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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MAY 3-7

Remember the CEF family all around the world as they meet virtually this month for international conference. Pray that many can attend from all over the world, Pray that all technical equipment will work correctly, that people will have the electricity they need, and that they will have access to a computer for this special week. Lastly, pray that people will be encouraged and uplifted by the speakers and programs.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

As churches begin to reopen and restrictions lift, please don't forget that CEF can come to your church to set up a display to promote clubs and camp. We can also speak to children, teens, or adults about our ministry opportunities and provide pulpit supply or speakers for missions conferences, rally days, etc. We'd love to connect with your church.

What COVID Restrictions Can Teach Us About God

One thing that was made abundantly clear during COVID restrictions is that when we don't have the opportunity to connect with others, we suffer. Why is that? Because we were made in the image of God, our desire for relationship reflects His desire for relationship. And as much as we love our families, we desire more and varied relationships.

I'm so glad God wants to have a relationship with each one of us. He doesn't NEED us, but He WANTS us. Since He is a trinity, He has enjoyed loving relationship forever within the Trinity and it was all He needed. But, because He has so much love to give and capacity for more relationship, He has included us in the relationship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What a wonderful gift!

We are unsatisfied until we enter that relationship. And then we still need to realize all that we are and have in relationship with Him or we remain unsatisfied and look elsewhere for what only He can give us. The COVID situation has driven many people to God because they didn't have the opportunities to satisfy their desire for relationship with other people.

I'd encourage you to talk to the children you have contact with and ask them how they're doing with the limited contact. Use the opportunity to point out what this teaches us about being created in the image of God, and what it shows us about God Himself, that He's relational too, and how much we need Him. And because He is infinite, He can have a great relationship with every single person who draws near to Him. And because He made us to have relationship with Him, we are unsatisfied until we have it. After what we went through with social distancing, kids can understand our need for relationship better than ever.

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The Things They Say

A seven year old girl was being counseled one-on-one while attending Good News Camp. After they read through a gospel tract she said she wanted to pray and receive Christ as her Savior. The counselor lead her in prayer. As the girl looked up she said, "my eyes got all watery as I was saying that prayer!"

An eight year old girl shared that she had received Christ as Savior a home a few weeks ago. When asked about the details, she said that her mom had recently remarried and her new stepdad read the Bible to them and told them about salvation. She prayed with her family that day. Praise God for this testimony of a parent sharing the gospel with his child.

An eight year old boy heard that he was going to be given a Bible on the last day of club. He ran home with excitement to share this news with his mother. She told him that they had a Bible at their house already somewhere. They found out together and now they are reading it daily. The boy expressed how disappointed he was going to be when club ended. Mom told him that they could start going to church if he wanted to keep learning about Jesus. They plan to start this Sunday. Pray for this family that they will be faithful in their Bible readings and in their new church.

Since school distribution is limited this year, we have been working to find another way to let the children know about camp. The postcard pictured above is going to be sent to more than 3000 homes in Franklin County that have school aged children. In addition to giving information about camp, it directs them to our website where they can find more information and register.

Our online registration has been a great success so far. Well over half of those who have registered online are brand new camp attenders. We're excited for how this new method is reaching new families.

Please pray for the families that will receive this postcard over the next few weeks. Pray that they will read it, go to the website, and register their children.

UPDATE!

We have about half of the needed teachers for camp signed up and ready to go. We're so thankful for those who have already committed to volunteer a week or more. If you are hoping to teach a week of camp, please let us know your plans, even if you're not sure of the exact week yet. We still need many more teachers to accommodate the children we hope will attend.

Praise God for His provision of a lifeguard and missionaries. We also have many bus drivers and nurses

who have volunteered. Pray as we fill in those remaining slots.

Thank you for your donations. We have plenty of toilet paper, but still need paper towels, cleaning supplies, and snacks. Gravel, sand, and tubes have been donated as well as some sporting equipment.

Thank you for the many scholarships that have been given. We expect many requests for financial help in these hard times. We have plenty to help anyone who asks. We appreciate your generosity.

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