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FROM THE DESK OF...

Dear friends and Supporters,

CEF® has had a very busy summer across the state. God has blessed me with the opportunity to witness our teens in action throughout South Dakota. They enthusiastically share Bible stories, missionary stories, songs, verses, games, snacks and their love for children. As we head to our local fairs, the state fair and the many celebrations around the state, we need your prayers. We will be painting thousands of faces, arms and hands where we share individually the Wordless Book and God's plan for their life. We will also be giving train rides at the state fair. We invite you to stop by our booth located just east of the grandstand and share how God has blessed you throughout the year.

It is during this time of the year that I try to contact all our donors by phone to personally thank you and ask how I can pray for you. I particularly enjoy visiting with you and hearing your stories about how Child Evangelism Fellowship® has impacted your life, or why you have chosen to gift us with your donations. I cannot tell you how blessed and honored I am to have the privilege to serve as the state director. It is humbling and encouraging to be used by God in this capacity. Thank you for your love and support for our children.

In His Service,

Greg Buche State Director of CEF of South Dakota



FALL HAPPENINGS *By Glenda Palmquist, Ministry Coordinator*

Summer is over and fall is around the corner. During this transition stage many things are happening behind the scenes. First, we have begun working on our *Good News Club*® (GNC®) schedules. This would include lining up volunteers to teach, training the teachers, and printing invitations. Secondly, we are preparing for the "Reaching the Children" Vision Dinner. This will be held at Huron Event Center November 13th. Last year we outgrew our venue and found that the Event Center could meet our needs. Those attending will hear about God's goodness and His plans for the coming year. Our speaker is John Ramono is the Camp Good News director from CEF® of Maine, he has a heart for the children and Camp Good News® is one of the favorite summer ministries in SD both for children and the teens. Thirdly, we are working on the strategic plan. This process involves praying and planning out how God wants us to do His ministry. We follow the USA strategic plan as a guideline. Thank you for your prayers and support for the children and staff. Summer was busy and a the final number will be coming in after the State Fair, we will update in our next newsletter, or better yet, come to the banquet and hear firsthand how God is moving in the state of South Dakota.



DAKOTA HARVEST

The Candlelight

Reaching the children of the Lewis and Clark Area

5-Day Club Makes an Impact on Children

By Sharon Horning, Freeman, SD

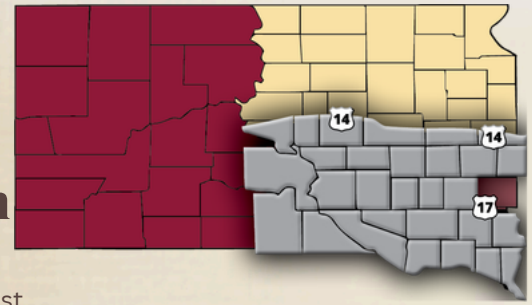
The **5-Day Club**® ministry is a key ministry of CEF® in reaching children for Christ during the summer. Today's testimony was written by Sharon Horning, who was a club host this summer in Freeman, SD. Sharon shares her testimony on how the 5-Day Club made a positive impact on the children who attended the club.

"A 5-Day Club kicked off in Freeman at the home of Jim & Sharon Horning on July 20th a super-hot day. Thirteen children were soon caught up in the songs, bible and missionary stories along with engaging games and memory challenges, led by Eli and Felicity a brother-sister team from Platte, SD. A cooling treat of popsicles was eagerly received by the boys and girls. As the weather improved each day so did the enthusiasm of the kids for learning God's word.

Their boundless energy and big smiles inspired me to participate in the songs and activities right along with them. This club proved to be truly a worthwhile event, where throughout the fun-filled week young lives were given an opportunity to accept Jesus and were challenged to share their faith. The moms and dads I visited commented on how much their children looked forward to attending each day. Thanks, CEF® for training teens to share the Good News through 5-Day Clubs!"



5-Day Club in Freeman



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Reaching the children of the Black Hills Area

Successful Summer

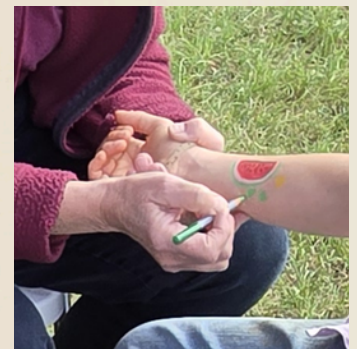
By Janet Keegan

We started off the summer with a Kickoff Soccer Party Club at the end of June. It was a great way for our local CYIA™ trained girls to start working together!

Unfortunately, July hot weather encouraged children to stay inside. We praise God for the children who came to our three outdoor 5-Day Clubs and three Kickoff Soccer Party Clubs despite the heat! Our one indoor club was part of a Vacation Bible School. Church members collected children from their homes, so it was very well attended. Their enthusiasm was a great encouragement!

County fairs are great places to become better known in the rural area. This year we participated in the Kid Zone at the Fall River County Fair, had booths at the Meade and Custer County Fairs, and participated in the Harding County Fair for the first time!

Good News Clubs will be starting soon, The Hot Springs Club starts August 25th. Rapid City clubs will start the end of September, beginning of October on September 11, I will meet with the Douglas School District Elementary Administrator about have a GNC® in one of their elementary schools.



Harding County Fair

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Prairie Winds

Reaching the children of the Great Plains Area

Love of Hearing the Gospel

By Sakura Eggena

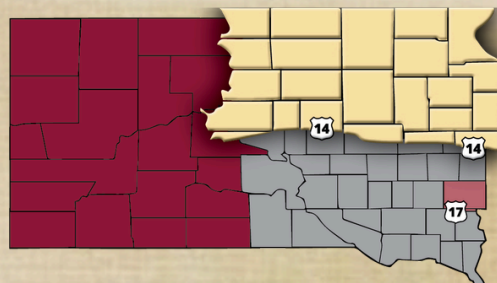
Fair week always marks the end of our summer, and it has been a wonderful summer! We had 17 5-Day Clubs and six one-day Soccer Party Clubs!

We have just finished our week at the Brown County Fair. The teens were excited to share the Gospel while face painting the kids, and the kids were excited to hear it. I listened as the teens taught and face-painted, and some kids would come back every day. The teens would ask if they wanted to hear the Gospel story again, and it was always a yes! The booth is known for free face painting, but most people come for the Gospel message.

Please be praying for all of the children who heard the Gospel this week—that they will apply it to their lives and live for Christ. And praise God for all of the amazing conversations and opportunities that came from our fair week!



Brown County Fair



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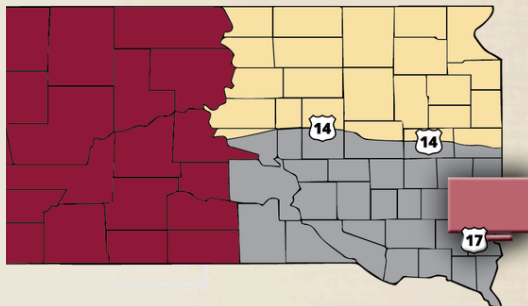
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Reaching the children of the Sioux Falls

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As a new school year begins, children across Sioux Falls and the surrounding communities are heading back to classrooms and busy schedules. For CEF®, it is a reminder of the mission field right in front of us.

In August, 30 children attended our Five-Day Club. They played games, learned Bible verses, and most importantly, heard the gospel clearly presented. Four children said yes to Jesus and put their trust in Him.

One special moment happened outside the regular children's program. A local high school senior wanted time to talk and pray. A pastor from a church near his home was there, and a connection was made that we pray will continue. It was a reminder that God often opens doors we do not expect.

As another school year begins, the question is simple: Who will reach the children? We are praying for churches, leaders, and teachers willing to help bring Good News Clubs to schools throughout the greater Sioux Falls area.

5-Day Club



Children throughout Sioux Falls and the surrounding communities need to hear the good news of Jesus. CEF® is looking for churches, leaders, and teachers who are willing to help start or serve in a Good News Club at a local school. CEF® provides the training, materials, and support you need. Come learn more about Good News Clubs!

September 13 | 2:00–5:00 p.m. Linwood Wesleyan Church
Interested? Contact us for more information.

Prayers:

- For wisdom as we plan for the coming year.
- For Good News Clubs starting the new school year
- For a new club to start at a Douglas elementary school this fall
- For open doors in schools and communities, and for churches, leaders, and teachers ready to reach children with the gospel

Praises:

- Praise God for this transition time to prepare for busy fall ministries
- Praise God for eighteen 5-Day Clubs in the Lewis and Clark Area
- Praise God for the children who heard the gospel, especially the four who put their trust in Jesus
- For the opportunity to share the Gospel with over 300 children since the middle of June

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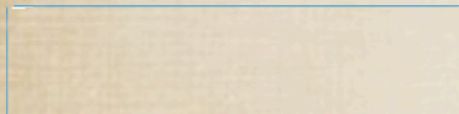
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