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MINISTRIES

Club Ministries

Find out how God continues to use the exciting club ministries CEF offers around the world. *Good News Club®*, take place once a week during the school year, *5-Day Club®* take place over the course of a five day period during the summer months, offer a unique opportunity for children to interact with teenagers who receive training in the *Christian Youth in Action®* programme.

Truth Chasers Club (Formerly CEF Mailbox Club) has rapidly grown over the past five years to be one of our most effective ministries. With more than 255,000 actively enrolled students from 130 countries, this incredible form of evangelism and discipleship is impacting the world for Christ

Camp Good News

Ranging from day-camp to overnight camp, *Camp Good News®* has long been one of the children's favourite CEF ministries. Check with your local CEF branch to find out when and where a *Camp Good News* will be taking place near you.



Margaret Thatcher
Board Member

Keep on keeping on...

by Margaret Thatcher

I listened to a conversation between myself – and my imagination.

“The need to evangelise children is real. Why is it so hard to enthuse others to train with CEF? Why not give up? There would be less stress – less discouragement!

But - CEF courses on Teaching Children Effectively are SO constructive. We should **keep on keeping on**.

But is it difficult to help folk catch the vision. Why cannot children's workers be encouraged to train with CEF?

When someone *does* attend a TCE 1 course – they are automatically enthused about

TCE 2! My African friend studied TCE 1 in December, 2011. She has since held around four Children's Clubs and another child's name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Another friend recently said, “Although I am not teaching a Good News Club the CEF training I received is useful in my daily work with children.”

A gentleman – in his twilight years - attended TCE 1 and 2. He says, “This training has totally revolutionised the way I teach children. A magnificent course - an amazingly effective tool.”

My imagination ends there and as I sat in church – it was time for the “Kids' Life” programme. I watched fascinated as the children swarmed out to their classes.

“These children are

IMPORTANT”. And it is IMPORTANT I bid my imagination be silent – IMPORTANT to **keep on keeping on**’.

A friend joined me as I weeded her garden. Her idea of gardening was ‘destroy anything above the ground – if only the top is pulled off that's ok – the garden still ‘looks’ better’. The weeds were still **rooted and grounded**’ in the soil - they would grow back again!

“Children need to be **rooted and grounded**’ in the Word, in the knowledge of God's love for them.”

May the Lord sustain us all as we **keep on keeping on**. □

CEF® Celebrates 75th year anniversary!

In 2012 we are celebrating 75 years of God's faithfulness! When CEF was incorporated in 1937, our founder, J.I. Overholtzer, dreamed of an army of child evangelists encircling the globe.

That vision has largely become reality. Today, we have active ministry in over 176 nations, annually reaching

over 10 million children in face-to-face ministry. Over the years, hundreds of millions of children have been introduced to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

God has used hundreds of thousands of volunteers, prayer partners, donors, missionaries and nationals to accomplish His purposes over the past 75 years. We are thankful for this “great

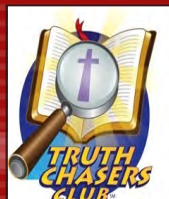


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Prayer for Children Around the World and in New Zealand

When we work, we work. When we pray, God works.

I've never known of a time in my history with CEF where I have seen more encouragement than through the answer of prayer. As I look around, it's almost like you can experience the answers to prayer. Sometimes they come so close together, I call it a miracle in progress. There's nothing more exciting than a miracle taking place in the midst of prayer, and God receiving the glory" -CEF President Reese Kauffman

"Please join us in prayer for the needs of children and CEF workers and missionaries here in New Zealand. Monthly prayer items are sent out to prayer partners either by mail or email and monthly prayer meetings are being held in various locations. If you would like to receive these and would also like to know more about the venues for prayer meetings, please contact CEF National Office.

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Northland Report

Clouds, rain, rain, rain, dripping tents, excited children, much chatter, smoke, wind, flapping tents, beach, sand, driftwood, driftwood, driftwood, games, competitions, food, laughter, good fellowship.

These are all words that come to mind as I think about the OAC "On The Edge" Beach mission run at the Island View motor camp, just east of Whakatane, that our family was a part of from Dec 28th 2011 to January 3rd 2012. We were part of a team of 20 young people, just taking whatever God allowed to come our way and doing our best to bring glory to His name.

The 20 children who came each morning enjoyed the fun activities and interaction with the leaders and learning, for example, from the life of Jonah and the Ninevites that there is

something that separates us from God and His wonderful home.

Many youth and children were challenged over the 6 days with 1 child giving her life to Christ.

So why did we go on a beach mission? We have been involved in a variety of outreaches from phoning people in apartment blocks to running community fun days but we hadn't been involved in a week long beach mission, so thought we'd go and see firsthand how it works. We also felt that there would be things from it we could incorporate into the CEF Christian Youth In Action (CYIA™) programme.

Excerpt from a report by Roland Stark, Northland CEF Director

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

March Events

16 Feb to 22 March West Akld, Korean Weekly Seminars Thurs

March Manaia View, Whangarei English GNC starting w/ **Daniel & Denise**

March 2-4 Northland, Church camp – **Starks** running Children's programme

March 3 Board Meeting

March 7 Napier, Maraenui

School English GNC w/ **Irene**

March 8 & 10 Manukau, Pre-school training w/ **Pam & Ruth**

March 17-31 Whangarei, TCE 1 w/ **Starks & Pam**

March 29-31 West Akld, Korean Super Seminars for SS teachers w/ **Kims**

April Events

April 5-9 Cooper's Beach children's programme w/ **Starks**



Ruth doing children's programme



Children's programme



Counselling time

April 9-12 4 Day Club Opawa

Christchurch w/ **Jane**

April 15-20 Waipara Boys Brigade camp, **Canterbury Good News Camp**

April 15-27 Levin, **Jan Johnson** in NZ for TCE 1 remake for home schoolers w/ **Pam**;

April 24-31 Northland, Capernway group organising Children's programme w/ **Starks**

Camp Good News

Camp was awesome! This was my third time as being the director of the CEF Camps and I loved every bit of it.

Everybody on the team did such a fantastic job in pulling off camp, and it was really rewarding to just be part of it. Caleb Honiss was a great help as assistant director and Scott Marshall, Michael Peach and Nathan Shand did

a great job in their responsibilities with the activities and variety time. The kids were well entertained with many activities, including a uni-hoc tournament through out camp which was very exciting (especially for the boys). Brent and Heather Agnew were the camp parents and were such an asset to have on camp. And last but not least, I must thank the hardest workers at camp, the cabin leaders who did an awesome job being Jesus to the kids!

God's mercies were so good to us in providing great weather and camp had a nice relaxed feel to it.

But the best of all, we got to share Jesus to the kids. We had great Bible story tellers, and after one of the stories, 10 kids came up to be counselled.

Excerpt from the Woodend Camp Report by Paul Hussey, Camp Director, January 8-13, 2012

