is much to be thankful for as another season of ministry is underway in the Sioux Falls area. In September, we gathered volunteers for training and encouragement as they prepared to share God's Word with children.

This fall, 10 *Good News Clubs* and one *Junior Youth Challenge*® program are meeting throughout our area. Week after week, dedicated volunteers teach Bible lessons, help children learn Scripture, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our desire is not simply to have clubs meeting, but to see children understand the Gospel, trust Jesus as Savior, and grow in their faith.



We are also working to develop a Party Club at LifeScape in Sioux Falls and exploring opportunities to open more Good News Clubs.

On Oct. 23, we held our "Until Every Child Hears" Partnership Dinner at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church. It was an opportunity to celebrate the ministry, share our vision for the future, and invite others to become part of the work.

We are grateful that $16,000 was raised at the dinner, leaving us just $4,000 short of our $20,000 matching gift goal. We are also looking for more people to join our Band of 200, a group committed to faithfully praying for the ministry and the children we are seeking to reach with the Gospel.

Fall Festivals



Each fall, at the end of October, CEF staff and volunteers share the Gospel with children across the state at fall festivals or trunk or treats. It is an awesome opportunity to reach many children. Some of these the teams of people face paint, or wordless book bracelets. All children receive a tract with the gospel. We are so excited to share at these outreaches.

Prayers:

- For the many children who are attending clubs across the state
- For for strength, wisdom, and encouragement for those faithfully teaching and serving each week
- For a successful Vision Diner and for volunteers to host
- For reaching our $20,000 matching gift goal
- For open doors in schools and communities, and for churches, leaders, and teachers ready to reach children with the gospel

Praises:

- Praise God for being able to share His Vision for reaching the children
- Praise God for eighteen 5-Day Clubs in the Lewis and Clark Area
- Praise God for being in the Douglas School District
- Praise God for 587 children reached at Turner County Fair and Jamboree Days
- Praise God for Good News Clubs starting the new school year

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