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A Thankful Heart

Thanksgiving is almost upon us. That means time with family, shopping, pumpkin-flavored everything, watching a football game, turkey comas, and more. Each family has unique traditions on Thanksgiving. One of mine growing up was watching Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving. One of the parts that always stood out to me was the words of Charlie's sister Sally. She was stunned that another holiday was upon them. She was noticeably upset because she hadn't enjoyed all her trick-or-treat candy. She continued her disgust by saying "Anyway, why should I give thanks on Thanksgiving? What have I got to be thankful for? All it does is make more work for us at school." She asked, what have I got to be thankful for? She couldn't think of one single reason to give thanks.

We at CEF don't have the problem of Sally Brown. We have A LOT of reasons to give thanks. One of those reasons is you the reader. Your prayers and support allow us to reach boys and girls in our two counties. Because of your faithful support, we purchased three more buses to pick up children. Those buses will be picking up around 1500 children a week to hear the Gospel. Your support helps us to get Bible-based material into the hands of our volunteers. Your



generous gifts help us pay for six employees plus countless bus drivers through the year, not to mention a CYIA director for the summer! Your support helps us pay for fuel in the buses, registration for buses, local taxes, water bills, electric bills, mowing, the paper this letter is on, the ink that's on the page, and the printer that prints it out! None of this would be possible without God's people! Thank YOU so much!

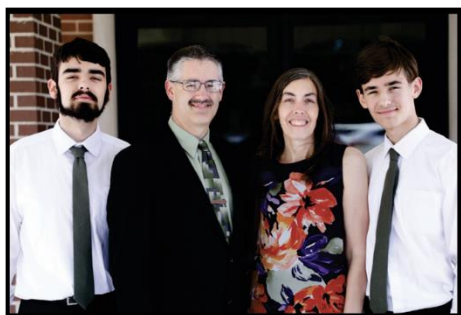
We also give thanks for a great opening to our teacher training! We had over 30 people attend! Praise the Lord! We enjoyed a devotional on being teachable, played a game with prizes, heard a missionary update from Pastor Greg Kell, and Tiffanie provided the staff with freebies! Mark your calendars for November 4th and 5th for our next teacher training. Our friend Ann Yorty will be sharing that day! We also give thanks for our six students in our Teaching Children Effectively class! Another huge reason to give thanks is for the opening of Good News Clubs! Many of our clubs have already started and already have little ones hearing about Jesus. Keep praying for our clubs. We still need multiple helpers and will need some new bus drivers starting in January. Please reach out to us if you would like to help at a club or to drive a bus route!



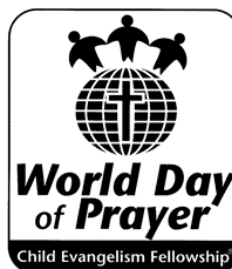
We wanted to provide an update from our last prayer letter. We have almost received enough gifts to purchase Bibles for our Good News Club children! Thank you SO much for your donations. In the Spring each second grader will be blessed with their very own copy of God's Word. We are still collecting donations for Miss Lois's deck to be replaced. We have a contractor who has generously offered to work for free, but we need a few more donations to purchase the supplies.

Changes on the Horizon

God has blessed our chapter with an exceptional team who works tirelessly for the Gospel. But our team will be changing at the start of next year. Lori and her family will be moving to Michigan. Her husband was offered a pastorate there and they feel a definite call from God to serve. The church was her husband's childhood church and needs a faithful couple to minister to them. We are extremely grateful for Lori's service over the past five plus years. She was the glue that kept our chapter together these past few months. We could never thank her enough for all that she has done. We also wish her the best as her family faithfully pursues the heart of God. Pray for them as they prepare for the big move and pray that we will find God's next person for the office. Please contact the office if you know someone who might be interested in the position.



CEF's World Day of Prayer will be on November 6th. Our chapter would like to invite you to the office that day to join us in prayer. We will meet at 10:00 to go over the various requests. You will also receive these requests on the back of your prayer calendar. Please be praying for our missionaries around the world and our local chapter. Last year CEF reached 25 million children but there are countless more that need to hear the Good News!



Exciting Opportunities

We have some exciting opportunities in the next few weeks. Matt has sixteen speaking occasions this month; many of them are missions conferences. Please be praying as he shares God's Word and the burden for young ones. He has also been invited to lead two workshops at the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Convention in November. He will be teaching one class on how to lead a child to Christ and another on different teaching styles.

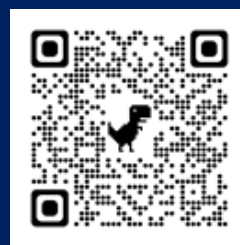
We have also been invited to decorate a Christmas tree at the Counting House in Waynesboro during the Christmas season. We are doing a "Wordless Book" themed tree. The Gospel will be presented on the tree via the colors of the Wordless Book. There will also be Gospel tracts provided for anyone to take and hear the Good News of Jesus. A huge thanks to Tiffanie for all the planning and to everyone who donated items! Please be praying for these unique opportunities!

Social Media

Look us up at CEF® of Franklin and Fulton Counties on Facebook. We are sharing updates, meetings, teacher tips, U-nite®, videos, devotions, and more.

We have also created an online platform to make giving easier. Here is the website for online giving:

<https://franklincef.breezechms.com/give/online>



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