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Dear Supporters and Friends,

We have experienced an activity filled summer as we are reaching children across this great state of ours. We have seen children come to the saving grace of Jesus and it has been exciting to gift them their very first Bible. We have sent out more paid teen summer missionaries than ever before. God is moving in the hearts and lives of our teens as we have witnessed them grow in courage and self-confidence.

We are preparing to do our yearly outreach at the State Fair. This is when we share the Wordless Book while painting children's faces. During this time not only do children hear the gospel message, so do the adults that are bringing them to us. This has been an awesome opportunity to change the lives of the many people that God brings our way. Please be in prayer for those who hear the story of Jesus's love and sacrifice.

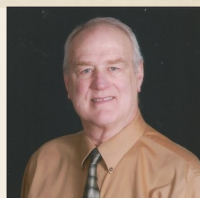
Because we have increased the number of summer missionaries who are serving our state, we have also incurred a larger payroll, more training expenses, travel expense and gospel materials. At this time of year, we have the highest budget costs, putting pressure on our finances.

Please be in prayer for God's provision, as we all know "He owns the cattle on a thousand hills." We trust Him and His people to provide for this need. God bless all of you for doing your part in making this ministry such a great success.

In His hands,

Greg Buche

State Director of CEF of South Dakota



Summer Comes to an End

By Glenda Palmquist, Ministry Coordinator

Summer ministries have come to an end. We had a successful summer with many 5-Day Clubs, *Camp Good News*® and many outreach opportunities to share the Gospel through facepainting. I recently helped with Turner County Fair, Brown County Fair, Prairie Village and the State Fair. These outreaches help us share Jesus with many children. Even with the fair results not all calculated as you read this, we are already in the process of kicking off our fall/winter ministries.

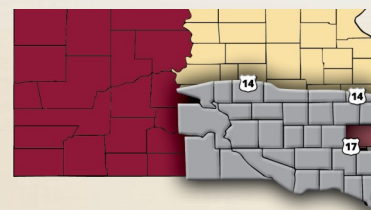
Good News Club® will start in October. I will be teaching this fall at an elementary school in Huron, where I have taught for more than 12 years. I am excited to see many children learn more about Jesus and His love for them, and how to live out their faith at school. Each year we have children who do not know very much about God, but by the end of club they are truly understanding and their knowledge of God increases.

Please be in prayer as we plan for the clubs. Pray the children will grow in their faith.



The Candlelight

Reaching the children of the Lewis and Clark Area



5-Day Club Makes an Impact on Children *By Kennon Hofer*

The 5-Day Club® ministry is a key ministry of CEF® in reaching children for Christ during the summer. Today's testimony was written by Joy Erdman who was a club host and CEF local committee member. Joy shares her testimony on how the 5-Day Club made a positive impact on the children who attended the club.

"When we decided to have a 5-Day Club in our backyard, we didn't know what to expect. We invited all the children in our church to come and bring friends. Then we passed out invitations in our neighborhood."

It rained on the first day, so we cleared out the garage and had the club there. The teens conducted the games and adjusted. The children had a good time.

Many of the children did not go to church regularly, but they listened well and asked some very good questions. One of the girls listened intently and when the invitation was given, she responded. One of the CYLA™ teens explained salvation to her in a private conversation and she received Jesus as her Savior! She was so excited and continued to come to club.

By the last club day, it was so hot that we brought the club into our living room. I wasn't sure how that would go, but the children did a great job and ended the club with a hilarious water fight.

Consider hosting a 5 Day Club next year. We need to reach children for Christ!"



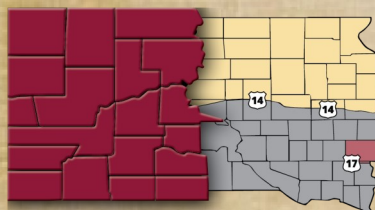
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Black Hills Bulletin

Reaching the children of the Black Hills Area

Celebrating God's Faithfulness *By Janet Keegan*

As the events of summer are rapidly coming to an end, we are celebrating what God has been doing and will continue to do in the Black Hills as we start a new ministry year on September 1. At 5-Day Clubs, county fairs and community events over 400 children heard the Gospel, along with teens and adults. That includes 55 children who indicated they received Christ! A side benefit was experiencing Native American culture at Eagle Butte and on Pine Ridge along with ranch culture at the Fall River and Custer County Fairs. Another side benefit—youth expressing interest in attending *Christian Youth in Action*® next year!

As we look forward to starting after school Good News Clubs, we are especially excited to be preparing to have a *Good News Club*® at the Hot Springs Elementary School! We are also hoping to expand the ministry into more outlying areas through additional community events this fall. If you know of an upcoming community event in your area that we could participate in, please let me know.



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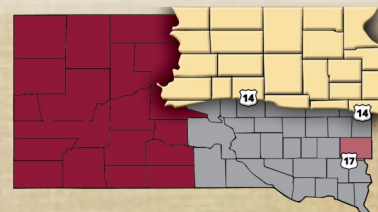
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Reaching the children of the Great Plains Area

Our Plans are Not Always God's By Sakura Eggena

This Summer we had plans to reach the children of Enemy Swim with a 5-Day Club®. When we arrived, the church was still locked so my team and a group of three ladies decided to wait at the church to see if any children would arrive. After about an hour we knew the children would not come today or probably the rest of the week. But one of the ladies suggested we go to the school and ask to teach the club there since it seemed all the kids were at summer school. We were able to meet with the head of the summer activities on that Tuesday, and they let us come in for two 45-minute sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. We were put on the board for the children to choose us or another activity. In the end seven children came to club. Two of them enjoyed it so much on Tuesday that they came again on Wednesday. This all doesn't seem like much but to me it was a huge win! These are primarily native children, and they have a belief in the creator but many of them don't know how to connect that with a belief in Jesus. They know there is one true creator God but not their great need for Jesus and I believe what was taught in those two days will leave a lasting impact on those seven kids.



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Sioux Falls Area

Reaching the children of the Sioux Falls Area

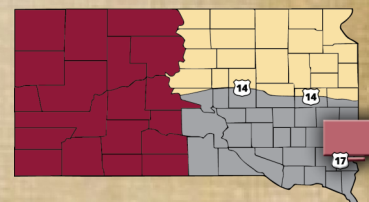
What a Difference a Week Makes! By Renae Reu

This summer I attended clubs as part of the CEF® ministry team. I saw kids from preschool to 12 years old attend. From the games, songs, memory verses, Bible stories and missionary stories, the kids were engaged. At one club, seeing the eagerness in the middle school girls opening up their Bibles to find the verses was encouraging. On the last day of club the five girls came singing the theme song, "Have you heard about Jesus?" with such enthusiasm. One of the middle school girls on the last day accepted Jesus and then said she wanted to be a missionary, considering CYIA™ next year along with her friend.

At another club, an 8-year-old accepted Jesus after the second time being there, received a Bible and wanted to highlight a verse in her new Bible. Another family brought their two children and talking with the mom they found out they don't have a church and only go when they are at Grandma's in another town. This family now has the Bible in their home and was connected with a local church.

Another conversation with an aunt who brought her niece and nephew shared her story of coming to know Jesus two years ago coming out of addiction.

As we gear up for our Good News Club® season, we are reminded that our clubs not only impact the leaders and the children, but entire families as conversations and life stories are shared. We invite you to join us in sharing the eternal Word and love of God that impacts us all for many generations!



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Prayers:

- For more volunteers so that we can start more Good News Clubs
- For Sioux Falls Area open staff positions and *Good News Club*® volunteers and training
- For the children attending Good News Clubs this fall

Praises:

- For how God has been leading children to receive Christ at summer events
- For the 69 children who attended 5-Day Clubs in the Sioux Falls Area, three salvations and families that received Bibles and were connected with local churches
- For the 434 children reached by the 5-Day Clubs in the Lewis and Clark area

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