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"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

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Anticipating God

Summer is rapidly approaching as the weather turns warmer and the bees start buzzing. Our team of summer interns are wrapping up their school years with exams and finals. God has brought us a team of 14 young men and women who are eager to share the Gospel with the boys and girls they will encounter this summer, and their training has already begun!



On April 13th, our team joined together with CEF® of Philadelphia and Schuylkill counties (and a special mascot) to begin learning how to share the Gospel using the Wordless Book. For many of them, this is the first time in their lives they are learning how to share the Gospel, but they are approaching it with eagerness and willingness to learn. The teams will be expected to complete a Wordless Book practicum on May 11th in

preparation for the rest of the summer.

One of the things we love to do as a staff is to anticipate the ways God will work through our team, and He never disappoints. Last summer we held 13 programs in the months of June and July, reaching just under 400 children with the Good News of Jesus Christ. This year we have 12 clubs scheduled, and we are looking forward to how many children God will use us to reach.

There is still time to schedule a club in your backyard or church. If you would like to be a part of what God is doing in Delaware County through CEF, please contact our office at cefofdelawarecounty@gmail.com or call 610-449-9564 today.







Together We Are Making a Difference

As April comes to a close, we want to remind you that there is still time to contribute to our mission of sharing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in Delaware County through our Good News Campaign. You can donate online at cefdelco.com (click on the green Good News Campaign button) or send a check payable to CEF to 153 N. Eagle Rd Havertown, PA 19083.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generous support and participation on the Good News Campaign. Although we didn't reach our goal of \$30,000, we are incredibly grateful for every contribution made. Donations will still make a significant impact in our community, enabling us to provide Bibles, Good News Club® curriculum, devotional books, summer intern training, volunteer training, and other essential resources to share the Good News with children and families in Delaware County.

As we move forward, let us remember that the most important message we can share is the Good News of Jesus Christ. Your continued support and prayers are invaluable as we strive to fulfill our mission of reaching hearts and transforming lives.

A Special Thanks



It is with bittersweet emotion that we say good-bye and a special thank you to two very special staff members. Linda Lefferts and Sharon DeNard have faithfully served as part of our staff for the past four years, both being hired in February 2020 exactly one month before the pandemic closed everything down. It was a challenge for them to learn their new roles remotely, but they persevered and God blessed their efforts! Linda, as our office manager, has

been instrumental in producing promotional materials, recording donations, invoicing, tracking our devotional program and so much more.

Sharon served as our Good News Club coordinator, working to set up our club programs each school year, working with the school districts and facilities departments, coordinating and encouraging our volunteers as well as serving as a volunteer trainer. We will miss them both and pray God's richest blessings on them as they focus their attention on their families.

From the Director

As summer ministry approaches, we are preparing for battle. Battle against the enemy who is prowling around, strategizing and



scheming against us-against our staff, CYIA™ interns, host homes and the children we will reach with the gospel and we need to arm ourselves. Prayer is our not-so-secret and most potent weapon in the fight against the enemy. Prayer is the portal that brings the power of heaven down to earth and is the primary way of putting us into personal contact with God any hour or the day or night and we need you to join us in preparing for battle! How many times have we said "I'll pray for you."? Here's an opportunity to join others in building a hedge of protection around the summer staff and interns, hindering the enemy's attacks and actively praying for the children we will reach in the coming months! Will you join us in preparing for battle? For more information, contact us at 610-449-9564.

~ Brenda Smith



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Our Mission:

To evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to disciple children in the Word of God, and to establish them in a Bible believing church for Christian living.



