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# Impact

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## Big Things on the Way

We are so excited to share some VERY BIG news with you. Who doesn't like exciting news? For the past year, our committee has been prayerfully asking God to help grow our chapter. We aren't content with our current outreach. There are countless boys and girls in our two counties who need to hear the Gospel. We have been doing an excellent job through clubs and camp, but we knew we needed to expand our ministry. We set a goal to grow our chapter by a minimum of 5% by 2030. That means we are targeting to reach at least 200 more children with the Gospel, but to be honest, we are hoping for a number closer to 500. In order to do this, we knew we would have to be more creative, finding ways to get into areas where we typically haven't have a lot of traction. We also knew that would mean expanding our current staff. Finally, we knew that would mean doing something other than just camp and clubs.

Let's talk about the how before we introduce the who? We wanted to expand our outreach by introducing Christmas Party Clubs (CPC). CPC is a single program offered around Christmas time. A team will share the Gospel at a daycare, church, community center, etc. Our goal is for this team to share this multiple times during the Christmas season. We also desire for this to grow into multiple teams so we can expand our Christmas ministry even more. CPC's have been extremely successful in the Middle East, and we wanted to see how it would work in our area. We are looking forward to this door opening up VERY soon!



We also wanted to expand our ministry into daycare centers. We have had requests to come to daycares, but we haven't had the staff to be able to reach these precious little ones. Not just the little one, but the staff and parents too. These daycares are vital to build Gospel relationships! Not just daycares, but we wanted to build on our outreach to the Spanish speaking community. God gave us a wide open door this summer, and we intend on sharing the Gospel while that door is open.

So, who is our ministry coordinator who will be overseeing these things? Drum roll please (drum roll sound). Maricarmen! Maricarmen agreed to start September 1<sup>st</sup>. She brings great energy, a family that is supportive, great relationships, a dedication to Christ, a connection with the Spanish community, and so many more talents. She will remain our CYIA coordinator on a year round basis, but her ministry will be growing. We are excited to have her energy and love for children to be part of our year round team! God's got big things for us!



As you can imagine adding staff means expanding our budget. We are so thankful for your monthly support, but we are desiring to grow our budget to keep up with our robust ministry growth goals. Please be praying for us as we grow to reach more boys and girls with the Gospel.

# Buses Ready to Roll

We have some super exciting news! All fourteen of our buses have officially passed State Police inspection! The weeks prior to the inspection include cleaning buses, changing lights, painting buses, undercoating, body work, and lots of other random jobs. This inspection is very detailed and covers almost every square inch of our buses. That means that all of our buses are road ready! This means that we can safely transport nearly 1600 kids each week of Good News Clubs!

This milestone wouldn't be possible without faithful donors like you. The buses are quite expensive to maintain, especially near inspection season. Each bus needs some sort of simple or complex repair. Some repairs were over a thousand dollars. You have helped us ensure that every seat will be filled to capacity, and that each child will be ready to hear God's Word, grow in their faith, build lasting relationships, and most of all, trust Christ as their Savior.

We do invite you to help us purchase two newer buses. These buses are only \$10,000 (half the price of their value) and will be replacing older buses that are costing us a lot of money. We are currently taking donations. You can send in your tax deductible donation to the office. Just make sure you designate the check for buses.



## Welcome to New Staff

Changes in ministry seasons are always hard. Our current season of transition has Stephen stepping away from CEF. We are so deeply grateful for his dedication and attention to detail that he brought to our ministry. Please pray for Stephen as he steps into his next direction for his life.

We are excited to introduce you to our newest staff member, Colin Donatto. Colin isn't a new face with CEF. Colin is 22. He attended camp from Apache through Seneca. He has been helping at camp since 2016, most recently as a paid teacher. Colin will be replacing Stephen as our ministry coordinator. He will be teaching or coordinating at least six clubs and will start his training for his bus license. He is a faithful member of the Germantown Church of God, where he currently serves as a church deacon. He has been dating Molly Stouffer for over two years. Molly has previously served at camp as a chapel leader. Colin also works at the Regal Cinema in Hagerstown. He is an avid movie fan, loves the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies, enjoys hiking, and became a professional bus worker over the summer.

His passion for reaching children is unparalleled. We believe that God hand-picked him for this moment, and we are confident that God will continue to use our ministry to plant seeds of our faith in the next generation. Pray for Colin as he learns the ropes of ministry!



## Social Media

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