



Tri-County Good News



Child Evangelism Fellowship of PA Inc., Mifflin-Juniata-Perry Chapter

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From the Director's Desk

As we begin the year of our Lord 2024, I wanted to look back at what God has done in the CEF/MJP Chapter. The year 2023 has been a year of change for the Mifflin — Juniata — Perry Chapter. The

Chapter prayed for a director, and God provided a director and a ministry coordinator! Joe and Virginia Cook had been in children's ministry for 40 years when they came to CEF of MJP in July.

In 2023, there were over 400 children in MJP who had the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ when they took part in a Good News Club® during the summer and the school year clubs. It has been a great work of the Lord. Children's ministry is HARD work, but it is "HEART" work for the Lord.

Also in 2023, we saw new volunteers come on board at various clubs all over the region. We also saw a change of one teacher, but God is faithful, He replaced her with no gap in ministry. We experienced a bus driver issue where the designated driver had to step down for medical reasons, but God is faithful. God opened a new door for a different bus company to support one of our GNC Released Time clubs reaching over 40 kids.

As we look back, we see how God has moved through the volunteers and the children. God is faithful.

As we look forward, we are asking God to bring forth summer missionaries to serve the MJP Chapter through CYIA. These young people are vital to the ministry. We are trusting God for the outcome. We are also asking God to bring forth Good News Clubs® to unreached areas like New Bloomfield, Newport and Loysville for starters. Lord willing, we would love to see a Good News Club® in EVERY School and daycare in our region.

Virginia and I have really learned a lot over the past six months, and we know that there is a lot more to learn. We just go day by day depending on the Lord to guide us, knowing that He is the One directing our steps. We covet your prayers as we do so.

~ Joe Cook, MJP Director



Ways to Partner with Us.

Currently we only have two ways to donate:

- * Mail a check to our office
- * Set up a direct deposit from your bank to ours. Contact our office to get the form.
- * Scan to go to our donate page on the CEF website.



Bible Verse

Matthew 9:37-38
Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers in his harvest.



OUR PURPOSE

Child Evangelism Fellowship® is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.

Festival of Ice—Juniata River Valley, Lewistown

This was my first year at the Festival of Ice in Lewistown, and having a booth for CEF made it so much fun. We enjoyed talking to the parents. We learned that some parents didn't know a lot about CEF, but when we mentioned Released Time Clubs, all of a sudden they knew what we were talking about. Some had heard about the Released Time Club from their children, but the parents didn't understand all the details of what it was about. It gave us opportunities to explain. Please pray that maybe these children will be able to attend also.



The Festival of Ice was on Thursday, Nov 30 and Friday, Dec 1. The theme this year was Christmas Island, a tropical Christmas. It took a little bit of preparation, which our son, Matt, volunteered by packing 1,000 packets with many CEF goodies in them. Inside the packets, we had things that we hoped would get the kids involved in various ways in CEF, such as Mailbox club, Tel-A-Story, U-nite, and Meet the King pamphlet. We also attached an invitation to a Christmas Party, to be held on Dec 15, in one of our Released Time churches.



The first night at the festival, Joe and I walked around with a wagon filled with packets to pass out to the children. The second night we had a booth set up and were able to talk to many parents. Linda McCaulley and two of her granddaughters took the wagon and passed out more packets. Because it had rained on the second night, a little before the Ice Festival, it was chilly and not as many people attended. God was good though because He held off the rain during the night when the festival was going on.



Overall, I believe that the Festival was a success and I look forward to going back next year. I am going to look for more places where we can set up booths so that we can promote CEF even more.

~Virginia Cook, MJP Ministry Coordinator

Beginning in January and throughout the coming months, we will be preparing for our summer ministry with the youth, through Christian Youth in Action®. Young people, if you have a heart for ministry and want to team up with other people your age to reach the children in your community, then CYIA is for you!

Just think, this summer you can:

- Reach boys and girls with the Gospel
- See your faith and vision grow deeper
- Build new friendships that will last a lifetime
- Grow in communication, teamwork, endurance, responsibility, and self-confidence
- Gain experience for ministry in your local church, school or vocation

Now, doesn't THAT sound like a rewarding summer?!



Contact CEF MJP office at 458-1857 to find out how you can be involved and get specific dates and requirements for our area.

Calendar of Events

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| Jan 4 | Team Teaching Meeting - 1-3 PM |
| Jan 8-12 | Good New Clubs Begin |
| Jan 25 | Joe speaks at MCCA |
| Mar 4 | Joe speaking at BMS |
| Apr 12 | Team Teaching Meeting
PA CEF Meeting |
| Apr 22-26 | CEF Regional Conference. |

NOTE: Upcoming church visits to be scheduled to promote the ministries of CEF/MJP:

- *Support raising
- *CYIA summer missionaries
- *Recruit Teaching staff

Praises

- * New financial support of MJP
- * Teachers/helpers that support GNC
- * Perseverance and guidance from the Lord
- * Increased attendance in current GNC

Prayers

- * Staffing and missionaries for CYIA summer ministry
- * Acceptance of churches to promote CYIA/MJP ministries
- * New GNC to open in Perry County
- * Additional financial support for MJP