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Dear Friends & Supporters,

As we start this new year, I am reminded that many people make New Year's Resolutions. I have not been notorious for doing that as quite often they only last a few weeks. More often I find myself making choices during the year to change my behaviors for the good. An example of this would be when we at *CEF®* found ourselves facing a financial shortfall. I along with our state board, started praying daily and fasting on Mondays seeking God's help.

I was more than amazed and grateful for His answer and provision for this ministry. I am thankful to Him as well as you, our supporters, for providing for us. We have an awesome God and wonderful supporters that make this outreach to children such a success.

This year we have set our goal to reach 6,000 children for Jesus. There is a great need to get the word out to the future leaders who will make an impact on the direction our world is heading. When we see the light go on in children's eyes and the excitement we see in our teenage missionaries, our hearts are delighted.

You may not be able to witness the impact that your prayers, financial support and contribution of your time and energy make. However, you can be assured that you are a vital part of fulfilling the Great Commission issued by Jesus to tell the world about His gift of salvation. I praise and thank God for all you do in reaching our children with the message of salvation.

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

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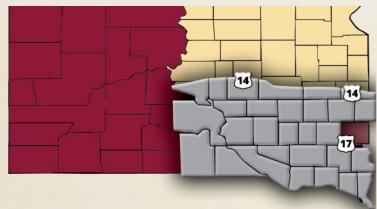
By Glenda Palmquist, Ministry Coordinator

What every soccer player and their fans love to hear! Soccer is one of the favorite sports around the world, often called football in many of these countries. This summer *Child Evangelism Fellowship®* will be kicking off Soccer Party Clubs across the country, including South Dakota. These clubs can be held as a one-day event and/or within our 5-Day Clubs. Each spring and fall you will find many boys and girls playing soccer and while the USA is hosting the World Cup, it is a great opportunity for *CEF®* to host these clubs. “Xavier’s New Team” is the story of one young man who realizes he needs forgiveness. The lesson will allow the children to see they need forgiveness of their sins. They will see that God’s love is a free and perfect gift that will last forever. If you are interested in hosting a 5-Day Club® or a one-day Soccer Club, please call Glenda at 605-352-8311.



The Candlelight

Reaching the children of the Lewis and Clark Area



Great Start to the Good News Clubs *By Kennon Hofer*

One of the main ministries of CEF® is the *Good News Club®*. The weekly clubs are a place where children are taught a Bible verse, Bible story, missionary story, sing Bible centered songs and interactive games. Most of the Good News Clubs now meet after school in public elementary schools.

The clubs are off to a great start in the Lewis and Clark Area. Right now, there are six Good News Clubs in the Lewis and Clark Area. They are at Bridgewater/Emery public elementary school, Madison public elementary school in Huron, Freeman public elementary school, Jefferson public elementary in Pierre, and Buchanan public elementary in Pierre. There is a brand-new *Good News Club* at the Lakota Chapel Church in Pierre. There is a total of 115 children in attendance at these clubs.

You can be in prayer for the new *Good News Club*, which is planned to start in February 2026 at the Marion Public elementary school.



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Reaching the children of the Black Hills Area

Looking Back and Ahead *By Janet Keegan*

As we start a new year, we look back at the 2025 calendar year with awe and wonder at all God has done!

We were able to share the Gospel with 997 children at Good News Clubs, Party Clubs, Christmas Party Clubs, 5-Day Club, county fairs, a summer camp program, and community events. One community event was a Trunk or Treat on Ellsworth Air Force Base—a first in recent memory! We saw a brand new school based *Good News Club®* started at Hot Springs. Best of all we witnessed 68 salvations! Sadly, we also said goodbye to the club at Pinedale Elementary due to a lack of children.

A successful Vision Dinner was planned for and held in November. Attendees included many new ministry partners!

Now we look to the future to see how and where God will lead us. We are praying for open doors for additional Good News Clubs and for volunteers to teach the clubs and lead the chapter. Watch for opportunities for volunteer training, hosting 5-Day Clubs in the summer, or helping to share the Gospel at community events!



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Prairie Winds

Reaching the children of the Great Plains Area



New Good News Club Welcomed By Sakura Eggema

What a joy it has been to see our new *Good News Club*® grow! We launched a new club in Eureka on the first Wednesday in November. Although the leaders were a little worried that attendance might be low, we were thrilled to welcome seven children on the very first day.

It was such a blessing to be there with the kids during that first month and to see how excited they were for club each week. To my surprise, most of the students are a bit older, around 10 or 11 years old, and they are just as enthusiastic as the younger ones. The club leaders truly love the children, and it shows in the way they teach and lead each week.

In December, the club hosted a Christmas Party Club™ before the holiday break. Although I was unable to attend, I was told the kids had a wonderful time!



Please be in prayer for all the children who attend this club, as well as the other clubs throughout our chapter. Also pray that God would provide many more wonderful volunteers like the ones we have, so we can open even more clubs next year.

Sioux Falls Area

Reaching the children of the Sioux Falls Area



Holy Interruptions—Perfectly Timed by God! By Amanda Barton

Last fall, our Good News Clubs were introduced to Joni Eareckson Tada as the missionary story. The children learned about her life, her faith, and how God uses suffering for His glory. The Beresford Club wrote letters to Joni—and to their amazement, she wrote back..

One leader updated the club this fall, after weeks away due to her husband's medical needs. She distributed Advent cards featuring artwork Joni had painted. Then she quietly slipped out early to get home. But God wasn't finished.

Passing by the after-school program, she felt an unmistakable nudge to go inside. There she met a staff member, a Christian young woman who became a paraplegic as a result of a car accident when she was a teenager. The leader shares,

"I thought, I would just go in and wish her a merry Christmas. When I was there, she said it'd been a very hard week. An 8th grade boy had been run over in a sledding accident, and the whole school was mourning. I shared the Advent cards with her. Then I looked over, and there was a little boy in a wheelchair. I asked if I could give him a card. "Oh, sure," she said. I went over to him and asked him if he would like a picture. He was non verbal but could communicate with his caregiver who understood that, yes, he would like a card. As he was choosing, some girls in the after school program came over to look at the cards too. "Could we have one?" they said. Well, sure. So I gave all of the teacher's cards to the girls, and one of the girls said she used to go to *Good News Club*®." I said, "Well, you should come back. You could all come to *Good News Club*." Fortunately, I had one more Advent Bag in my car that I gave to the teacher. As I left, I thought, "What just happened, God?" I wasn't scheduled to do the missionary story, but God led me to share about Joni that fit with a terrible tragedy that had just happened and connected with these students so I could invite them to *Good News Club*. I drove by amazed at God's timing and his perfect plan.

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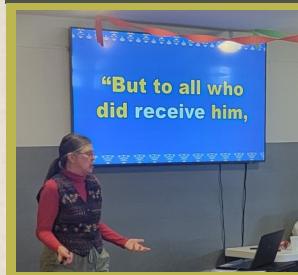
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Christmas Party Club



Hills of Grace Fellowship of Rapid City had a "Parent's Afternoon Off," giving parents a chance to Christmas shop without their children. The first hour was a Christmas Party Club and here Janet Keegan is teaching the memory verse to the 12 children who attended.

Prayers:

- For open doors and volunteers for a *Good News Club* at one of the Douglas Elementary schools and for new local committee members
- For children attending the Good News Clubs
- For the staff who will be recruiting for *CYIA* and Winter Quest starting in January
- For development of the middle school Junior Youth Challenge programs in the Sioux Falls Area

Praises:

- For the successful Vision Dinners
- For the many children attending the Good News Clubs
- To God for supplying all our needs
- That Sioux Falls Area Good News Clubs continue to multiply

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