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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®**, takes place once a week during the school year, **5-Day Club®** takes place over the course of a five day period, during school holidays and sometimes after school.

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**(Formerly CEF Mailbox Club)**

has rapidly grown over the past five years to be one of our most effective ministries. Now in 130 countries, this incredible form of evangelism and discipleship is impacting the world for Christ.

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Week long camps are held in Canterbury and Southland. **Camp Good News®** has long been one of the children's favourite *CEF ministries*.

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**Greetings to you in Christ.**

My name is Roland Stark and I'm married to Ruth. We have been involved with CEF for 18 years. Firstly in Brazil, then on our return to NZ on the Northland local committee, then as local directors for Northland and now in 2013 as National Board members. We have had a wide and varied involvement with CEF internationally and nationally.

I recently read the following comment made by Hudson Taylor about a personal struggle he had: *"For years I longed to abide, but I thought of it as a very high attainment to which I was unequal, involving spiritual heights to scale for which I did not have the needed strength. Abiding is not impossible; the Scriptures command it. And yet it seemed impossible to me until I saw that what I thought of as abiding was feeding, which is a conscious and voluntary act. We partake of our food at fixed intervals only, but we live and work in the strength of that food continuously. Abiding is not a thing of consciousness, but of fact. Do we cease to abide in our homes when we are asleep at night? So abiding in Christ is a state which commitment to Christ in faith achieves, and the reality of that faith is proved by the result- fruit."*

As I've thought about Hudson Taylor's statement I've come to realise that this is what we are about at CEF. Our name implies we are a group of people united in our desire to reach children with the Good News about Jesus Christ. This is true but we are about more than just that. In fact one of our strong points is our emphases on "Assurance of Salvation" when we counsel children for Salvation. Much of the CEF training material is about growing children in their Christian faith, so they can know they are abiding in Christ who has promised "never to leave them nor forsake/forget them" in a society where people are feeling more and more alone.

Roland Stark

**From the Board Chair**

In the space above you will read an article by Roland Stark. He and Ruth are together already making a major contribution to the life of the Board, and through that to the life and ministry of CEF here in NZ. **BUT** you dear reader can also make a lasting contribution to the work...?

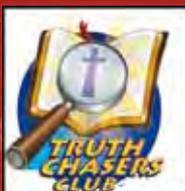
My mission here in this newsletter is **MONEY!** A word used 140 times in the Bible. **BUT** also one we in CEF have found to be an area where we are constantly relying on the Lord and His people to provide for us. This is another of those occasions where I have my hand out for a hand out! Our recent financial review shows we are spending or using more money than comes in! So the reserves are slowly but surely whittling away. To be honest we could easily be insolvent in 2 years at this rate! **BUT** I am glad to say a recent legacy has given us breathing space. Along with the need to seek additional income and reduce costs where possible!

**BUT** like Oliver Twist I have my hand out for more - or better still, a gift, a donation, an ongoing pledge, to support the work of CEF through someone like Suzanne our Auckland Area Manager, who is enlarging a work in the North Shore and now moving ahead in South Auckland. She is paid for 30 hours a week and in terms of our CEF Constitution needs to have supporters to pray for her and help meet those wage costs we have!!

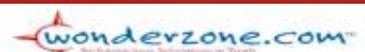
OR perhaps you might like to do something quite radical and different and make a regular contribution towards the very reasonable rent of the Office: \$375 a month. Or even the leasing cost of the photocopier and postage machine.... \$266 a month.

Please pray about and seek the Lord as to how you might respond.

Terry Trail



**Camp Good News®**



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is now working in 180  
countries worldwide

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### Prayer for Children in New Zealand and Around the World

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. (SEE ABOVE)**

### DONATE

*The most spiritually productive harvest field anywhere is among the children. Statistics show that the great majority of people who accept Christ do so between the ages of four and fourteen—when they are children.*

If you would like to make a direct credit gift to our ministry the details are:

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For receipts, please put your name & what the donation is for in the particulars field.

# Overseas News

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“Let the lips of children praise the Lord!” (Matt. 21:16)

“Let the lips of children praise the Lord!” This was the Theme for our CEF Asia Pacific Conference last September 9 to 13, 2013 held at Harbour Plaza Resort City, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories - Hong Kong. The Theme Song was sung by the CEF Hong Kong National Board, Staff and Volunteers during the final day of the conference. It brought tears to my eyes as the song was being sung, my thoughts are on the lost precious boys and girls who need to know Christ as Lord so they can sing praise to Him. Over two-hundred sixty delegates all over Asia and Pacific Region including our Leaders from the USA and guests from Europe came and experienced exceptional Chinese style of hospitality. As soon as we arrived for the National Directors meeting last September 6 to 9 we were showered with their kind hospitality. Thank you for praying for the Meeting and Conference, it was indeed a time of refreshing for everyone who came, we were rejuvenated and we received vision afresh and greater burden for the spiritual needs of the precious boys and girls. The fellowship with retired CEF missionaries (who came from Europe and Caribbean where they lived before they came to the Asia-Pacific) had played a big part in the CEF Ministry in our Region and brought joy in our midst. They were to us a living epistle so we can follow in their footsteps and pray that we will also remain faithful to the end. At the end of the Conference we have to say our goodbyes trusting God to allow us again to meet after three years for the next AP Conference in Indonesia - our next host country.

We continue to sing praise to the Lord for another special treat after Conference in the Country city of Macau. Our dear CEF USA Hong Kong born Missionary Director to Macau arranged a tour to her adopted country of Macau. We were warmly welcomed with a hearty dinner at a Portuguese Restaurant by her National Board and staff. We did a lot of walking, riding, eating, laughing, singing, praying and sharing. Everyone had a great time including our CEF A/P Education Director.

As soon as I arrived in Manila, I was able to make phone calls to some of my ministry partners and supporters and even made a point to visit my Tongan family and friends who are serving the Lord here in the Philippines residing inside the compound of the International School of Theology.

The Lord had answered my heart's desire to spend a much needed time of bonding and fellowship with my only niece and her family together with my sister and step mother in one of the resorts in my home city.

I was able to visit a medical specialist, had my laboratory tests and visited the dentist. (Just a quick flash back during the opening programme of the CEF Asia Pacific Conference which is the 50th anniversary celebration of CEF Hong Kong, while we were having our dinner I felt numbness of my fingers in both hands and felt uneasy. One of my Filipino co-workers noticed my reaction and came to massage my hands. CEF Hong Kong staff came and took me to a room to rest and then the daughter of CEF Hong Kong general secretary and friends took me to the outpatient department of the Adventist hospital and after the doctor's consultation they brought me back to the hotel.) I will need a further medical check-up when I go back to Manila next week. While in Manila I will be attending a seminar on Oral Learners under the Missions Program of the Asian Theological Seminary for two weeks in mid-October.

I thank God for His provisions for my medical and dental needs. I praise Him for CEF friends and church mates who ministered to my needs while here in my city. Pray that I will be a blessing to them and to others as well. Pray too that I will be sensitive to God's leading where He wants me to minister. Pray for the training program that I committed to assist in the month of November.

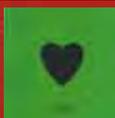
I am forever grateful to the Lord for His goodness shown through His people.

“For this, O Lord, I will praise you among the nations; I will sing praises to your name.”  
2 Samuel 22:50

*Thess*

Theresa Llorente

Missionary Director  
CEF Tonga



# In New Zealand

## Mailbox Club®

The Mailbox Club is run by Margrit Notter and Elsie Crawford at Sonshine Ranch, Papakura, Auckland. Margrit has been running the club for the past 12 years and Elsie has been helping her over the past 2 years. America has changed the name to The Truth Chasers Club, however New Zealand is continuing to call it the Mailbox Club.

The Mailbox Club has lessons that cover from the ages of 4 through to adults. The titles include the following:

- See & Do 1 & 2 (ages 4-7)
- Story time 1 & 2 (ages 7-8)
- Young Explorers (ages 8-9)
- Best Friends 1 & 2 (ages 9-10)
- Explorers 1 (ages 10-12)
- Explorers 2 (ages 10-12)
- Winners 1 & 2 (ages 13-14)
- A Country Called Heaven (teens & adults)
- My New Life in Christ 1 2 3 (teens & adults)
- Practical Christian Living (teens & adults)
- God's Great Salvation (teens & adults)
- Light from the Old Testament (advanced course)
- Understanding True Love Part 1 (older teens & young adults) (available soon)



Margrit Notter



Elsie Crawford

We recently printed new lessons for the club called Practical Christian Living. These lessons needed to be reproduced to give a good clear print and a part of this process meant that I needed to proof read the booklets. Some of the lessons I found to be quite challenging in my own life, so it doesn't matter whether you are a new Christian or a person who has been living the Christian life for a long time there is material here that everyone can benefit from. It is free to join the Mailbox Club; the only cost is the postage for sending the lesson back for marking. As one lesson is completed the next lesson book will be sent out to you.

I would like to challenge everyone to join Mailbox club and to find friends or family (children, grand-children maybe even great grand-children) to join Mailbox club. The lessons are also great for Sunday Schools or Church clubs to do. We would be very happy to send you some sample lessons so you can see the content and how you could use them in these areas.

Please find enclosed invites to give to someone else or for you to join.  
Blessings, Stephanie Doak

## Levin Club Ministries

WOW, God is at work!

We are excited in Levin South at the growth in the children who have given their lives to the Lord over the last 12 months. We started a Good News Club on Friday afternoons in August 2012. We praise God that we are able to use the Levin churches initiative Hinemoa House, which started about 3 years ago, for the club. Our GNC was the first evangelistic programme to be held. We have reached 46 children in all with 17 children counselled for salvation.

In February 2013 on Thursday afternoons we started a Wonder Club, which is a discipleship club using the CEF TruthChasers lessons. Twelve children from the Hinemoa GNC are registered with us. One child has completed one series to receive her certificate. We keep praying for people to help so one-on-one can be achieved as many of the children have reading difficulties and all are on different lessons.

In June this year we started a third club at York Street Chapel in Levin north. We now have 18 on the roll with 8 decisions for Christ so far. In all there have been 10 different helpers including three teachers at the clubs. We give God all the glory for all He is doing in this town.



## Five Day Wonder Club in Hastings October 2013

During the October school holidays, a 5 Day Club was held in Camberley in Hastings. Eight helpers from Revive Church were trained, on the Sunday night before, on how to lead a child to Christ. God blessed us with a total of 18 children who gave their hearts to the Lord. Over the week we had 44 children attend. Only the eight helpers counselled children. God was ever present with us as we watched the children's attitudes change over the week. God is good!

On Tuesday a four year old died in the park next to the club. He was run over by a commercial lawn mower. The boy had lived across the road from the hall, and as Camberley is a very close knit community, the death affected the club children. Praise God that



the lesson being taught on Wednesday morning, was on Jesus raising Lazarus. This led to a frank, and open discussion with the children about eternal life and heaven. Parents were telling us that week that their children were reading their Bibles every morning and praying. An eleven year old girl walked in off the street towards the end of the programme and asked what was going on. The helper she spoke to talked to her about the club and led her to the Lord. She was from a Mormon family, and she

was able to attend with her parents blessing for the rest of the week. We found the children were hungry to know God. The church is already actively following up the children who made decisions and planning visitation to all the families, including using a bus to bring children to Sunday School. We praise God for the wonderful helpers that God used to give glory to Him.

During the week the police dropped in and viewed what we were doing in the club. They were amazed at the good behaviour of the children in this area of Hastings especially during a week of trauma.

Pam Brooking Director for Central Region NZ.

### Suzanne Szilagyi - October 2013

In the middle of nowhere - in the centre of everything?

It feels like just the other day that I drove to Hampton Downs with Arrie for his first interview at the Spring Hill Correctional Facility. As I looked around me that morning, I thought: what a beautiful place! But it's in the middle of nowhere! My heart cried out: Lord, what?

*Psalms 138:8* - "The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me..."

Praise God for His Sovereignty! Weeks flew by and the series of interviews and training college is all done! Arrie graduated from the Corrections Training College in Wellington on the 3rd of October. And we find ourselves now living in the small village of Te Kauwhata, close to the western shore of Lake Waikare and bordered by the Whangamarino swamp - eternally grateful and in awe of God's goodness and grace! He continues to fulfill His purpose for us!!

I thought I was in the middle of nowhere but discovered that I'm actually in the centre of everything.

The village of Te Kauwhata has a population of approximately 1,200; 21% of which are children under the age of 15. My mission field! 76 % European, 20 % Maori, 4 % other ethnic groups.

Please pray for me as I start to reach the children of Te Kauwhata. I had an opportunity to do a Bible talk at the Te Kauwhata primary school. Also ministry programme every Wednesday after school at the rugby club. I also visit the Childcare and Early Learning Centre every Friday.

I desperately need God's wisdom and guidance as I plan and build my ministry. I'm constantly challenged to learn more about the people of New Zealand and their culture.

My daily prayer: LORD fulfill Your purpose for me!!!

Suzanne Szilagyi

# Activity Corner

## Make a Wordless Book Bracelet

Take a piece of leather thong approx. 30-35cm long. (This depends on who the bracelet is being made for and how small or large is needed). Thread the following coloured beads in this order onto the leather thong:

Gold - reminds us of heaven; black - reminds us of sin; red - reminds us of Jesus blood shed for us; white - reminds us of a clean heart, and green - reminds us of growth. Check that the beads are sitting halfway on the thong, and then tie a knot on either side of the beads. Take either a clear bead or a blue bead which stands for water baptism and thread one end of the thong through the bead. Take the other end of the thong and thread it through in the opposite direction. See picture 1 below. Tie a knot as close as possible to the bead on both sides. See picture 2. Trim the ends of the leather thong.

Enjoy telling of the gift of salvation to everyone who asks you what your bracelet means.



Picture 1



Picture 2

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ITEMS FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayer makes a difference. When we pray, God works. In a spiritual ministry, we don't want to attempt to put our efforts and resources into something that is not blessed of God. Phone the office or email us for up to date prayer requests, or go on our monthly prayer calendar update.

**TCE1** to be held in Hastings 10 - 17 November 2013. Contact the office to book into this vital course.

**Praise God** for the 5 Day Club held in Hastings during the school holidays. Praise God for the children who committed their lives to Him.

**Praise God** for the Waipara camp held in the school holidays. Pray for the children who were seeking and those counselled for salvation and their follow up.

**Pray** for Pam who is having problems with her legs and feet.

**Pray** for Stephanie as she has an operation on her shoulder on Tuesday 22 October.