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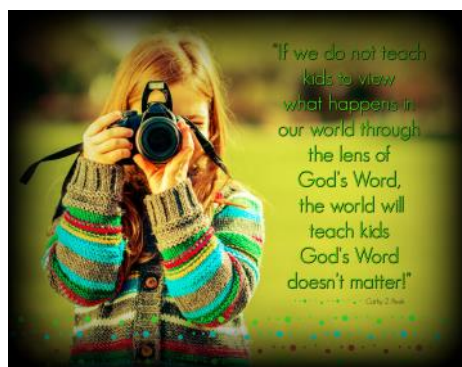
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Dear Champion of the Children,

We began 2020 with much excitement planning for our annual Fundraising Banquet and our growing ministry opportunities before us. But as 2020 got underway, Covid-19 began to spread across the USA, and before we knew it, our 50 Good News Clubs® ended abruptly when schools were closed in mid-March. It was a disappointing way to end clubs, but praise God we reached over 1,310 children with 113 salvation professions for our 2019-2020 year in all our ministries! Our ministry came to a halt like everything else. We had to cancel our Good News Club rally, our banquet and Camp Good News®. As we followed Ohio's stay-at-home order, we began to ask God for the next steps. It has been a frustrating time, but we're not alone. Everyone in our country has been struggling to deal with the Corona virus. As the pandemic continued into August, we learned most schools were not opening this fall or not allowing after school programs. Most children in the Greater Akron Chapter Area are having online school—hopefully temporarily! We are praising the Lord the Lincoln Elementary in Wadsworth is open for an in person Good News Club!

We have had to refocus and learn how to teach our kids using Zoom online. This summer some of our teachers began to reach out to their students by sending devotional books and connecting them with online resources CEF has developed. Our mission hasn't changed. We must do everything possible to reach children in the Greater Akron area with the Gospel. Jesus said in John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." In light of this urgent need, we hope to connect Good News Club teams with churches willing to partner with us to host a club. Also, we will train GNC teams how to use Zoom for online clubs when face to face clubs can't be held. Face-to-face Good News Clubs are allowed with up to 10 kids in each group. Please pray for us as the Lord leads us to refocus on how we do His work. Thank you for your prayers and financial support! They have really blessed us during this pandemic.

For the Children,

Ruth Hill, Local Director



*The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few.*

Luke 10:2

“Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.” - Luke 10:2

We are so thankful for God’s provision in allowing us to hold our first ever Virtual Banquet! While it was different, we are thankful for technology that allowed us to still update our supporters with the work God has been doing in our chapter and also give the opportunity for CEF President, Reese Kauffman to encourage and challenge us to do more to reach the children. Our goal for the banquet was to raise \$25,000 and we are thankful for \$11,000 as of now that have come in already! If you have yet to send your donation in, please be sure to mark “Banquet” on the memo line so we can count it toward our goal.

If you missed tuning in—you still can! Find the video on our Facebook page—
<https://www.facebook.com/cefofgreaterakron> or cefakron.org

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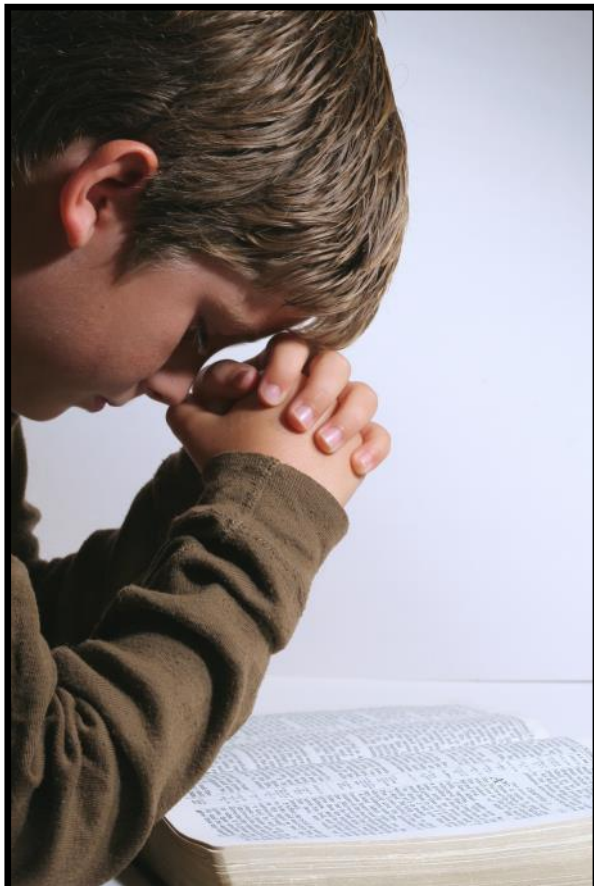
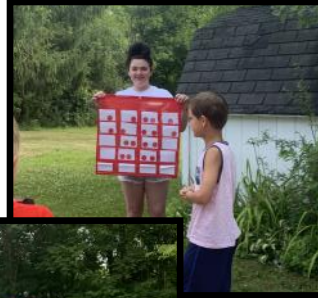
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We had a wonderful summer sharing the Good News through 5-Day Clubs! Originally, we were unsure how many clubs we would effectively be able to hold with the pandemic restrictions. God showed out though and allowed us to have 10 clubs, reaching 88 children and 23 made professions for Christ! Praise the Lord with us!

Below are some pictures of our summer missionaries in action.



CEF World Day of Prayer

Wednesday, November 4th

This is a day our CEF founding fathers gave us, to be held annually on the first Wednesday of November. This day of prayer has such power and potential that we choose to step away from direct ministry to children for 24 hours and, instead, pray on behalf of the children.

We ask that you join us in prayer this day. If you have an interest in joining us in person to pray at our office, please let us know.

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." - Oswald Chambers



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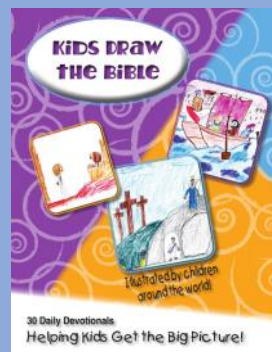
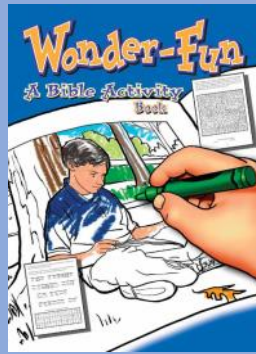
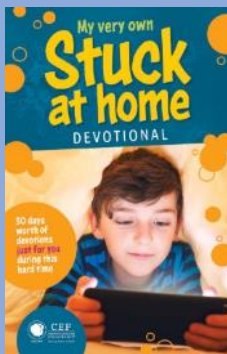
Good News Clubs are going virtual!

With public schools being online or limited access, Good News Clubs will look different this fall. Check out the resources below to see how children can watch Good News Club TV, sign up for devotionals that are delivered by e-mail, and a lot more!



Good News Club TV can be found on CEF's YouTube Channel called U-Nite. You'll find Good News Club songs, stories and more!

<https://www.youtube.com/c/UNiteKids>



These and other fun resources can be found at

cefonline.com/covid19

If you have questions on how to connect, you can contact your local CEF office at (330) 928-1648.



We are collecting Acme receipts for Community Cash Back from August 6—December 26.

Receipts can be turned into our office at anytime through December 26.