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EVERY NATION
EVERY DAY



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Each year in autumn, I praise God for things such as the beautiful flowers, trees with colorful leaves, and delicious fruit. How do the flowers and trees know the seasons and bear fruit? It is a mystery of God's creation.

I think of the fruit we ought to bear. You and I should not waste our lives that are purchased with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, but instead bear fruit for God. The CEF family around the world has produced much fruit despite challenges. You are partners with us through your constant intercession and faithful support. I praise God for faithful ones like you.

However, there are still so many children who have never heard the Gospel of Christ. So, especially this Christmas season, we want to preach the Gospel to ten million children and offer them to the Lord Jesus Christ as Christmas gifts. I hope you will stand with us so we can proclaim the Good News to children of the world.

As you read this edition of *Impact*, I hope you marvel at the goodness of God seen in testimonies from around the world. God is good and He continually helps us bear good fruit for Him.

Yours for all the children,

Rev. Jeremiah Cho



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Please Pray

- 1 This Christmas, ten million children will hear about God's great love for them.
- 2 Refugee children will have opportunity to hear the Gospel.
- 3 *Do You Wonder Why?* booklets will continue to be a source of hope for disaster victims.
- 4 God will give strength, wisdom, and courage to missionaries facing difficulties.
- 5 God's continued provision for the needs of our missionaries.
- 6 The Lord of the harvest will send more teachers in every area of the world to reach children.



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♥ LOVE FOR THE LOST

THIS CHRISTMAS SHARE GOD'S

Love

Christmas is a great time to tell boys and girls the true meaning of this special holiday. Many children around the world have never heard how God kept His promise by sending Jesus to earth. The well-known verse, John 3:16, sums up God's heart and plan.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

BELOW ARE TESTIMONIES FROM LAST YEAR'S **CHRISTMAS PARTY CLUBS**.

“We prayed for new places to go to teach Christmas Party Clubs in our region. Praise the Lord that He answered our prayers! Clubs were held in four new locations where children listened to the truth for the first time. Some were accompanied by their parents. Ruzan hosted a club in her home. After we finished the program, she told us she wanted to receive Christ as Savior.”

VACHE AND MANUSH, ARMENIA

“In one Christmas Party Club, 5 of the 17 children had never before entered a church. They were engaged in club, listened attentively, and God moved in their hearts. After club ended, they asked the host if she could speak to their parents to see if they could start going to church on Sundays.”

EUNICE PERPALL, NATIONAL LEADER CEF BAHAMAS



66 Imagine walking between almost flooded rice paddies to go to the children, meeting a drunken man along the way, or being soaked in the rain to invite the kids. These were some of our Christmas Party Club experiences. But we were certain we were not alone, that our God was with us, and seeing children come to faith in Christ made it all worthwhile. How encouraging to witness God's work in the hearts of the people. In one place, a grandfather volunteered to set up a big tarp to make shade for the children from the heat of the sun. At another club, we were gathered in a vacant lot when suddenly heavy rain started. People across the street offered us their garage and club went on. Our last club, with the greatest number of children, needed chairs. One by one, parents who brought their children left and came back

carrying bamboo benches and plastic chairs. As for snacks and giveaways—God provided as people responded to a pastor's request—like the grandmother who donated the money for her granddaughter's birthday celebration and the four couples who chose not to do the usual gift exchange and instead sent money for Christmas Party Club."

CPC VOLUNTEER, PHILIPPINES

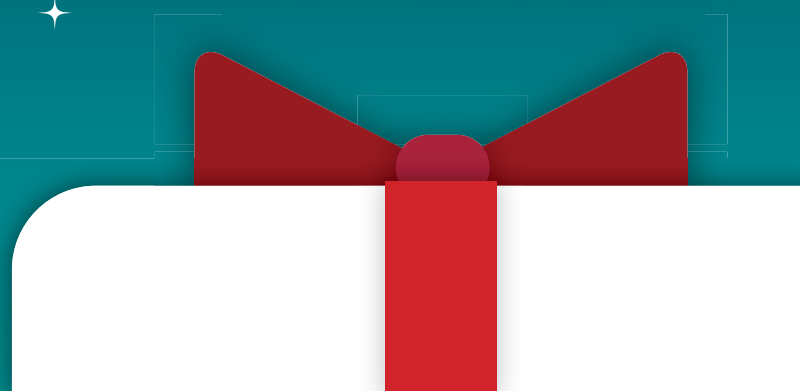
66 I didn't know who Jesus was, but at Christmas Party Club I heard about the birth of Jesus and the reason He came. I knew I was a sinner because I told lies. When the teacher explained how Jesus died for my sins, I asked Jesus to save me."

RAKHI, A LITTLE BOY FROM A CLOSED COUNTRY



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Refugee Ministry Continues

SOUTH SUDAN

“I’ve heard already of over 50,000 refugees fleeing to the northern areas of South Sudan. We don’t know how many will come, but we are burdened to share the Gospel with the boys and girls who have a dire need of relief and comfort from the Word of God,” shared Francis Candiga, national director of CEF South Sudan.

Candiga is no stranger to refugee ministry. In 2015, he was displaced with his own family and children, along with millions of others, after the South Sudanese civil war began. They found themselves in a northern Ugandan refugee camp, where he slowly connected with other displaced *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® staff members in camps nearby. Since 2016, CEF® reaches thousands of South Sudanese children in Ugandan refugee camps each year with the Gospel of Christ. Ministry continues in over 50 camps for children in these areas.

In June 2023, refugee ministry looked different for Candiga and his staff. Sudan had entered

into their eighth week of fighting, forcing hundreds of thousands of Sudanese citizens to seek safety in neighboring countries.

Candiga reported, “Those who are now coming into Juba [capital of South Sudan] are mostly South Sudanese, returning home from the war there after fleeing years ago. Many are arriving at the Juba airport with no home to return to, so we started ministry to reach children there until their families can connect with relatives and settle back into the country.

“Please pray as we reach the Sudanese people who are displaced along the northern border. We desire to reach the children in these areas, but there are many challenges. This is far from our primary ministry areas. Due to insecurity and fighting, traveling on the roads is risky. It is best to fly in, which is difficult. Our hearts yearn



“WE THANK GOD FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE GOSPEL TO BOYS AND GIRLS IN SOUTH SUDAN. WE TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE FOR US TO MOVE THERE AND FLY A FEW OF OUR STAFF THERE TO REACH BOYS AND GIRLS BECAUSE THERE ARE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS IN MALAKAL AND NEIGHBORING AREAS.”

—FRANCIS CANDIGA

to take the Gospel to children there and we hope to go there soon.”

As former refugees themselves, Candiga and the CEF staff continue to minister to children in need of hope. Candiga shared, “Refugee children are in crisis. Their circumstances are poor and they have many disadvantages. Some come to our camps not having eaten for days. Others are sick and malnourished with wounds on their bodies. It is a difficult and emotional situation. We meet them where they are and share the Gospel with them. The Good News brings hope. We share that Jesus cares for them and is always there during times of trouble.”

During the pandemic, stability and security increased in much of South Sudan. Many returned to their homes. Candiga works to restart children’s

ministry in new areas of the nation, seeking God’s timing and wisdom. “Our workers and volunteers are reaching a lot of children in hostile communities. Sometimes, if an area becomes insecure, entire communities disperse and return to Ugandan refugee camps. We are not discouraged—we will continue going back to reinforce and strengthen the ministry, even in these areas,” said Candiga.

Pray for the children of Sudan, as their hearts seek hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ. Sharing the Good News with these children is how Candiga and his staff persevere despite challenges. Every day they minister to refugee children like Samantha, who shared, “I want to thank God for changing my life in this refugee camp. Before I came here, I was just a sinner. Now, Jesus has forgiven all my sins. I am a changed person.”

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1 John 1:7

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—ALI*



Earthquake Victims *Find Hope*

SYRIA

Earlier this year, after a devastating earthquake struck southern and central Turkey and northern and western Syria, CEF quickly distributed *Do You Wonder Why?* booklets to those affected.

Ali* said, "When the earthquake happened, I thought God had lost control of the earth. But when I read this book, I knew the truth that God still controls everything."

Ahmed* said, "I had a terrible fear when the earthquake occurred and the walls of our house cracked. Reading this booklet made me feel calm and helped me trust God to protect me."

A Christian woman brought a group of needy mothers and children to hear a message shared by a children's minister. Afterwards, *Do You Wonder Why?* booklets were distributed to children. The woman shared:

"The children surprised me! Children, with their parents, read the booklets on the same day they received them. The children told their mothers that the book was interesting and wonderful. Some of the older siblings also read the booklet, even though

they are in universities. Everyone loved the booklet very much. It raised many questions about the difference between the Bible and the Qur'an and started Gospel discussions. To win the children and their families' souls would be amazing. God continues His work."



A ten-year-old boy's fear of earthquakes made him not want to go to school again. He was afraid the roof would fall in on him because he heard that happened at a nearby school. One of the volunteers prayed with him and read the *Do You Wonder Why?* booklet with him. Afterward, he said he no longer wanted to live in fear and decided to go back to school.

A nine-year-old girl had a broken nose and her home was destroyed as a result of the earthquake. She temporarily lives with her family in a shelter. From a non-Christian background, she accepted the Lord Jesus as Savior after a worker shared the Gospel with her using the *Do You Wonder Why?* booklet.

A 13-year-old girl accepted Jesus when she read the *Do You Wonder Why?* booklet. She sent us this message: "Our living, holy, and perfect God knows what we feel and fully understands our circumstances. He is in control of everything, and He loves us so much that He gave Jesus for us."

*Name changed



Ministry Challenges and TRIUMPHS

Jackie Chen, TAIWAN

The Gospel door is closed at Lunbei. I tried to visit local churches and the Gospel Center; however, they were not welcoming to me. According to a conversation I had with the Gospel Center, the local church is worried about sharing the Good News with children, as they are afraid this will break the existing relationship they have with them. This area has a strong traditional ancestor worship, and parents are afraid that when their children accept Jesus as Savior, they will no longer burn incense for them. Burning incense to their ancestor is important to them. They believe they need blessings from their ancestors to give them peace, health, and wealth.

When this door closed, I didn't give up because the Lord didn't tell me to give up. I pray and meditate on Matthew 10:16, "*Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.*" I feel I need to serve them to remove some cultural barriers before I can share the Gospel with children. Please join me in praying about this.

Praise the Lord for other opportunities to share the Gospel through Easter Party Clubs. We were also invited to join an Easter

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MATTHEW 10:16

party at a park hosted by a local church and were delighted to see children and parents eager to hear the message of salvation and accept Jesus as Savior. This was probably the easiest time we had sharing the Gospel in an open-air setting. The church brothers and sisters were singing, children were playing, and we invited the children who wanted an Easter prize to come listen to the Easter story. God opened this door for us and it was amazing to see how He orchestrated everything. Before this, it was difficult for us to invite children or parents to listen to the Gospel in the park as we received many rejections. However, on Easter Sunday, we shared the Gospel message with over 20 children, and about 8 of them received Jesus!



Moving Forward Despite Cyclone

MALAWI

CEF Malawi now has 10 committed full-time missionaries with over 200 volunteers reaching out to children through different ministries. Considering the high population in Malawi, we earnestly pray for God to send more laborers (Luke 10:2). Glory to God for opening doors for training. Our prayer is that God would give passion to those trained to get involved with CEF Malawi.

We thank God for the children who heard the Gospel. Between January and March, 62,745 children were reached through a variety of ministries and 37,952 received Jesus as Savior. During this time, Cyclone Freddy hit the southern and eastern regions where most of our missionaries live.



Properties and houses were destroyed and fields washed away. Many were injured and rendered homeless and lives were lost. Although this hindered ministry, it also increased the missionaries' burden for the lost souls of children.

Pain Didn't Keep Her Down

Daisy Naicker, National Coordinator, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Gladys, a full-time missionary, takes a taxi or walks to clubs. One day she had a terrible backache and planned

to spend the day in bed. However, later that afternoon she saw 28 children playing and held a Party Club outside at one corner of a house. Eleven children responded to receive Jesus as Savior.





ROBBED

SOUTH SUDAN

Since last October, my ministry to the children in Juba, South Sudan, was greatly affected after I was robbed of my motorcycle on my way home from town one evening. In March, CEF of South Sudan through the national director, Mr. Francis Candiga, donated another motorcycle to me. This allowed me to reach over 2,217



children in more than 5 schools and churches with the Gospel in the last 3 months. Over 250 children received Jesus as Savior.

Now, with the help of this motorcycle, I am able to train Sunday school teachers, attend staff meetings, and distribute literature and Gospel tracts more easily and at less cost.

I thank CEF and the donor of this motorcycle for this great support that has revived and expanded my ministry to children in my desperate country of South Sudan.

Cult Member Telling Stories

MALAWI

Fatsani* belonged to one of the strongest cults in Malawi. He loved to tell children stories, and they regularly visited his house. One day when the children visited Fatsani, he asked Oden, a CEF missionary in the same community, to

teach the children the Word of God. Oden shared the Gospel, and all the six children who listened and the man himself received Jesus as Savior.

**Name changed*



Projects on Different Fronts

SENSITIVE COUNTRY

Afghan families fleeing the Taliban need love and support. In the summertime we reached about 70 people in two projects for refugees. Afghan children are often traumatized by the hardships they endured in their country. We were privileged to have 30 of them attend camp this summer. After we taught that God created and loves each one of us, a boy asked, "Does God really love me and am I worth more than the most valuable car in the world?" We could answer him, "Yes, God loves you very much because He created you."

Over 100 families attended a large project in a region of our country that was new to our ministry. We had 150 gifts for the children, but that was not enough because there were so many children and teens. The children were happy because many families in this region are poor and cannot afford gifts for their children. We worked

to make good connections with the local school for future support for families and to share the Good News of Jesus.

In another part of the country, people live in mountainous areas that are difficult to access. There is hardly any infrastructure—running water, shops, electricity. Cars cannot get there, so people usually use horse-drawn carriages or donkey carts. In one village we use a donkey that walks slowly, but with God's help we always arrive safely. When weather permits, we visit these remote villages and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people and especially to children. Unfortunately, children often have no time to listen because they have to work in the fields. These people have hard lives, but they are hospitable and there are a few who enjoy hearing the Gospel. One family has already accepted Jesus as Savior.

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I'll Be a Missionary

Bienfait Régis Ntakabanyura, BURUNDI

Eleven-year-old Gaby joined *Good News Club*® last year and received Jesus as Savior. He loves God and everything about missions. In May, when I finished telling the missionary story about Adhiambo, a Kenyan missionary, Gaby was surprised to know that even people from Africa can become missionaries.

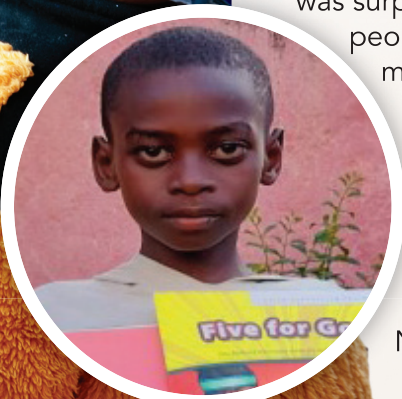
Since that day, he asks us to pray for him to become a full-time missionary.

Nine-year-old Lenitha received Jesus as Savior at GNC™ last year in June when I returned from the *Children's Ministries Institute*® in Kenya. One Saturday in October, I asked

her and two other children who were also saved through GNC about their salvation and I started teaching them how to share the Gospel with others using a *Wordless Book* wristband.

Lenitha told me she had already been using what I taught her. She said, "When we started the new school year (in September), I wanted to start sharing the Gospel with others. I asked our school director to allow me to take ten minutes of our break to go to the preschool and share with them the Word of God."

Her school director was amazed and gave Lenitha permission. Since September, Lenitha has been sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the little kids at her school.



Gaby, 11



Lenitha, 9

Teaching Children to Reach Children

Cheryl Jessemy, National Coordinator, CEF GRENADA

We attended an outdoor Gospel concert prepared to share *The Wordless Book* with children. As the afternoon progressed, children brought their peers so we could share with them too. Many of them already believed in Jesus, so we gave each of them a *Wordless Book* wristband and taught them how to use it to share the Gospel with their friends. Since the event will be held again next year, we are already planning ways to have a bigger impact.





Understanding God and His View of Children

Mitru and Ica Doboş, ROMANIA

Following the Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1 course, one student said, "Although I went to a Christian high school and learned Bible doctrines, there was chaos in my head. God spoke clearly to me through this course. I understood who He is, what sin is, what Jesus did and who He is, and how to tell children the message of salvation. Now there is order in my head."

One parent who attended the course said, "My mind was very dark. I didn't believe a

child could be saved, but after hearing the experiences and Bible passages you presented, I understood children can receive Jesus as their Savior. I went home and taught my children *The Wordless Book*. As I taught, I saw tears in the eyes of one of them. At the end, he said, 'I want to invite Jesus into my life.' When I saw God spoke to my child's heart, my mind was no longer in darkness. Now I believe with all my heart that a child is not too young to listen to God's voice and be changed."



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