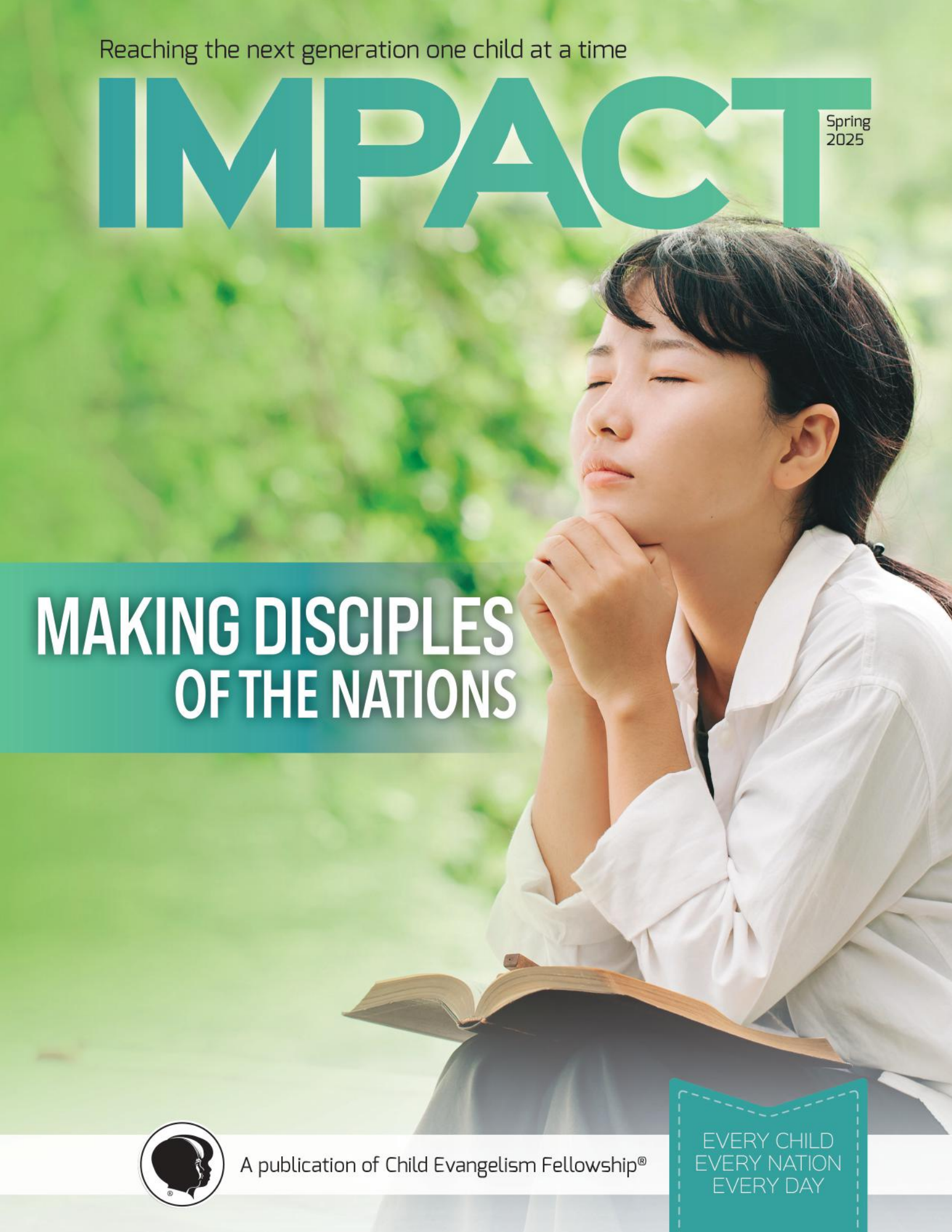
Reaching the next generation one child at a time

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MAKING DISCIPLES OF THE NATIONS

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EVERY CHILD
EVERY NATION
EVERY DAY



FROM THE **PRESIDENT**

For 88 years Child Evangelism Fellowship has shared the Good News of Jesus with children. President Emeritus Reese Kauffman often said, "The Lord's last commandment is our first concern." All our ministries focus on making disciples. I thank God that He has enabled me to serve Him through CEF for 37 years and witness children come to Christ and grow in His ways.

The first step in making disciples is to bring them to a saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. This is why each of our Bible lessons includes the message of salvation and an invitation to receive Jesus as Savior. It is why we push to conduct more and more Christmas Party Clubs, knowing it is a great opportunity to reach many unreached children for Christ. We produce many Gospel tracts and booklets for children even as we focus 60 percent of our online children's content to share the Gospel. Each year we see millions of children profess faith in Jesus!

"GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS . . ."
—MATTHEW 28:19

But when children are saved they need help to grow in their relationship with God. This is why every one of our Bible lessons also includes specific teaching for the saved child. It is why we strive to convert Christmas Party Clubs into Good News Clubs where children can receive ongoing discipleship. We produce devotional books and Quiet Time sheets and encourage childen to read God's Word and pray every day. Forty percent of our children's online content focuses on discipleship.

Children are encouraged to serve the Lord and taught how to share their faith. When they become teens they can be trained through Christian Youth In Action to teach children. From there we see many join as leaders of a Good News Club and go on to receive more training to become CEF staff.

Whether you work for CEF, pray, give, volunteer, or serve on a CEF committee or board, you are part of a great work to fulfill our Lord's command. As you read this edition of *Impact*, may you be encouraged by what God is doing to make disciples of all nations. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.

A servant of the Gospel,

Jeremiah Cho

Rev. Jeremiah Cho

Please Pray

1. God will work through the International Conference to be a blessing to those who attend.
2. Children will be discipled to grow to know God better through *CEF*® ministries.
3. Praise God for all that was done through *Christmas Party Club*® ministries.
4. Children's lives will be transformed through attending *Good News Club*® and other *CEF* ministries.
5. More children will take advantage of the *U-Nite*® online content.
6. Children will be bold to share their faith with other children.





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EVERY NATION, TRIBE, AND TONGUE

JEREMIAH CHO

When Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19), He knew what the result would be. One day, an innumerable multitude of people from every nation, tribe, and tongue will stand before God in praise for the redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ. But until that day, there is work for us to do. I want to do all I can to bring as many as I can to the throne of God. That is why I have invested so much of my life in *Child Evangelism Fellowship*. I am excited to gather together at our International Conference and share the vision for how we can take part in building that multitude by reaching 100 million children a year by 2032.

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OUR GOAL
100
MILLION CHILDREN
PER YEAR







To meet this goal, we need to pray, trusting God to work through His people, take the ministry to where the children are, and train, equip, and support workers.

The ministry of *CEF* spans across many nations, tribes, and tongues. During Conference, we will gather as a family from 150 countries.

During the Conference, much emphasis will be given on building highways to reach children by expanding our core ministries: *Christmas Party Club*, *Good News Club*, *Christian Youth In Action®* and *5-Day Club®*, Children Reaching Children, and Junior Youth Challenge™. Attendees will gain greater vision for these ministries, hear testimonies, and choose from a variety of workshops to glean ways to build these ministries to reach more children. They will also learn how to better utilize literature and digital resources.

As we gather together, it is important to build into the lives of one another. We will enjoy times of fellowship and opportunities for personal and spiritual enrichment. Our eight regional directors will share reports and lead us in morning times of prayer around the world floor map. Additional workshops will be offered to strengthen staff, develop areas of ministry, and improve funding for the ministry.

Most importantly, we will earnestly pray to God for direction, strength, and fruit. I appreciate the focus Beltane Harrigan, North America/Caribbean regional director, has given regarding prayer in saying, "If it can't be done by prayer, then it can't be done." Hudson Taylor put it this way: "When we work, we work. When we pray, God works." Our own efforts dim in comparison to the greatness of what God can do.

Together, let us look to God and ask Him to do great things as we gather for Conference and go on to serve Him. Join us for "40 Days of Prayer" starting April 14 and ending May 23 during our Conference closing program. Learn more at **ic.cefonline.com/40Days**. Let us work together to reach children from every nation, tribe, and tongue for the glory of God.

IF IT CAN'T BE DONE BY PRAYER, THEN IT CAN'T BE DONE.



OUR MISSION

Child Evangelism Fellowship® is a Bible-centered, interdenominational, worldwide organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose and mission are to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, disciple them in the Word of God, and establish them in a Bible-believing church for Christian living.

MAKING DISCIPLES+

Our ultimate goal is to produce disciples of Jesus Christ who are established in Bible-believing churches and actively serving God.

MAKING DISCIPLES THROUGH EFFECTIVE TEACHING AND BUILDING PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

At a church sponsored *Good News Club* in Nashville, every week ten-year-old Sam* responded to the Bible lesson invitation to talk with someone about God. He had believed in Jesus as Savior, but struggled with his sinful habits. "I forged my mom's signature on a homework assignment she was supposed to sign, and I didn't do what my mom told me to do. Why am I still doing these things if I'm a Christian?" Sam would ask. Sam's GNC™ leader had been trained to teach about confession of sin and was there to provide weekly accountability and ongoing prayer support.

CHILDREN SEE FRUIT AS THEY DEVELOP GIFTS AND ABILITIES

Gayle* (from a dangerous country) had believed on Jesus as Savior. She asked the *CEF* missionary questions she had from reading her Bible. This past Christmas, Gayle invited other children to attend Christmas Party Clubs held in different areas. Thanks to her ministry, hundreds of children heard the Gospel.

DISCIPLESHIP PRODUCES DISCIPLES WHO DISCIPLE OTHERS.

In 2016, Bonsuk was in level two at *Christian Youth In Action* in South Sudan when the war broke out and she fled to Uganda. Bonsuk took the Bible lesson series she received at CYIA™, and when she reached the refugee camp in Uganda, she organized a *5-Day Club*. Many children attended and received the Lord Jesus as Savior, including a little girl called Nadia.

That year, Nadia went to children's camp and enjoyed singing *CEF* Gospel songs and memorizing Bible verses. She told Bonsuk, "I want to teach the way you do." Every holiday, Bonsuk involved Nadia in *CEF* activities. Now Nadia is in CYIA and teaches children



in the Good News Club that Bonsuk taught in the refugee camp. "My heart is filled with joy when I see how God transforms children even in the refugee camp," says Bonsuk.

DISCIPLED CHILDREN GROW, SERVE IN MINISTRY, AND DEVELOP INTO LEADERS.

In 2022 Junior attended a *Christmas Party Club* training organized in his area of Burundi. After teaching in a CPC™ he decided to start a *Good News Club*. The next year he took Teaching Children Effectively™ 1 to continue his training. His *Good News Club* multiplied into three clubs. Junior became a volunteer with CEF Burundi and organized a *Good News Club* Anniversary Party. Junior has grown in leadership skills and has recruited a team to lead songs, teach verses, and help maintain discipline. At the GNC Anniversary Party more than 80 children enjoyed an amazing program of songs, memory verse, and Bible lesson, and eight boys and girls received Jesus as Savior.

***Name changed**



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CELEBRATING WHAT GOD DID THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas Party Club®

IN 2024, **247,586** PEOPLE WERE TRAINED TO CONDUCT CHRISTMAS PARTY CLUBS AROUND THE WORLD. THE RESULTS WE HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE:

- **310,033** Christmas Party Clubs
- **10,349,224** children reached
- **3,588,560** professed faith in Christ

GOD IS MOVING in Liberia

JEREMY LLOYD

We indeed serve a God who saves, and that was clear this past Christmas season in Liberia. CEF Liberia staff made plans to host a *Christmas Party Club* to share the true meaning of Christmas with students from both public and private schools. But as time drew near for the event, they weren't sure they would be able to host the club because their materials had not arrived. They asked God to give them what they needed for the clubs. This would be a great opportunity to teach these boys and girls about the true God, the gift of His Son, and how they can have forgiveness of sins and everlasting life.

Getting materials through customs is not easy, but the materials arrived just in time! A large group of children listened as workers taught the lesson and then invited the children to respond to the Gospel message they had heard. The workers were thrilled to see many raise their hands to say they wanted to receive Jesus as Savior.

As excited as the Liberian CPC workers were to see so many children come to faith, they knew their work was not done. Jesus sent us into the world, not simply to win souls, but to make disciples (Matt. 28:19-20). They explained to the children how to grow in Christ, and the importance of reading and obeying God's Word. The children were given a *60-Day Wonder Devotional Book*™ to help them grow to know God better every day.

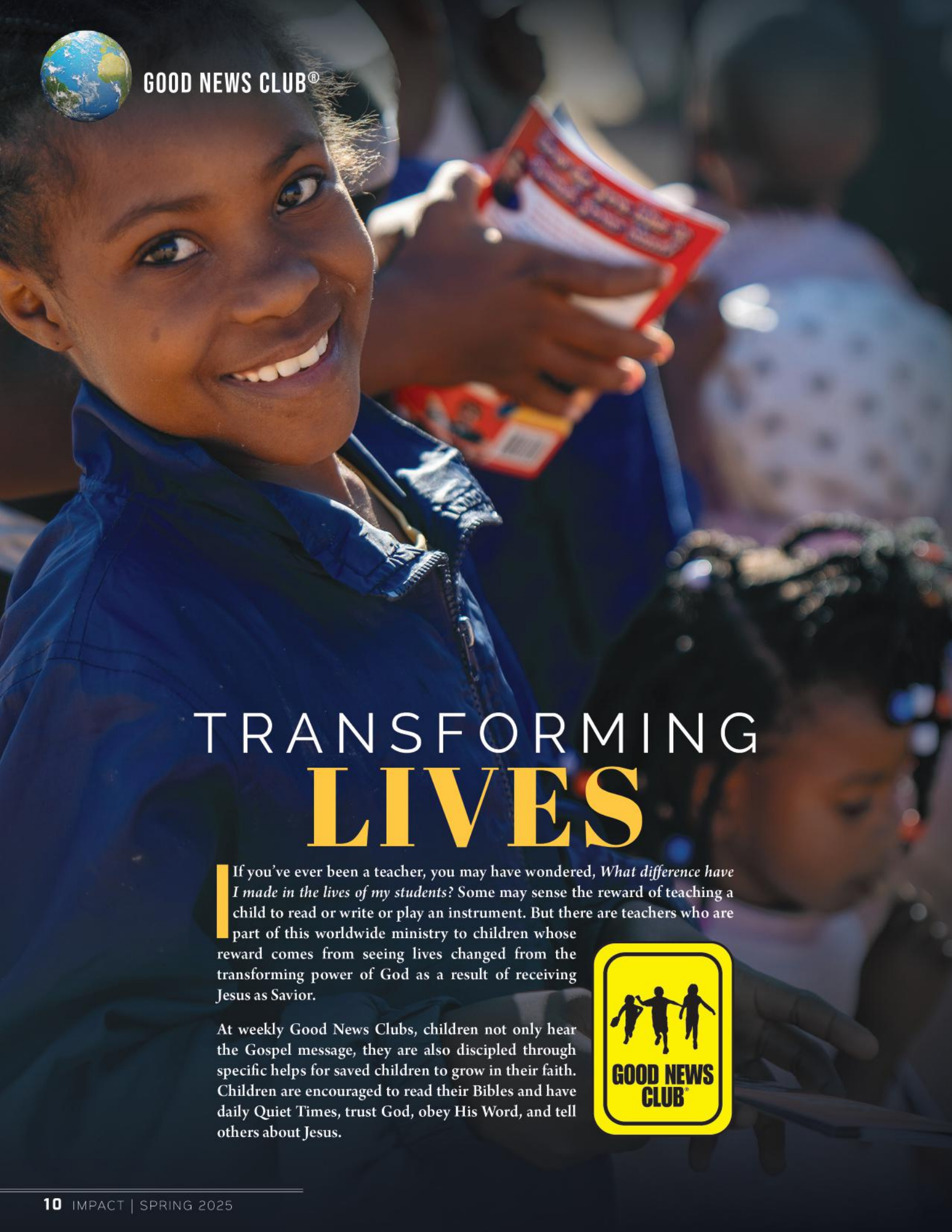
Knowing that many of the children came from non-Christian homes, the teacher had the insight to tell the students to ask their parents if they would be willing to join them during their devotions. Many of the children shared their faith with their parents through *The Wonder Devotional Book* and it became an enjoyable family event each evening.

Ten separate parents contacted one CPC teacher and thanked him for sharing the Gospel with their children because now they have also become believers. As a result, each family has devotions every evening. One son even comes in to excitedly remind his parents: "It's time to have devotions!" Over and over our God proves Himself mighty to save through a child's witness.

You can be part of our growing *Christmas Party Club* ministry. Each year, the Gospel reaches millions of children around the world through this outreach. People are needed to host clubs, teach in clubs, and join us by supporting this work. For more information about how you can participate, scan the code or visit cefonline.com/cpc.

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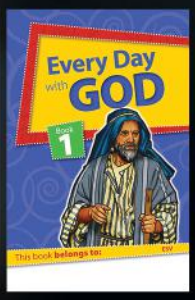
TRANSFORMING LIVES

If you've ever been a teacher, you may have wondered, *What difference have I made in the lives of my students?* Some may sense the reward of teaching a child to read or write or play an instrument. But there are teachers who are part of this worldwide ministry to children whose reward comes from seeing lives changed from the transforming power of God as a result of receiving Jesus as Savior.

At weekly Good News Clubs, children not only hear the Gospel message, they are also discipled through specific helps for saved children to grow in their faith. Children are encouraged to read their Bibles and have daily Quiet Times, trust God, obey His Word, and tell others about Jesus.

GOD'S WORD MAKES A DIFFERENCE

At GNC in a dangerous country, the teacher asked, "Do you read the Word of God at home every day?" Abdul* answered, "How can I read if I don't have a Bible?" He greatly desired to have a Bible. Everyone in his family are unbelievers. When he goes home from GNC, he tells his parents about the importance of loving God and praying to Him.



"I want to read the Bible every day!" eight-year-old Elisa said when she received her *Every Day with God* devotional booklet at a GNC in Italy. That wasn't just a promise—Elisa was so enthusiastic, that since then she's been spending time with God every day, reading His Word and praying. It's amazing how powerful a devotional booklet can be in the life of a child.

A CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR

Mercy's Kenyan village was known for theft. Children went into homes to steal. No door was left unlocked because the owner would find nothing left in the house. Farms were a mess because planting fruits and vegetables was like inviting the thieves to your farm to steal.

When Mercy took the TCE™ course, she enjoyed learning how to reach boys and girls for Christ. After the training, she started a *Good News Club* in her home and children enjoyed coming. At club, many children believed on the Lord Jesus as Savior. Mercy continued to teach and disciple them in the Word of God.

After a few months, the whole village was changed and at peace. The change that started with children was noticeable everywhere.

LIVING FOR JESUS

Boys from small villages in this dangerous country go to big cities for education and live in hostels. During a *Good News Club* in one of these hostels, a boy named Wahab* put his faith in Jesus and was saved.

Years later, he saw his GNC teacher and asked, "Do you remember me? I am Wahab from your GNC. When I went home to my village, I shared with my family about what Jesus had done for me and they came to believe in Him as their Savior."

Now Wahab is working to translate the Bible into the language of his village.

STUDENT BECOMES TEACHER

Years ago, Stephen, a young Roma boy, came to know Jesus as Savior at a *Good News Club* in Greece. He said, "When I grow up, I also want to teach children about God." Now Stephen is grown and is a volunteer with *CEF*. He desires to become a full-time worker in the near future.

*name changed

CHILDREN NOT ONLY HEAR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE, THEY ARE ALSO DISCIPLED THROUGH SPECIFIC HELPS FOR SAVED CHILDREN TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH.



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Online **Discipleship** Safe from Dangerous Content

JENNA TOWNSON



Molly* choked back tears as she forced the question out, "How do I know I really love Jesus and not the devil?"

I was surprised by the question and the weight it carried on her heart. The year before, Molly expressed her belief in Jesus as her Savior. She loved coming to *Good News Club* and actively participated. She appeared to love Jesus very much.

"Has something happened that makes you think you don't love Jesus?" I asked.

With tears, Molly told me, "I was on TikTok and scrolled past a video that said, 'If you're a Christian, like and follow to prove you love Jesus. If you love the devil, scroll past this video.' I didn't like or follow. Does Jesus think I don't love Him because I did that?"

Other girls in our small group at GNC joined in, sharing similar fears that had been planted by damaging online content, demanding likes, shares, and follows in exchange for declaring allegiance to God.

The conversation infuriated me at the greedy, vain use of God's name and reminded me why good, biblical discipleship content is needed. This is why *CEF*



ON U-NITE TV® CHILDREN CAN EXPLORE FREE VIDEOS WITH STORIES THAT ENCOURAGE THEM IN THEIR LOVE AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

is dedicated to making 40 percent of our children's videos on discipleship. On *U-Nite TV®* children can explore free videos with stories that encourage them in their love and knowledge of God, like the five-part Esther series. Children can sing along to memory verse music videos that help hide God's Word in their hearts.



CEF has even dedicated an entire podcast, *U-Nite Radio®* to discipleship. *The Good News Devos* and *Good News Heroes* segments encourage discipleship. They explore God's Word, answer common questions, and encourage kids to look to Christian heroes of the past as role models.

For grandmothers like Suzanne, *U-Nite Radio* provides them with positive discipleship content they can enjoy with their grandchildren. Suzanne says:

> *I don't have to preview the content like I would on other media platforms.* CEF *promotes the same biblically sound doctrine, values, and spiritual goals I share so I am comfortable turning it on and enjoying an episode of* Good News Heroes *with my grandchildren. It's a powerful tool to point children to Jesus and the Word of God, show them their need for a relationship with Him, and then encourage children with true accounts of people who committed their lives to Jesus and served Him in mighty and miraculous ways. My grandchildren and I love the story of Jake DeShazer on* Good News Heroes. *His story is an amazing demonstration of forgiveness. We also love the story of Ida Scudder because she allowed the Lord to transform her desires. The stories are a thrilling, yet practical application of what it means to follow Jesus.*

Around the world, *CEF* missionaries use traditional radio to disciple children locally. CEF Romania hosts a live, interactive program, bringing in over 200 listeners. Listeners are encouraged to engage with the hosts during the live show. A ten-year-old listener shared, "You may not realize it, but the things you shared help me make the right choices!"

The online content available to children has the power to impact them, no matter how short or long.

Check out *U-Nite* at cefonline.com/unite.

CEF PROMOTES THE SAME BIBLICALLY SOUND DOCTRINE, VALUES, AND SPIRITUAL GOALS THAT I SHARE



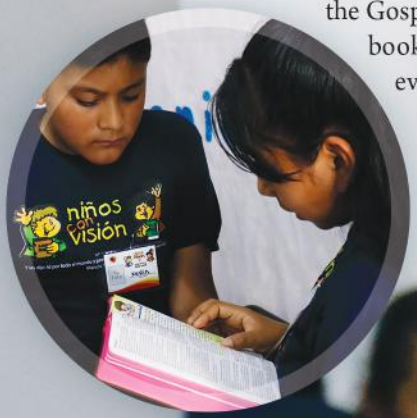
CHILDREN WITH A VISION

REBECCA KEE

High in the mountains of Oaxaca, Mexico, where the Mixe people live, a boy started his three-hour hike to attend a *CEF* evangelistic training for children called Children Reaching Children. In Mexico, they call it *Niños Con Visión*, literally, "Children with Vision." These discipleship courses have been going on annually since 1997. In 2023, 20 courses with 1,696 children in attendance resulted in reaching 1,080 souls for Christ. Worldwide in 2023, 7,080 were reached through CRC training.

Enrique Serralta, the national director for CEF of Mexico, has had the pleasure of meeting many precious children through this program. One night after a campfire, he heard the Mixe boy pray: "God, thank you for a mat to sleep on, tortillas and beans to eat, and thank you that I get to see my dad next weekend." (His father was in prison for being a believer.) "God, I ask you for a Bible, so I can get to know you better."

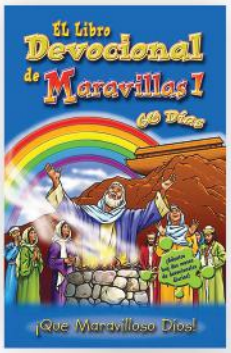
This humble prayer prompted Enrique to ask God for Bibles to give to each child at future CRC seminars. "One thing that fills me with joy," says Enrique, "is to see a child receive a Bible and say, 'It's mine? It's for me?'" At the seminars, the children learn to use their new Bibles to share the Gospel, using specially made bookmarks with key evangelistic verses.



THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

Enrique knew the Bible was not only a primary tool for evangelism. Through God's Word, children grow in their relationship with God and are transformed. One girl who came to the CRC seminar believed she would ultimately end up a prostitute, like her mother and grandmother. After hearing the truth from God's Word she realized, "My life has a different purpose, and I am going to be different."

These children are living out God's purpose for them: to help make disciples of the nations. Through CRC, these children become effective disciple-makers of family and friends in their homes, churches, communities, and schools. One time Enrique heard a father say to his child, "Son, are you going to have your devotional time with your neighbor you led to Christ?" The son said, "Yes, we're going to have it in the morning." The father said, "Don't do it in the morning, but wait for me so that when I come home, I can be with all of you and enjoy that *Wonder Devotional Book*." Because this child was a witness for Christ, his father also began to grow in Christ alongside his son and neighbor.



Enrique points out that if we are going to reach more children with the Gospel, children are our best allies.

"They don't struggle to be with and understand children because they are already children. They don't have to fight to get into schools because they are already in the schools. They don't have to lower themselves to the level of a child to play with a child because they are already children!"

TWO BOYS NAMED SAMUEL

God has transformed the lives of many children through this program and called them to consecrate their lives. At one CRC training, a boy named Samuel cried because he felt God wanted him to serve as a full-time pastor but knew that as a pastor, he wouldn't be able to afford a car. His older brother encouraged him, "Don't worry! When we're older, you can be a pastor, and I will buy you a car."

As adults, these children continue to impact people internationally and by the thousands. Many have become pastors, Sunday school teachers, missionaries, and worship leaders. Now a young man, Samuel serves the Lord as a leader for international Christian camps.

God is calling children to new life, like the girl who thought she would become a prostitute. He is calling them to know Him more intimately, like the boy who wanted a Bible. He is calling them to surrender their dreams and desires to Him, and to serve Him with their whole lives, like the boy who wanted a car. He is calling them to carry His Word to others, like the boy who witnessed to his neighbor. God calls children, even like the one who slept on the temple floor in 1 Samuel 3 and responded to God's voice.

We can encourage and disciple children to know the Lord and serve Him. We can give them God's life-changing Word. We can pray that they will answer God like Samuel did, saying, "Speak, for your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:10).



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