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Dakota Harvest

From the desk of

Dear Friends & Supporters,

As the summer is upon us, we are now focusing on our teens of *CYIA*™ and our summer missionary program. This is a very exciting time as we witness the growth of our teenagers as they train in *Christina Youth in Action*® to reach children throughout our state.

Recently I heard a story about a little girl who was drawing a picture. Her dad looked at the picture and asked her what she was drawing. She told him she was drawing a picture of God. He said to her that nobody has seen God and knows what he looks like. She said, "They will in a minute." This story struck me as what it means to have the faith of a child. When we reach a child for Jesus, they instinctively have the confidence that they are now a part of the family. There is no doubt, and they are confident that they are a child of God. It is for that reason we focus on children. They are the ones who will change the world and our future for God.

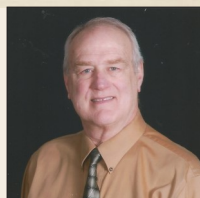
In *CYIA* we see teenagers grow in their confidence each week as they boldly share the message of the life changing difference Jesus can make in a person's life. I believe if a church is looking for a program to teach and give their children a heart for missions or are looking to train their teens to learn how to share the gospel, our *CYIA* training program is an excellent way to accomplish this.

Through the years I have witnessed amazing changes in the teens who participate in our *CYIA* training. They become articulate, confident and they develop an eagerness to serve others. Please be in prayer for these teenagers and if you can contribute to their training cost, travel cost or meal expenses this summer. A gift of \$50 can make all the difference in the world to our summer missions' program.

Yours in Christ,

Greg Buche

State CEF Director of South Dakota



Hope Has a Name—Jesus

By Drew Palmquist, Camp Good News Coordinator

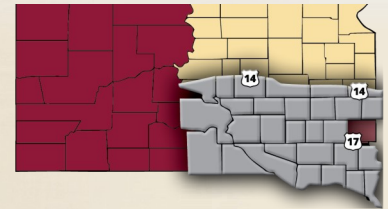
Picture this: a child's face lighting up as they hear, maybe for the first time, that they are truly—loved, unconditionally loved—by Jesus Christ. This summer, I get to witness that moment again and again as I serve as a Director for *Camp Good News*® with *Child Evangelism Fellowship*®.

In July, we're hosting two camps (Aberdeen and Rapid City). Kids will dive into Bible lessons, memorize Scripture, and hear stories of missionaries who've taken the Gospel to the ends of the earth. But it's not all serious stuff—they'll also splash in the water, launch water balloons, craft masterpieces, and chow down on some seriously good camp food. For those five days, they're not just campers—they're kids discovering hope.

And they need that hope. So many children in South Dakota are wrestling with big questions: "Does anyone love me?" "What's true in a world that feels so broken?" Split homes, neglect, and a culture that says truth is whatever you want it to be—it's a heavy load for young hearts. I can't sit back when I know the truth that set me free can do the same for them. Together, we can be witnesses for Jesus "to the end of the earth"—starting right here in South Dakota. You can partner with me in prayer for camp. You can also help with a gift to help cover costs and provide scholarships to children who need hope. Check the camp box with your gift. Thank you!

The Candlelight

Reaching the children of the Lewis and Clark Area



Good News Club Makes a Positive Impact *By Kennon Hofer*

Today's testimony was written by a public elementary school principal. Kim Aman of Bridgewater/Emery School shares her testimony on how the *Good News Club*® made a positive impact on the lives of the children at the school.

We, the Bridgewater-Emery School, are writing to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful work and dedication you all have shown during Good News Club. Your commitment to serving the community and telling children about Christ is truly inspiring.

Your tireless efforts each week have made an incredible impact. The energy and passion you all bring to your ministry have touched so many lives, and for that, we are deeply thankful.

Please know that your hard work does not go unnoticed. We pray that God continues to bless each of you with strength, wisdom, and joy as you continue to spread His love and message. We look forward to seeing all the great things you will continue to accomplish.

Thank you once again for all that you do!

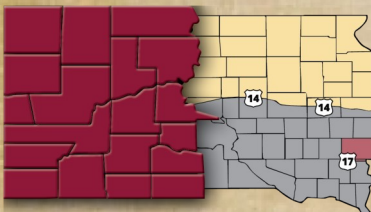


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Black Hills Bulletin

Reaching the children of the Black Hills Area

Looking Ahead to Summer Events *By Janet Keegan*

This time of year tends to be bittersweet as we say good-bye to our *Good News Club*® students for the school year and turn our eyes toward summer events. However, we end the year on a high note with a new club started at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Altogether a total of 78 children attended Good News Clubs, an increase of 26 students from last year! And at least five children received Christ!

The YFS Kids Fair was once again a great place to share the Gospel with children. Over 160 children and youth visited the booth and heard the Wordless Book as we made bracelets with them. Being in the same location as last year brought people who remembered us. Most exciting was eight children, and one adult received Jesus!

Prayers for ministry expansion into more of the Black Hills are beginning to come to fruition. Meetings are scheduled with the Ministerial Association in Hot Springs and with a pastor and church members in Nisland. We will also try to get to more county fairs and special events this summer to get the word out that God is at work in the Black Hills!



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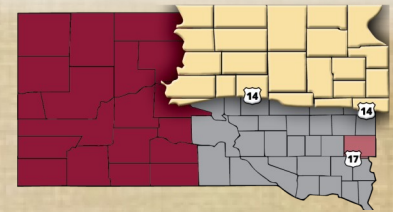
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Prairie Winds

Reaching the children of the Great Plains Area

Springspiration Event Held By Sakura Eggena

After 11 years, we are excited to say we have brought back our annual Springspiration event! At this event teens, committee members, and volunteers worked together to provide worship and prayer for the ministry. We invited donors, friends, family, and anyone who wanted to know more about the ministry of CEF® to join us for an afternoon of worship with times of prayer mixed in. The worship was led by our team of teens and the prayers were lifted up by teens, parents, and volunteers. We ended the afternoon with refreshments and fellowship while attendees were able to mingle with the teens who will be sent this summer to teach 5-Day Clubs. Everyone was encouraged to take home a prayer card for one of the teens to pray for them throughout the summer. After 11 long years without this event, I am happy to say it went well and we look forward to next spring.



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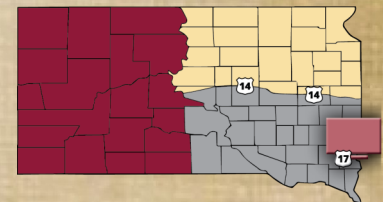
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Sioux Falls Area

Reaching the children of the Sioux Falls Area

God's Faithfulness Revealed By Amanda Barton

Our Good News Clubs nearly doubled this year and the impact is great! New Club Leader Laura Giles reports from the Lowell Elementary Club: "We started up in February with helpers Diane Schlaak and Onica Graham and nine children. Each week as I enter the building for club I feel spiritual warfare. Lowell is in a lower income section of Sioux Falls. After our first few weeks I was feeling discouraged, wondering if we were making a difference or if the children were even listening, but God showed us powerfully how He has been working at Lowell. During review week for "Jesus: God Who Saves" we had a fun time with games, prizes, special treats and reviewing the lessons from Passover to the Resurrection. We were astonished at how many key facts the children retained. One of our rambunctious little boys came up to me and said, "I know I John 4:14! I just have the song going through my head and now I know it!!" These memory verse songs are powerful. Another young girl missed our review party due to a counseling appointment. I told her we really missed her and she sadly asked if club was all done now. I told her we had 4 weeks left and she said she would be there the next week! A woman from God's Grace Church was very excited to hear there was now a club at Lowell. Her children attended there and she is interested in helping too! I was in tears this morning as I reflected on God's awesome power, presence, and faithfulness at Lowell." Follow us @CEFSiouxFallsArea for more updates!



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Helpline Awards



Helpline serves in a variety of capacities but also helps network nonprofits and volunteers. Helpline's Spirit of Volunteerism Awards Event in April honored six CEF Sioux Falls Area Chapter volunteers for their dedicated service. One of our committee members was familiar with their community volunteer recognition awards and so we nominated several from the Sioux Falls Chapter.

Prayers:

- For our youth attending *CYIA*, that they will grow in their faith, and for the new believers
- For finding hosts for the 5-Day Clubs
- For Sioux Falls Area staff opening and summer missionaries
- For the children reached this summer in clubs, camps and fairs

Praises:

- For the eight new sisters and brothers in Christ and a great year for Good News Clubs.
- For the hope God provided in His Son-Jesus
- For faithful and generous volunteers serving in Good News Clubs
- For worship and prayer service at Great Plains Area

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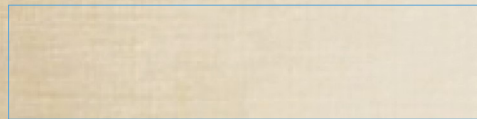
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