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60 Years Later

When Mildred Holler and Betty Dewdney came to NZ in 1951 to begin the ministry of CEF in New Zealand, who would have expected that **60 years later** people would be using websites, Facebook and online purchasing? Who would have expected that the CEF Mailbox Club™ would be established to disciple and evangelize children, teens and adults? Who would have expected that the *Wonder Book*™ and all the Wonder products would be so popular and effective. Who would have expected that in 2011, CEF would be working in 176 countries worldwide? Who would have known, 60 years ago, that some CEF ministries would be strong for a time and then not be so viable or that the camping ministry would continue and strengthen through the years?



Betty

Mildred

On 4th July 2011 we celebrated the 60th anniversary in Auckland with a Fellowship dinner, attended by 100 people. During the evening, greetings from Overseas CEF leaders and a testimony from Mr Ivan Potton (a past National Board Chairman) were read out. Mr Frank Hutchinson spoke of the early days of CEF, Mr Bryce Turner spoke of the camping ministry, Mr Kim Sung Youl spoke of the Korean ministry over the last 10 years and Mrs Pam Brooking talked of the future. Delightful Korean children from the Good News Clubs® presented items. Following the cutting of the cake, Miss Jan Johnson, (CEF Asia Pacific Regional Education Director) our guest speaker, gave a challenging message.



Jan Johnson wrote, "What a privilege it was for me to be at the 60th anniversary celebration and be the speaker for the evening. There were wonderful testimonies from workers, and beautiful music from children. The food and fellowship was delightful. What joy to see people who are involved with reaching children, including the ladies that grade the Mailbox Club lessons. Also it was a great joy to see older ones there who so faithfully taught GNC when they were younger. It was truly a joyful evening. Praise be to God for how He is using a few workers in that land to reach out to boys and girls that need to hear of Jesus."

A further celebratory event was held on the afternoon of 13 August in the South Island at Woodend Camp which was very successful, thanks to the Lord. Over 70 people attended with about 25 being young people (camp leaders). The young people who gave their testimonies (Hannah Bamford, Naomi Williams, Ira Redepenning, Scott Marshall and Rachel Hussey) encouraged everyone there when they shared about God's goodness in their lives. Many others, young and old gave their testimonies in an open time and blessed the Lord. Mr Gordon Sparrow spoke of the past, Mr Peter van't Wout spoke about the present in

the camping area and Mrs Pam Brooking gave the message and challenge.

In both celebrations, thanks are due to everyone who participated and attended to make this year one of thanksgiving and hope for the future. God was greatly praised and given all the glory for the past 60 years and was promised our faith for the years ahead. We still have many more children to reach with the wonderful Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pam Brooking and Jenny Freeman

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Thirty eight years ago, Miss Jenny Freeman attended the CEF Leadership Training Course at the CEF European headquarters in Switzerland. She was already a New Zealand trained Kindergarten teacher and had completed Bible College training in Wales.

Her CEF practical experience was undertaken in Wellington in 1974 under the supervision of Miss Kay Denham.

From 1975 until 1992 Jenny served overseas in Austria, (European Outreach) at the European CEF HQ in Switzerland and on the Army and Airforce Bases in Northern Germany.

In 1992 Jenny returned to New Zealand and worked with the CEF National team. In the ensuing years she has served as Education Director and Associate National Director. For the past year, Jenny has been working part time mainly in the National Office and as Prayer Coordinator and Resource Manager.

But ... the 'time has come' for us to say 'good-bye'. Jenny retires from CEF at the end of September.

Jenny, you will be l-o-n-g remembered for your tireless effort, amazing talents which you have used so faithfully and effectively – and also for your generous sense of humour and your bubbly laugh.

Margaret Thatcher

A farewell afternoon tea will be held in Epsom, Auckland on Saturday, 1st October.

Korean 3 Day Club



'The most nearest mission field, the most urgent mission field, the most effective mission field, it's the hearts of the children!' With this catch phrase, from 18th to 21st July, fourteen 3-Day Club Korean missionaries went out and shared the Gospel with 89 children in 4 different places in the Auckland area. Praise the Lord that 31 children willingly put their trust in Jesus Christ.

On the last evening, the participating teachers shared their testimonies: One lady said, "I regret that I did not tell the Gospel clearly to my own children when they were kids. I just thought telling the Bible story was enough for kids." And one teenager said cheerfully, "It's my first experience to teach children and I really enjoyed it. I want to join this programme again with my friends."

For this ministry one of the Korean supermarkets donated some refreshments and several ladies helped with lunch and dinner for the teachers.

Samuel Kim

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Canterbury Camp

Camp was awesome and it was also "a camp with a difference " The leaders arrived on Sunday, the day before the kids arrived and it snowed all night! When we woke up in the morning with 15 cm of snow on the ground, we knew then that it was going to be a camp with a difference! Out of the 80 kids that were meant to be on the camp, 40 kids turned up on the bus and another 20 turned up in the next 24 hours. That was a real answer to prayer as Christchurch was pretty much shut down after the snow!

One of the most amazing things that I saw directing this camp was to see the quality of young leaders. They stepped up to the task and worked together in unity. They all pitched in, and went beyond the call of duty, by sorting out the little fights between the kids, and doing all those little jobs to help make camp run smooth. It was an amazing atmosphere to work with such a team! My hat goes off to Esther Ward who did a great job as Assistant Director, Phil Mardon and Willy and Peter van't Wout who spent hours nutting out which kids were going in which cabins. Ira Redepenning and Scott Marshall did a marvellous job as Activities Directors as they had to rewrite the programme all over again because of the snow on the ground that lasted all camp!!

The kids on the whole had a really good time and were very receiving of the Gospel. It was so amazing coming into the main hall on the last night to see the whole hall filled with kids being counselled for salvation by their leaders. Out of the 60 kids at camp 32 were counselled to salvation, which is so amazing!!

Paul Hussey

Upcoming Events for Praise and Prayer

Thursday evenings until 22 Sep: Korean Weekly Training Seminars at Te Atatu South

13 Sept-8 Oct: Pam Brooking in Auckland.

21 Sept: Pam speaking at the Eastwest College at Gordonton

26 Sept-8 Oct: Korean, Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1, Auckland.

29 Sept: Charities Commission annual return due

1 October: Jenny Freeman's Farewell (afternoon) in Auckland

8 Oct: Teacher Training at Holy Word Chinese church, East Tamaki

9 Oct: Pam teaching at Joy Ministries in Hastings

10 Oct: Pam speaking at Radio Rhema prayer meeting in Napier

8-23 Oct: Roland and Ruth Stark and family holiday

16 Oct: Waipara Camp Leaders' training day

17- 21 Oct: Good News Camp at Waipara (Canterbury)

12 Nov: National Board meeting

6 Nov -5 Dec: Pam in Northland

14-21 Dec: Teaching Children Effectively Level 1 in Auckland.

Good News Club® (GNC®)

Wednesdays Maraenui School, *Napier*

Thursdays Te Atatu South, *Auckland (Korean)* and Manaia View (until 6th Oct), *Northland*

Fridays Takapuna, *Auckland*; West Harbour, *Auckland (Korean)* and Ruakaka, *Northland*

Saturdays Milford, *Auckland (Korean)* and Te Atatu North, *Auckland (2 Korean Clubs)*.

Monthly Prayer Meetings are held in Northland, Auckland, Hawke's Bay, Foxton, Christchurch.

Monthly prayer items are sent out to prayer partners by email. If you would like to receive these, please contact the national office.

CEF STAFF CONFERENCE July 29-31



My first Annual Staff Conference with CEF was indeed a memorable one. It was a wonderful weekend, weather-

wise, to start with; the venue quite inspirational with the wonderful view of the Hauraki Gulf, the fellowship of wonderful people who seem tireless in serving the Lord and the added extra privilege of hearing David Ra, our Asia-Pacific Regional Director.

I have to say God spoke to me personally and to all of us who were there. We spent time worshipping the Lord, praying for CEF concerns both internationally and locally, listening to God's word, encouraging each other, learning from one another and getting to know each other in a more personal way. I would say this is the model of how our Lord Jesus taught his disciples so that we in turn can do the same thing to enable us to share the Good News to all His people especially the children. Looking forward to next year's conference.

Annabelle Avery