



# Our Savior Gives New Life!

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# MARCK Messenger



I would like to share two blessings from our Good News Club® (GNC) at Park Ave Elementary in Mount Gilead. We have a 4th grader who came last year, too. She is known to struggle with anger, but has been especially attentive to the lessons this year. At the third week of club, she came to me right when school was dismissed as we were waiting for the kids to come to club. She was pretty upset and asked me to pray with her. She confessed that she had hit a boy in her class and felt really bad about it. I discussed with her how much God loves her and that Jesus died for that sin. She saw her teacher in the hallway and she immediately apologized for her behavior to her classroom teacher. The teacher appeared very surprised that she was willing to admit her wrong doing: What a blessing!

Another blessing was a boy who was outside riding his bike on the second week of our club. He asked what we were doing, and we invited him to come to the GNC. He was very excited and agreed to come with his dad's permission.



Laurie Meggitt teaching at Park Ave. GNC

He attended all the rest of our clubs and received Jesus as his Lord and Savior. We gave him a Bible and he wanted to know how to find verses! He showed a real desire to grow in his new found faith. He is pretty sad because his mom has left them, but he told me he is going to pray for her to come to know Jesus, too. God is so good to care for this young man and his family.

## Fresh Start in Shelby



Darlene Dick teaches at Shelby GNC

We praise God as we see Him at work through the newly started After School Good News Club in Shelby. A brand new school has been built and now the GNC is meeting at the old Middle School Library. The school has given permission to have the staff walk the children over to the club each week. The club has many volunteers, has increased in number of students, and also has had five children pray to receive Christ as their Savior.

## A Heart Song



Lois Carter

*"God, please help us reach these two little, displaced girls with the Good News of Jesus!"*

Two years ago, God rescued these girls from a dangerous situation in their home country – El Salvador. The younger one seems to be adjusting better than her big sister. God has provided a kind, Christian lady to serve as an interpreter but health issues hinder her from staying with the girls during club. The sisters choose to sit at a table by themselves in the back. Was there a key

to win their trust and get the Good News to them?

**SONGS!** Their faces lit up the first time we played the CEF Song, *"I Have a Friend Who Really Loves Me"* which is sung in both Spanish and English. We explained to the other children how difficult it must be to try to learn a new language and culture. We invited the girls to come up and lead the song. It was so good to see their wide smiles and watch them feel affirmed and welcomed as they helped us to learn the

song in their language!



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## Heart Song (cont'd from page 1)

Before class, recently, the younger one was all smiles and told me how happy she was because her birthday was coming up. Her big sister rolled her eyes and said, "She is ALWAYS happy!" I asked the littler one if that was true and if so why? She smiled her sparkly smile

and said, "You know! It's because..." Then she sang, 'I Have a Friend Who Really Loves Me' and said, "We listen to those CDs you gave us every day!" I said to her, "your face is just shining. Tell me, are you saying that you have decided to trust in Jesus as your Savior?" She replied emphati-

cally, "Oh yes, I have!" I questioned her a bit further in her understanding and became convinced that she had indeed trusted in Jesus with all the understanding of her second grader heart! So that explains the joy I had been seeing in her eyes!



## Lexington Clubs Lift to New Levels!

The building of the new high school brought changes to the elementary schools also in Lexington. This year Western hosts K-1st grade, Central 2-3rd grade, and Eastern 4-6th grade. We didn't know how this would affect the three GNCs, but the good news is that the numbers are higher than ever in Central and Eastern! Close to 60 children are registered at Central Elementary, and almost all have been attending regularly in the month of November with increases each week. Several children have

prayed to receive Jesus as Savior each week.

Eastern also has a higher number of registered kids with over 30.

A little boy at Central started attending Club and his mom said it only conveniently works out for a ride home for her boy every other week, but her boy has asked his mom if he can come each week? His mom agreed to have him come each week and he was glad!



Kelly Coffman teaches the "Word Up" at Central GNC in Lexington



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# December 2023 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Praise the Lord for the Christmas season and for all God's many blessings!
- 2) Ask God for wisdom and guidance for CEF Office Mgr. **Sue Baer**.
- 3) Praise God for seven Good News Clubs that began in November!
- 4) Ask God for wisdom for **Jeremiah Cho** (CEF Int'l President) as he leads.
- 5) Pray for the Christmas Party Club today at Centerburg Elementary School.
- 6) Pray for wise use of time for **Dale Baer** as he strives to be an effective Director.
- 7) Praise! 1,342 kids reached and 123 prayed for salvation so far this school year in our CEF Chapter.
- 8) Pray for **Kyle Latchaw** as he leads CEF of Ohio meeting today in Bellville.
- 9) Pray lots of GNC kids will invite friends to Christmas parties next week!
- 10) Pray the children would obey their parents in the Lord.
- 11) Praise! 14 churches involved in **Coins 4 Kids Fundraiser (\$10,000 + raised)**.
- 12) Praise for God's blessing on the Crestview school Christmas party today!
- 13) Pray for the Christmas Party today at Budd Elem. School.
- 14) Pray for wisdom and guidance for the CEF of MARCK Board meeting tonight.
- 15) Praise God for **Mark Boyd** who serves as Treasurer for CEF of MARCK.
- 16) Thank God for **Dave and Lois Carter** who are leading a Christmas Party at Lakeholm Nazarene Church, Mt. Vernon.
- 17) Praise God for many salvation decisions at GNC® in November!
- 18) Pray for strength for **Patty Arvidson** as she continues to teach 5 GNCs.
- 19) *"Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name." (Psalm 103:1)*
- 20) Thank God for His provision of finances for CEF of MARCK.
- 21) Thank God for all CEF supporters.
- 22) *Wishing you a merry heart this Christmas season, it does good like medicine to our bones! (Proverbs 17)*
- 23) Praise God for a \$9,000 grant received from **In His Steps Foundation**.
- 24) Christmas Eve: Pray for families.
- 25) Christmas Day! Praise God that He sent His Son to be born in a manger for our redemption.
- 26) Thank God for **Pastor TJ Hahn**, our new Ministry Coordinator.
- 27) Praise for **Ann Hulver**, coordinator of the Mailbox Club ministry.
- 28) *When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy! Matt. 2:10.*
- 29) *As surely as the sun rises, He will appear! Hosea 6:3.*
- 30) Praise God that He is our Jehovah Jireh, our PROVIDER.
- 31) Pray for safety for children tonight and for God's blessings for 2024!



## January 2024

- 1) **Happy New Year!** *Psalm 65:11 Lord, You crown the year with Your goodness..and Your paths drip with abundance.*
- 2) Praise God for all the children reached with the Gospel this past year.
- 3) Praise God for His unfailing love!
- 4) *Lord, let your favor rest upon my children (Psalm 90:17).*
- 5) God please guide **Shirley Davidson** as she continues as Chairman of CEF Local Committee.
- 6) Lord, help children today be thankful and content (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
- 7) *Be their shield in mind, heart and body (Psalm 28:7).*
- 8) Thank God for His faithfulness!
- 9) Pray for a CEF Committee rep. from Morrow, Crawford and Knox counties.
- 10) Help kids love Your Word more daily.
- 11) *"Oh sing to the Lord a NEW SONG..." (Psalm 96:1)*
- 12) Thank God for **Mary Elkins** who serves on our prayer sub-committee.
- 13) CEF New Year Prayer meeting 10-11 today at Cornerstone GBC.
- 14) Thank God for His faithful financial provision and ask Him to give guidance as we trust Him to provide.
- 15) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May they prosper who love you. (Psalm 122:6)
- 16) Thank You God for **Gail Graham** and **Sue Packard** who serve as secretaries on our Local Committee.
- 17) Pray for children to read God's Word, and walk in VICTORY!
- 18) Guide **Bob Maxey** and **Jon Dech** as they learn more about CEF and serve on our Local Committee.
- 19) Lord, grant spiritual discipline for all workers.
- 20) *Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! (Psalm 107:5)*
- 21) Mark Calendars and pray for CEF Fundraising Banquet, March 21st!
- 22) We trust that He who began a good work in these children will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:6)
- 23) Pray our children will walk with the wise and become wise, not associate with fools and get into trouble. (Prov. 13:20)
- 24) Pray for Good News Clubs to start in the country of North Korea!
- 25) Thank God for committee members **Barb Long** and **Kaye Hahn**.
- 26) Pray for more churches to partner with CEF to start more school GNCs.
- 27) Pray for the Valentine Party Training today (10-12 Noon) at CEF Office.
- 28) Thank God for the many answers to prayers and for our Prayer Subcommittee.
- 29) Pray for **CEF Press** as they prepare and print materials for ministry.
- 30) *"I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us go unto the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1)*
- 31) Pray for **Dale Baer** to have encouragement and strength in the many roles he takes on as Local Director.



**Five star students** have completed their 12 weeks of training with the Teaching Children Effectively™ (TCE™) Level 1 course!

Pictured to the right: Dale Baer (Director), TJ Hahn (CEF of MARCK Ministry Coordinator), Dick Schwartz, Patty Arvidson (Instructor), Candace Caris, Tara Oswalt and Sheryl Wallish. We thank God for each of these students who worked so hard to finish this course. Pray for them as they complete their practicums with kids. This course prepares these students to confidently share the Gospel with the Wordless Book, teach evangelistic memory verses and evangelistic Bible lessons. The students who graduate are trained to start and lead a Good News Club®.

Those who have graduated from TCE Level 1 can take TCE Level 2 which increases confidence for teachers to help children grow in Christ! Dec. 1 is the DEADLINE for registering for TCE 2 Zoom class. Please call Dale Baer at the CEF Office for a registration form. Cost: \$175/person.



**Teaching Children Effectively Class of 2023**

**Attention all TCE Level 1 Graduates!**  
**Register by December 1 for a TCE 2**  
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Pictured above is **Melissa Fruth** leading the Good News Club at the Budd Elementary School in Loudonville. This club is about twice the size as it was last year, largely because we publicized it a lot at the Loudonville Street Fair this fall, a week before this club started.

One day at the Loudonville Street Fair as Dale Baer was leading a boy to the Lord, **Dan Fruth** was leading his father to Christ! Now this boy is coming to Good News Club, along with others who heard about the club at the fair.

**Dan and Melissa** are doing an excellent job leading this club with a strong team of volunteers from Perrysville Baptist Church.

This fall **Dan and Melissa** taught the children beginning with the “*Wordless Book Visualized*” curriculum from CEF Press. Please pray for the children at this club that they would begin to share their faith with others using the Wordless Book.

A number of children have been saved at this club this fall also! It is exciting to see children trust in Christ as their Savior and then “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). God is at work in the lives of many children. Praise the Lord!