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# The Akron Journal

## Ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship<sup>®</sup>

### **OCTOBER-DECEMBER** 2020

Dear Champion of the Children:

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This verse tells us about the Father's gift to us. When you think about all the presents you've received in your lifetime, some may have seemed heavenly, but Jesus Christ is the only gift we will

ever receive that came down from heaven to save us! Without a maker, without a beginning or an end, Jesus is unlike any other gift in the human experience. In addition, although He arrived as tiny infant, He is precisely what all mankind desperately needs.

It is because of your generous donations that we are able to offer this most precious gift to the children in the public schools year after year! We are able to give the children the gift of Jesus, and it is so exciting to be a small part of offering them eternal life! Thank you for making this possible through your prayers and financial support!

Just as Jesus' birth was no ordinary birth, this year 2020 has been no ordinary year. Because of you, we have seen God work many miracles through you, our staff, com-



Gifts for our GNC and JYC Teachers

mittee and our volunteers in 2019 – 2020 to bless more than 1,538 boys and girls. God has blessed us financially in that we are able to end this year in the black, and for that we are so thankful! Thank you for your partnership in the Greater Akron Chapter. Thank you for being Jesus to the boys and girls in our Chapter.

Please continue to pray for the children, our staff, committee, and our many volunteers as we look forward to 2021 to see what we can do better in order to please our Heavenly Father. We have enclosed our first quarter pray calendar and a 2021 wall calendar for you. We pray that you and your family will have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May God richly bless you and keep you in His will!

For the Children,

Ruth Hill, Local Director

### Zoom Training



In the month of October, we hosted our first ever Zoom training! While the concept of using Zoom for online clubs is not our favorite, we are thankful for the technology that God provides to allow us a new way to reach the children. Joanne Flaker led the training for 10 individuals who plan to use Zoom for Good News Clubs, as well as other ministry opportunities. While we are not experts, we have learned quite a bit on how to use Zoom as we have had to navigate through this pandemic. We do not



have another training scheduled at this time, but we may again in the future if we see the need. If this is something you'd be interested in, please let our office know and we will be sure to keep you informed if one gets scheduled.

### **Changes in State leadership**

We are so thankful for the many years we have had Mark Horner as CEF State Director. He has led with humility, grace, and compassion. His love for God and the Gospel has been evident as he has served in the State of Ohio. As 2020 comes to an end, so does Mark's time with CEF, as he begins his new season of retirement! We wish him all the best and would like to thank him for being a wonderful State Director. His wife, Kathy, will continue in her current position as State Director of Education.

We would like to welcome Kyle Latchaw as our oncoming State Director! Please pray for Kyle and his wife, Melissa, and their 4 children as God opens up this new area of ministry and leadership.

Mark & Kathy Horner





Kyle & Melissa Latchaw



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