



The Partnership

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Working with the local church and the Christian community
to share the Gospel with children throughout the Empire State

Child Evangelism Fellowship of the Empire State Inc. Finger Lakes & Wayne County Area Chapter



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Ten Clubs - Best Year Yet!

Reaching children through After School Good News Club is what CEF is all about. Working with carefully selected partner churches, we develop friendly relationships with school administrators, leading to excellence in children's ministry.

This year we have had ten Good News Clubs including three clubs that began this spring: Sodus Elementary, South Seneca Elementary, and a non-public school location. In all, more than 250 children were enrolled in Good News Club.

The South Seneca club provides a great illustration of how these clubs come together. We had a great team of seven people (from four different churches) reaching 25 children.

I (Jeff) taught the Bible lesson each week - *The Wordless Book Visualized*, a lesson series that gives children a solid foundation of essential Bible truth, along with the Gospel. Our summer intern Emylee Boyes (also a member of the team) was the one who talked with children who responded to the invitation and six children placed their faith in the Lord Jesus.

We also had people who helped with refreshments, crafts, and music each week. This was a very successful club and we are already looking forward to the fall - and an entire school year of after school Good News Club!



Dave Weidman was our music and song leader at South Seneca

There are seventy elementary schools in the Finger Lakes area, so please consider working with us next fall to reach the children of your district. If CEF can assist you in any way, please call or send us a note. We're here to help!

Ministry in Motion

Who Pays for This?

As I was checking in students at the South Seneca Good News Club, one young Kindergartner asked, "Who pays for this?" His question caught me by surprise but I told him that nobody pays for the club.

How does one explain to a five year old that churches and caring people who love children give generously so that clubs can take place each week?

But he was insistent that he had to know, so I explained in a way that would hopefully make sense for him. Then he gave me a penny and said he wanted to help. What a surprise! I thanked him and made sure the penny was passed on to our treasurer for deposit.

I believe this is the smallest gift given to our ministry and that this young boy is our youngest donor. This gift from his heart reminds me of the lad who gave his lunch so the Lord Jesus could give to many others.

Four Years at Camp Gregory

Dee and I had a great day visiting with and teaching a wonderful group of children from W. Groton Bible Church and Faith Bible Fellowship last month. We have come to know and love these kids even though we only see them one day each year - what a great bunch!

This year we had several teaching sessions on Paul's missionary journeys and spent some time just talking and getting to know them and their parents a little better.

Many thanks to Pastor Willson and Pastor Berga of these fine churches for this opportunity and we are looking forward to next year!

Summer Missions with Emylee



We are very pleased to have Emylee Boyes of Interlaken back with us as a summer missionary/intern. This is her fourth year of service.

During our summer training, Emylee assisted our staff by demonstrating clubs and working with first-year students to help them prepare for upcoming club ministry.

Throughout the summer months, she will be teaching children in 5-Day Clubs, VBS ministries, parks and open air, and day camps. Her travels will include time in Rochester, Corning, Ithaca, and the western Finger Lakes area.

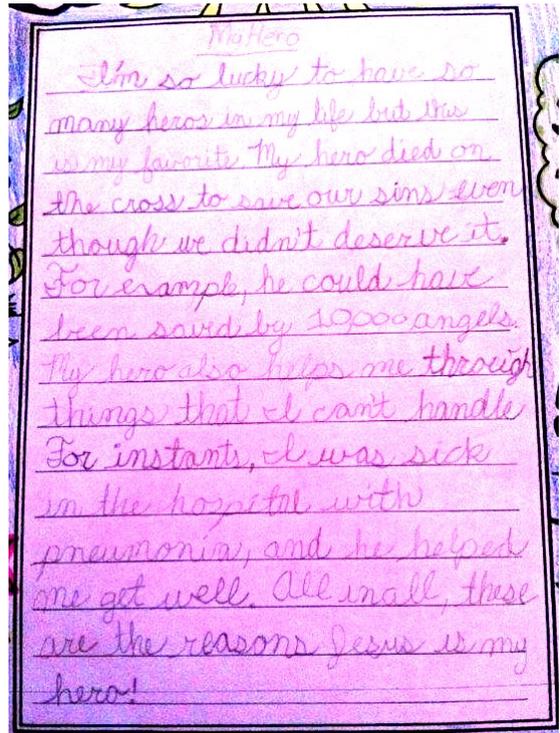
Emylee also served on our team at the South Seneca Good News Club this spring, helping six children come to know the Lord Jesus.

Please consider joining Emylee's support team for the summer. If the Lord leads you to help Emylee with her summer budget of \$1,800 then please send your gift to the CEF address noted on the response card below.

Our fall newsletter will include a few words from Emylee, sharing her experiences and letting you know some of what was accomplished. Thanks for your interest as we begin the summer ministries!

The Testimony of a Child

The following was written by Mikayla, a 4th grade public school student for a class assignment. Mikayla is one of our Wednesday night "All Stars" - a class that Dee and I teach at our church:



Have a great summer!

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Partnership Response Card

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Dear Jeff ... Please send me more information:

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I am interested in Good News Club at home

Please pray for me. My request is: _____

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(your request will be kept confidential—use back if needed)

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