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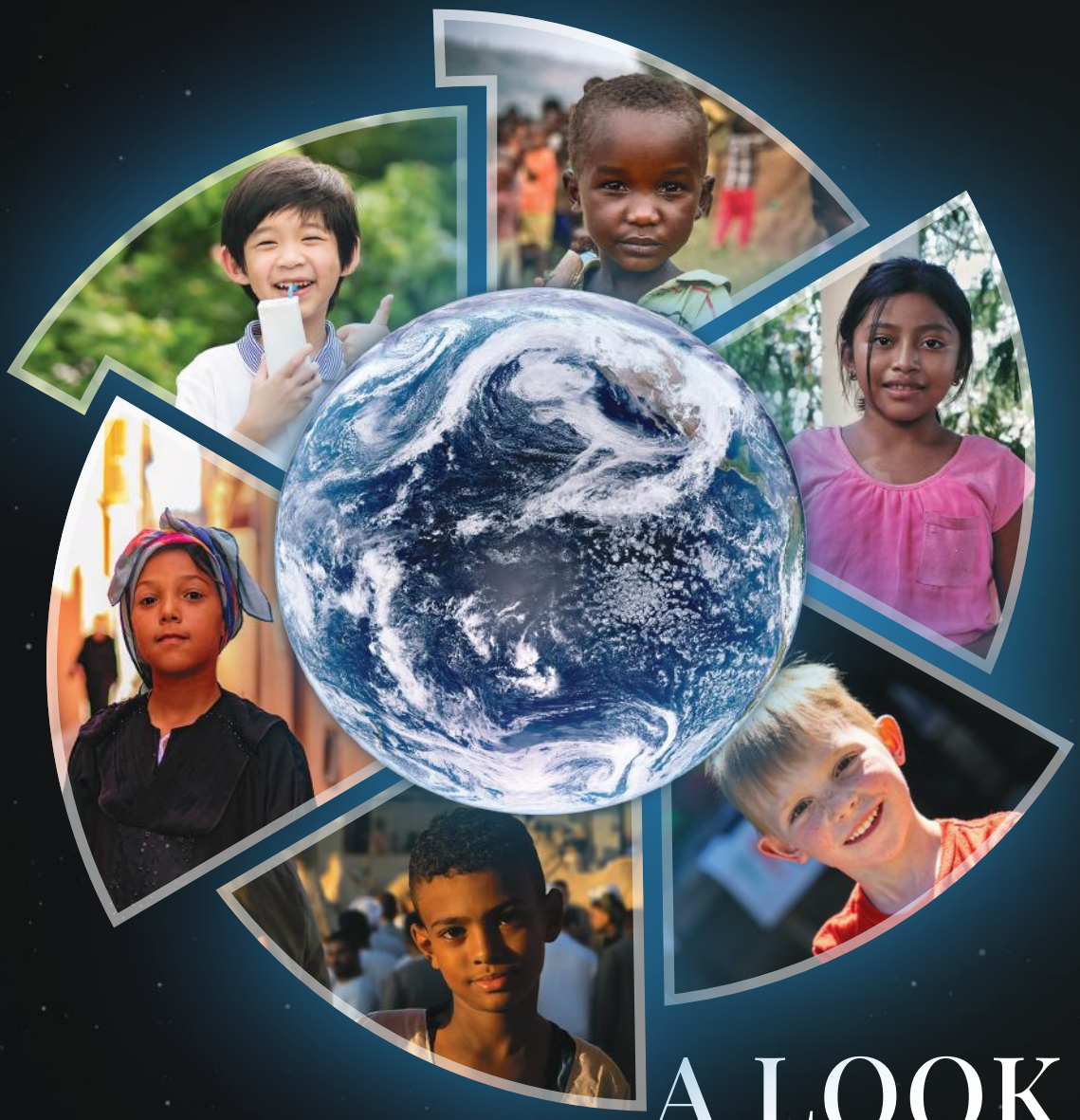

A LOOK AT THE REGIONS

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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EVERY CHILD
EVERY NATION
EVERY DAY

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In Child Evangelism Fellowship we often refer to Psalm 78 because it so closely describes our mission. Israel's stubborn and rebellious history provides much context for this Psalm. Although we cannot change the past, the Psalmist outlines the divine formula for changing the future. These four steps clearly describe the plan of our mission to reach Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day.

PROCLAMATION: "That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn" (v. 6a). At the heart of our mission is a desire to proclaim the Gospel to EVERY child so they have an opportunity to be saved. Although our goal to reach 100 million children annually by 2032 is a God-sized goal, it will share Jesus with only 5 percent of the world's children. Our aim is that in 2026, we can share the Gospel clearly and directly with 40 million children.

SALVATION: "So that they should put their hope [confidence] in God" (v. 7a). We want children to hear and respond to a clear, Biblical presentation of the Gospel so that they can put their confidence in God for salvation. For this reason, we share the Gospel in every lesson we teach and give children an opportunity to respond to it.

DISCIPLESHIP: "And not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments" (v.7b). Once children put their faith in Jesus, they need to grow in Him. For this reason, we include application for the saved child in every lesson and publish millions of devotional books to help them grow. We partner with churches so that children and families can be established in the local church for growth.

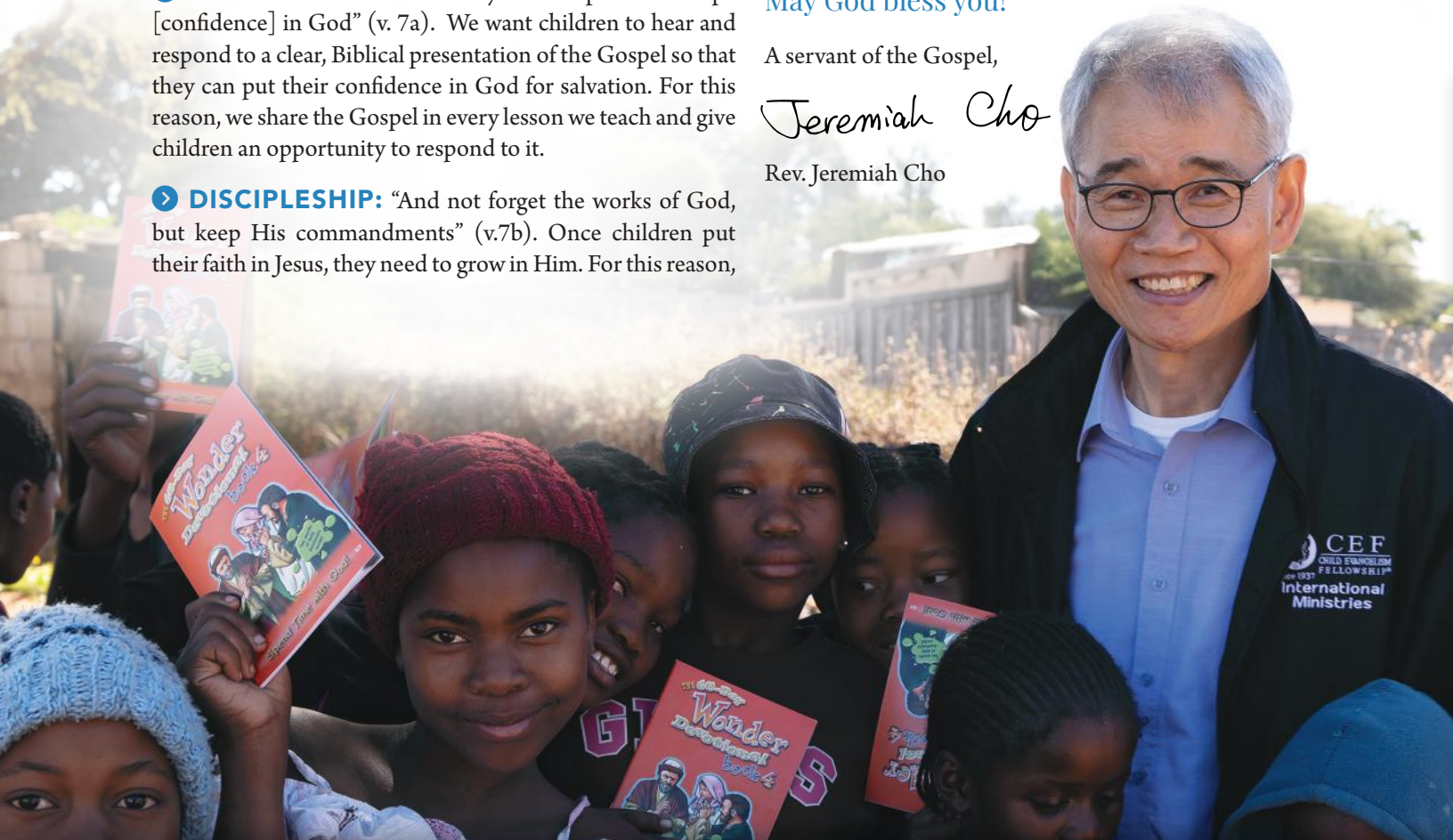
MULTIPLICATION: "That the next generation might . . . arise and tell them to their children" (v. 6). We are not satisfied that children only embrace the Gospel; we strive for them to join the mission and share the Gospel with peers. Children Reaching Children, Junior Youth Challenge, and Christian Youth in Action, are programs that teach children and teens how to effectively share the Gospel.

The Gospel can transform children's lives. Knowing Jesus gives purpose and help for daily living and hope for everlasting life. Thank you for partnering with us for the sake of the Gospel. May God bless you!

A servant of the Gospel,

Jeremiah Cho

Rev. Jeremiah Cho



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Please Pray

1. Child Evangelism Fellowship® will remain unified around the world in our pursuit of reaching Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day.
2. The Lord of the harvest will send more laborers to every area of the world to reach children.
3. CEF® training will prepare effective children's workers.
4. Children's lives will be changed through attending Good News Club® and other CEF ministries.
5. Many children will be reached through the *Kickoff! Soccer Party* global soccer tournament outreach.

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OUR HISTORY

While reading a sermon by Charles Spurgeon, Rev. Jesse Overholtzer came across a section which said, "A child of five, if properly instructed, can as easily understand and respond to the Gospel as an adult." Although he didn't believe that statement was true, his profound respect for Spurgeon led him to an experiment of sharing the Gospel with children. God used the evidence of children's transformed lives to call Mr. O to found Child Evangelism Fellowship in 1937.

Next year, we will celebrate 90 years of God's faithfulness and our fidelity to the same mission—to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, disciple them in the Word of God, and establish them in a Bible-believing church for Christian living.

Rev. Jesse Overholtzer

STRATEGY

For nearly 90 years, our strategy has remained the same, even as we have adjusted to cultural and technological advancements. We do all we can to assure that a clear and Biblical presentation of the Gospel remains the heartbeat of CEF ministries. Our three-fold strategy has proven effective year after year and round the globe.

Training

Prepares men and women to effectively evangelize and disciple the next generation.

Equipping

Provides trained men and women with the teaching and discipleship tools needed to effectively evangelize and disciple the next generation.

Supporting

Provides financial resources so that trained and equipped men and women can stay focused on effectively evangelizing and discipling the next generation.

The Highways to Reach 100 Million Children Annually

Whether you travel to some distant village or stop in an urban city or small town, the message will be the same—believe in Jesus Christ, who died for your sins and rose again on the third day, so you can have eternal life. CEF lessons and ministries are constantly refined, culturalized, and made more effective, but one thing never changes – the Gospel. ". . . It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes . . ." (Romans 1:16).

In CEF we utilize the following "ministry highways" as a means to get the Gospel to as many as possible.

Christmas Party Club® – Kids around the world are invited to a special Christmas party where they can have fun and learn the true meaning of Christmas. This has become our largest outreach ministry, reaching many kids with the Gospel for the first time. Children are encouraged to join a weekly Good News Club. Through this program, thousands of new volunteers are recruited every year.

Good News Club – These weekly clubs evangelize and disciple kids in schools and neighborhoods around the world. Nearly 100,000 clubs meet each week.

5-Day Club® – When kids are out of school for break, these clubs are held in parks, vacant lots, apartment complexes, community centers, and anywhere children gather. These clubs are taught by Christian Youth In Action® teens who have been trained to reach the next generation for Jesus.

Children Reaching Children™ – Children actually make the most effective missionaries. They have easy access to share the Gospel with their peers and family. Through the specialized *Go and Tell!* training, children are taught how to share the Gospel using *The Wordless Book* colors.

Junior Youth Challenge® – These clubs originated in Europe but now are a global emphasis to evangelize and disciple middle school children. These young people face unique challenges, and the training, apologetics, and discipleship they receive readies them to stand for Jesus without hesitation.

Digital Ministry – Through digital platforms such as U-Nite®, Wondersurf, satellite broadcasting, and other efforts in sensitive countries, we are now able to drop the Gospel right in the scrolling hands of millions.

Literature – The printed page is powerful, and CEF takes full advantage of paper missionaries (tracts, Gospel booklets, and devotionals) that carry the message home with the children we reach. No one can fully comprehend how God uses the literature, but we know His Word never returns void.

Other Highways – In CEF we constantly look for additional ways to reach more children. Often times, the Lord opens new doors of ministry. In 2026, we plan to take advantage of the global soccer tournament to reach over 1 million children.

Regardless of the highway, the destination is the same. Get them to Jesus so he can transform their lives and change their eternal destiny.

207 Countries

157 Cross-Cultural Missionaries

3,849 National Missionaries (114 IHQ)

619,689 People Trained

98,200 Good News Clubs

31,080,621 Children Reached (96,532 cannot be directly attributed to a region)

9,798,206 Professed Faith

1,611,623 Literature Distribution

1,557,347 Digital Ministry

34,249,591 Total Impacted

ASIA PACIFIC

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."
Philippians 1:6

Samnuel Seo, Regional Director

PRAISES

- Each month, the **regional team and national leaders** gather through Zoom meetings and share God's blessings in the ministry and their challenges. They seek God's guidance and provision. Last year, God united their hearts with passion for reaching lost children and moved His people to serve with greater compassion and faith.
- The Lord also graciously provided **Miss Joei Miral** from CEF Philippines as director of administration and **Mr. Minha Ryu** from CEF Korea as director of media ministry to strengthen the regional team.
- A **sensitive country** held a national conference, after not being able to six years due to the country's ongoing political and economic challenges, and 50 of the 80 staff attended. In the midst of circumstances that appear hopeless, the conference reminded them that true hope remains alive in Christ. They were encouraged to continue serving with faith and perseverance despite the difficulties.
- **CEF Thailand** made a strong effort to hold more Christmas Party Clubs by conducting seminars throughout the country. God opened doors for CPC™ in the public schools of this predominantly Buddhist country.

CHALLENGES

- In some places **child evangelism is prohibited** and children under the age of 18 are not allowed to enter church buildings. Many missionaries have been forced to leave. Pray for the Lord's continued protection over His missionaries.
- When CEF missionaries taught **Party Clubs in Thailand**, some child monks attended the clubs. Some of them raised their hands to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. When I saw the pictures, God reminded me that this might be the only opportunity in their lifetime to hear the message of salvation. Pray the Lord will provide mentors who can help them grow in the Christian faith.
- We need **national directors** for Singapore, Guam, Brunei, Kiribati, Australia, and New Zealand for a strong and growing ministry.

STATS FOR 2025

34
Countries

63
Cross-Cultural Missionaries

587
National Missionaries

77,871
People Trained

16,160
Good News Clubs

2,107,956
Children Reached

876,331
Professed Faith

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Leonard Mbai, Regional Director

"The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him."
Lamentations 3:25

PRAISES

- Last year, **CEF of Uganda** purposely set out with a team to established ministry in the mid-west region. The children there felt far from reach, not just in distance but in opportunity. We requested opportunities to minister in schools, which the head teachers permitted. In one school of over 1,500 children, they opened a mosque for us to share Christ in and about 600 committed their lives to the Lord. As they left, they sang the "Stop" and "Go" songs in jubilation across the campus. In other schools, children who couldn't read well memorized the "7MIT" song with echoes of joy. These were tiring moments but of great worth. Over 90,000 children had their moment to hear the Gospel and many teachers committed to continue with "devotion clubs" for the children. Pray that we will be able to establish an office and workers there.

- CRC and JYC ministries have raised up more young volunteers who are working with in the ministry.

CHALLENGES

- Alex, the national CPC champion for **Uganda**, felt disabled to run the program. Early in October, he dislocated his knee. Other staff were encouraged to do workshops, and he turned his attention to equipping and supporting volunteers, especially teenagers from CYIA™ and CRC, to mobilize CPC in nearby villages. As a result, over 20 clubs were held. Pray for a ministry car so Alex can travel on long trips.

- In one **"closed to the Gospel"** country, one of our missionaries was arrested when preaching the Gospel and in danger, but the Lord raised up someone to argue for him and he was freed. There are children in school who have been beaten while sharing the Gospel.

STATS FOR 2025

11
Countries

0
Cross-Cultural Missionaries

303
National Missionaries

70,061
People Trained

8,276
Good News Clubs

7,303,995
Children Reached

2,357,803
Professed Faith

EUROPE

"You have said, 'Seek my face.' My heart says to you, 'Your face, LORD, do I seek."

Psalm 27:8

Iulian Mangalagiu, Regional Director

PRAISES

- Praise God for a renewed commitment to prayer in 2025. Europe has a prayer coordinator who faithfully calls us to pray as a region on Zoom. An additional Zoom prayer meeting called "OnMission" started to specifically pray for target countries (those less reached areas that desperately need new workers). Multiple countries now have Zoom prayer meetings for the spiritual needs of children. In Finland, we met to pray for the entire duration of an online training session that resulted in students showing a great interest in reaching children—we know of 2,000 more tracts that have been distributed since then. May God continue to give us a heart for Him.
- We have been praying **"Luke 10:2,"** and God is answering that prayer with new trained workers amidst difficult regional situations, the persecution of believers, and financial hardships.
- We have continued to place an emphasis on printing **Gospel tracts and booklets.** Believers pray more, focus more on evangelism, and carry an increased burden for the lost when they have Gospel handouts to share. "Someone cares enough to tell me the Gospel—I didn't know this before!" and similar responses have come back as a result of this distribution.

CHALLENGES

- Europe is increasingly secular, and many Christians no longer seem to believe that the Gospel is enough. There are concerns, worries, and a general **hopelessness**—a belief that "in our country" or "our culture," nothing can be done. We must continue to trust that God can and will save souls, even in our generation, when we are faithful to share Him because the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation and the means He uses to save souls.
- Many countries in Europe need **new workers**, missionaries, and personnel to help with the great work of evangelism. May God raise up a new generation to stand in the gap!

STATS FOR 2025

48
Countries

54
Cross-Cultural Missionaries

549
National Missionaries

66,902
People Trained

12,410
Good News Clubs

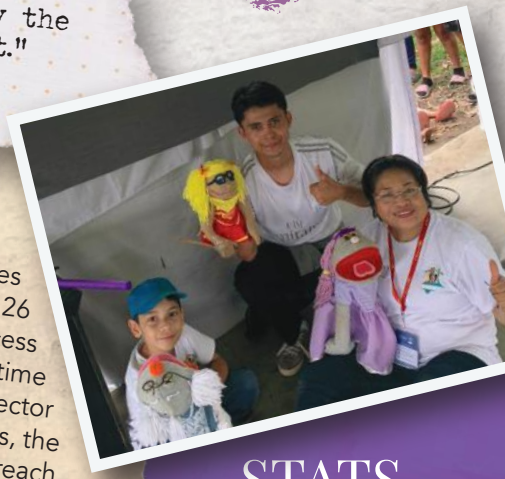
2,754,991
Children Reached

22,784
Professed Faith

LATIN AMERICA

Abmael Da Silva, Regional Director

"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart."
2 Corinthians 4:1



PRAISES

- **CEF of Cuba** faced extremely challenging circumstances last year: a chikungunya outbreak affected 24 of our 26 workers, the political crisis deepened and limited access to basic necessities, and literature did not arrive in time for CPC. Additionally, the health of the national director declined during this period. Even under these conditions, the team sustained strong results, in both the Christmas outreach and the overall ministry impact. We truly see God's sustaining hand at work.
- When **CEF of Venezuela** was unable to receive printed literature from outside the country, funds were sent for local printing of the CPC curriculum, yet raw materials were scarce and costs were high. God provided a printer that delivered the same quality of materials at half the expected cost, and, after fulfilling the order, the printer returned $2,000 due to an overestimated budget. God raised up a brother who traveled long distances across rural areas, rivers, and difficult terrain to make the CPC outreach possible. The Christmas ministry grew nearly 40 percent compared to previous years.
- In previous years, the average attendance for **Children's Ministries Institute®** in Latin America was around 20 students annually. Last year, 57 students attended the three institutes held in the region resulting in 47 new full-time workers.

CHALLENGES

- We have an increased demand for capable personnel and ask for your prayers for the formation of a regional team that combines experience with a clear vision toward reaching 100 million children annually by 2032.
- In the past, **CEF of Puerto Rico** held a well-established presence in the region with strong relationships with churches and workers and a positive reputation among leadership. However, the absence of a national director has made it difficult to sustain the same level of ministry. Despite this, God provided 30 participants to receive training and several volunteers to resume key ministries, including 5-Day Club, GNC™, and CPC. Local church leaders opened their doors to the ministry of CEF. Please pray for God to raise up a national director so that the ministry may be fully reestablished.

STATS FOR 2025

20
Countries

7
Cross-Cultural Missionaries

196
National Missionaries

83,265
People Trained

8,990
Good News Clubs

1,818,926
Children Reached

698,603
Professed Faith

MIDDLE EAST

Brother Justin, Regional Director

"The Light [Jesus] shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:5

Even though day to day we face many challenges, war situations, and persecution, God has not stopped working. Darkness will never overcome it as Jesus, the Light, shines through human impossibility.

PRAISES

- We praise God for His provision and power to reach 7.2 million children to hear the message of salvation through various ministries, especially through Christmas Party Clubs.
- We praise God for **Christian Youth In Action**, which we launched in the majority of non-Christian nations in the region. God has brought 490 teenagers to serve Him, impacting 9,000 girls and boys.
- We praise God for the **97 new workers** who joined us to serve girls and boys.
- Although a new Islamic regime has taken over the government in one country, our workers remain **faithful servants of God**. Most of the children come from non-Christian backgrounds. Ten children attended a club, and nine of them believed in Jesus on the same day. After that, a veiled mother approached our worker and asked for her two girls to be include in the club as well. They said, "This is a Christian club." The mother answered, "Yes, I know that, but I would like my girls to know Jesus!" God has placed our workers there for such a time as this, so that little children can find eternal life.
- **A Muslim woman** who accepted Jesus as her Savior, volunteered to help the local CEF staff. After her family found out, they tried to kill her. However, they were not successful, and she continued to help us evangelize in Muslim villages. Sometime later, she visited her family and shared about Jesus. Her elder sister and mother accepted Jesus as Savior.

CHALLENGES

- Due to **war**, many countries' ministries have been limited.
- Christians are **discouraged** as anti-Christian movements are increasing, along with **persecution**.

STATS FOR 2025

28
Countries

0
Cross-Cultural Missionaries

440
National Missionaries

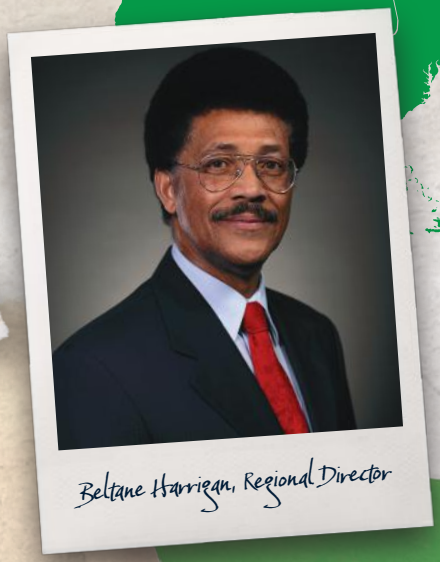
180,649
People Trained

11,521
Good News Clubs

7,198,759
Children Reached

2,322,319
Professed Faith

NORTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN



Beltane Harrigan, Regional Director

"The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad."

Psalm 126:3

PRAISES

- Polita Singh from **Guyana** shared about an eight-year-old boy who attended church regularly but, in his church, children living in Christian homes are believed to be Christians. One day when we gave the invitation on our online Good News Club, he responded to receive Jesus as Savior and said he wanted to serve Christ as a missionary.

CHALLENGES

- "The slogan **'Ask God and Tell His People'** was so true for CEF of Suriname recently," said Jemerin Broke. "Last year, the Evangelical Methodist Church school leader in Suriname, gave us permission to conduct Christmas Party Clubs in their five primary schools. After Christmas, we received permission to start Good News Clubs in two of these schools. Both schools have 402 students and every other week GNC is held for two days. The six GNC teachers go at their own expense and we prayed for God's provision to cover the expenses of transportation. The GNC coordinator, Flourine Zeegelaar, often witnesses in her church about the way God works in the clubs and one American brother sometimes donates. One day this brother spoke in her church and shared that he is the son of the missionaries who founded the Evangelical Methodist Church in Suriname. Flourine prayerfully approached him to ask the EMC to contribute so the GNC teachers of two EMC schools could receive support for transportation costs. It turned out that the EMC is no longer active in Suriname, but he reached out to his church in the U.S. to contribute. We prayed and God answered. The church agreed to give monthly support for all six GNC teachers. The church even asked if we could do GNC in the schools every week. For now that is not possible, since we also teach GNC in other schools the weeks that we don't go to them. Please pray for more teachers so that the children can receive God's Word every week."

STATS FOR 2025

27
Countries

9
Cross-Cultural Missionaries

1,028
National Missionaries

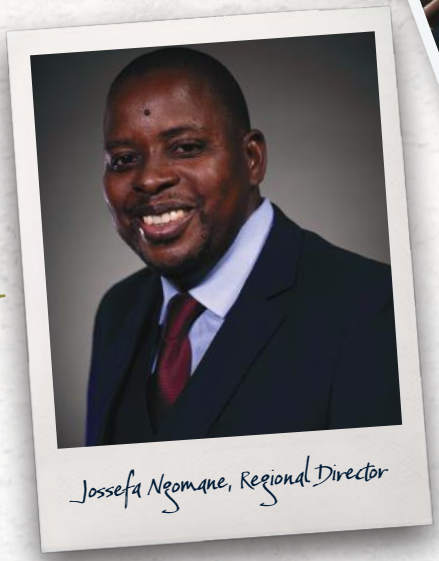
22,205
People Trained

5,373
Good News Clubs

737,018
Children Reached

71,844
Professed Faith

SOUTHERN AFRICA AND INDIAN OCEAN



Jossefa Ngomane, Regional Director

"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness."

Acts 4:29

PRAISES

- God raised up **15 new full-time workers** who are actively serving in the ministry, strengthening the reach of the work.
- More than 1.7 million children were reached through **Christmas Party Clubs**, showing the growing impact among the next generation.
- The opening of government schools for **Good News classes** has expanded access for Gospel proclamation.

CHALLENGES

- We have an urgent need to recruit more **volunteers** to serve the large number of children in schools.
- Many volunteers who spend long hours in ministry need **support** for transportation and snacks.
- We need more committed people to attend **Children's Ministries Institute** and join full-time ministry work.
- Acts 4:29 reflects our response in the midst of challenges such as health issues, needs, cyclones, and political difficulties. Instead of complaining, **we choose to trust God** and ask Him for boldness to continue proclaiming His Word faithfully and courageously.

STATS FOR 2025

16
Countries

22
Cross-Cultural Missionaries

353
National Missionaries

23,929
People Trained

11,003
Good News Clubs

4,491,436
Children Reached

2,202,260
Professed Faith

WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Alex Twum, Regional Director

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."

1 Peter 5:10

PRAISES

- The revival of CEF work in Gambia and Equatorial Guinea.
- **Gambia:** God provided an effective leader in the person of Ellen Maraizu, a CMI® 2024 graduate and former national board chair. She joined the only other full-time staff, Jukin Mendy, and the existing board to be used by the Lord to restore the fortunes of CEF in the country.
- **Equatorial Guinea:** After five years of denials, the regional director was granted a visa to visit and start reorganizing the work. Now a new national board has been constituted. Two full-time staff recruited in 2025 have started working. They will be attending CMI in Guinea Bissau in July this year (2026).
- Last fall, during Alex's first official visit to **Ghana** as a regional director, he had the opportunity to engage and share with a cross-section of volunteers and full-time staff through various conferences and meetings.
- Since 2023, CPC has been a game changer in our region's ministry to children. Hundreds of thousands of children have been reached within short periods of time. It has also become a promotional and recruitment tool that brings hundreds of trained volunteers into our fold. It's a program patrons look forward to every year. We exceeded our 2024 goal of 800,000 by 19,393 and our 2025 goal of 1,000,000 by 166,159.

CHALLENGES

- With the general insecurity from **Islamic insurgency** in some countries, particularly in the northern parts of Chad, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, and Burkina Faso, staff risk their lives to travel to, or live and work in areas where violent attacks and abductions could occur any time without warning.
- Due to a difficult and costly American **visa acquisition** processes, many staff and volunteers were refused visas to attend the 2025 CEF International Conference at Ridgecrest, NC. Hard earned incomes were thus wasted. Several national directors scheduled to attend National Directors Institute 2025 in Warrenton, Missouri, could not make it. Pray for God to resolve this.

STATS FOR 2025

23
Countries

2
Cross-Cultural Missionaries

279
National Missionaries

94,807
People Trained

24,467
Good News Clubs

4,571,008
Children Reached

1,246,262
Professed Faith

"So it is not the will of **My Father** who is in heaven that one of these **little ones** should perish."

Matthew 18:14

INSPIRED TO BECOME *Involved*

NAZZARENO AND DEBI TARI

We have personally witnessed the powerful and lasting impact of the mission of Child Evangelism Fellowship to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children—both locally and around the world. Our journey with CEF began about 12 years ago when we received a call from our son's former sixth-grade teacher. She asked if Debi would be interested in helping lead a Good News Club at the school. We were excited by the opportunity to share the Gospel in a public school setting, after school, with children who chose to attend.

It quickly became clear how meaningful this ministry is. Week after week, the truth of God's Word was presented in a loving, engaging way, planting seeds of faith in young hearts. Then during COVID, when so many ministries paused, we saw how CEF continued its work—especially internationally. The Gospel was still being shared in places like Africa, where national workers went from hut to hut and into parks, faithfully reaching children despite difficult circumstances.

This inspired us to become involved, not only locally but also in the international ministry of CEF. When we attended an event to learn more about the full scope of what CEF does, we were impressed by the organization's commitment to prayer, its genuine love for children, and its strategic, effective approach to ministry. One of the most impactful aspects for us was seeing how wisely resources are used—empowering trained national workers to reach children in their own countries, making the ministry both sustainable and far-reaching.

Our involvement has grown over the years. Now Nazzareno also teaches at GNC. We joined the CEF Mid-Cities committee and Nazzareno also serves on the state board. Through these roles, we have had the privilege of getting to know the leadership of CEF more personally. Everything they do is centered on sharing the Gospel clearly and effectively so that lives are truly changed for Jesus Christ. This unwavering mission, combined with integrity, prayerfulness, and stewardship, is why we wholeheartedly support CEF.

> Everything they do is centered on sharing the Gospel clearly are truly changed for Jesus Christ.

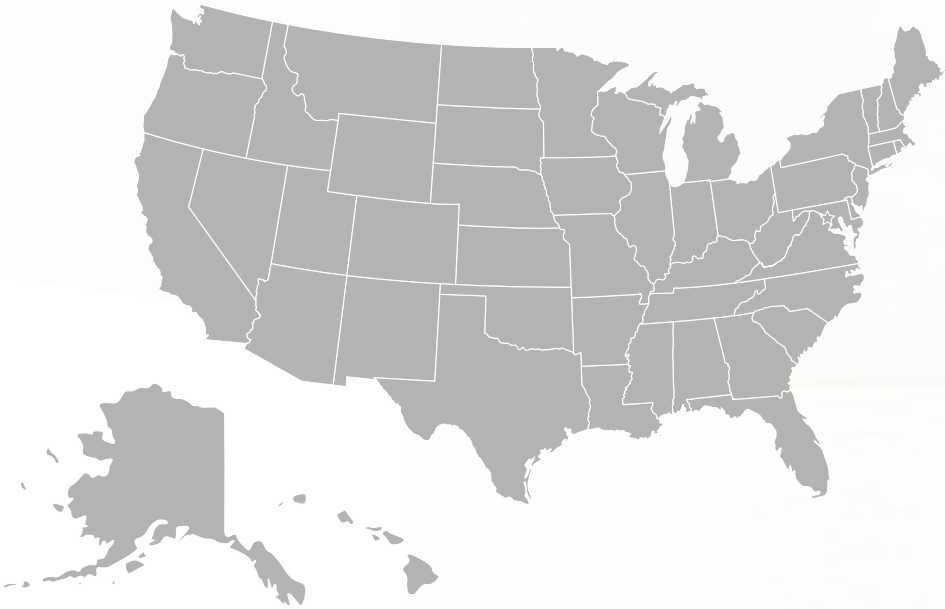
Married for 38 years, Nazzareno and Debi are blessed with three grown children and four grandsons, all walking with the Lord. Together, they have been involved in ministry for over 50 years, serving in many areas including Sunday school teaching, missions, mentoring, outreach, evangelism, and discipleship. Their greatest joy is seeing people come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and helping them grown strong in their faith. Through the years, they have remained passionate about sharing God's love and faithfully serving wherever He leads.

USA MINISTRIES

"But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them,

'Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.'"

Mark 10:14



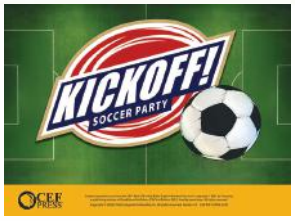
Reached: 560,592 children
Impacted: 1,044,267

JEFF NICHOLS,
Vice President of
USA Ministries

As I look toward the future of USA Ministries, I am filled with genuine excitement. That excitement is rooted in what I see God doing through our faithful staff and volunteers across the country. As I travel to fundraising dinners and staff retreats, I sense unmistakably that God is at work: children are being reached, volunteers are being equipped, and young people are stepping forward to serve. In all of this, God is being glorified. Together, let's commit ourselves to building a zealous prayer movement for the **41 million children** in our nation—each one in desperate need of our Savior.

SOCCER TOURNAMENT OUTREACH

The global soccer tournament is the most-watched sporting event on the planet—and this summer, CEF is leveraging that global excitement to share the hope of the Gospel through the *KICKOFF! Soccer Party*. Across the country, states are using this engaging Party Club™ to reach children in new neighborhoods and settings. In Pennsylvania alone, CEF has set a bold goal to reach 10,000 children this summer. Please pray for these efforts—and for the thousands of children who will hear about Jesus and have an opportunity to respond.



METRO HOPE

There are 13 cities in the USA with a population of over 1 million. How is CEF doing in these major metropolitan areas? Results vary, but overall we have identified this as a weakness in our ministry. The Metro Hope project has begun by piloting research and possible new ministry strategies in Chicago and Washington DC. The children in our cities need the saving power of Jesus Christ and we want to do all we can as a ministry to point them to the Savior.

REACH CONNECT MINISTER

Evangelize, Disciple, and Establish is our three-pronged mission as a ministry. Let's strengthen the last part of that mission by Reaching, Connecting, and Ministering to every child, and their family. The Reach, Connect, Minister (RCM) model helps churches not only reach the children through clubs, but also connect and minister to their families for long-term, year-round Christian growth.

STRATEGIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Funding has impeded many states and chapters from getting the staff they need. Thanks to the CEF Strategic Assistance Program, this barrier is being removed. Since 2021, there have been 100 local directors, state directors, or ministry coordinators who have begun their ministry because of funds given to cover the cost of their CMI training and a portion of their salary for the first year. We are thankful for donors who have given over $1.7 million to make this a reality.

CEF MILITARY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY℠

God has opened the gates of 34 military bases throughout the United States and one international base in Aviano, Italy. All military branches are now being served, with hundreds of children hearing the Gospel. **Please pray:**

- That the Lord will open the gates of many bases where seeds have been planted.
- For military members and their families during this time of armed conflict, Operation Epic Fury.

GOOD NEWS CLUB
A win in Every Community

JOSHUA STAFFORD, School Superintendent, Vienna, Illinois

I am a Christian who happens to be a school superintendent. I enjoy what I get to do as a school superintendent. I realize as a Christian there are times where these are two different hats, if you will, but I don't stop being a Christian when I'm a school superintendent.

My favorite part about a Good News Club, through the lens of Josh Stafford who is a born-again believer, is that it's scriptural truth—it's Bible truth. If I'm putting my hat on as the school superintendent, my favorite thing about a Good News Club is I've got a whole lot of kids that are engaged in a positive environment, that has adult supervision, and they're going to get a snack, and have a good experience.

The biggest motivation for having a GNC in our school is the adult mentorship—that our young kids get to connect with a solid adult role model. Teachers are busy. We've got to cover a ton of curriculum, so we can't always have that personal interaction with every single kid. The great thing about a GNC is that it gets more adults involved and connected in meaningful relationships. They can learn about each individual kid and their needs. So, the involvement of church sponsors and CEF volunteers becomes an additional layer of support for kids and families.

Can the church really come in and do a Bible study club at a public school? It's important to understand and realize the allowance in the law. It's not the school endorsing a GNC over 4-H or other clubs. It's a local church coming in and utilizing the facility, as do a lot of other people. If you're a church wondering: Can we be there? Are we allowed to do that? Yes, you're allowed to do that. The law is very clear—statutory law, case law, and federal law establish an open door to come in and do these after-school clubs for kids in any community.

GNC is a win in every community. GNC brings in caring adults from the community to connect with kids and that's a win. As a school administrator I look at that and I see for myself that it reduces disciplinary issues during the school day.

It addresses physical needs. It addresses mental and emotional needs. It more meaningfully connects that young person to the community.

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FINANCIALS

Audited Distribution of Funds 2025

Audit performed by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

$7,136,685
International Ministries

$1,184,528
Training

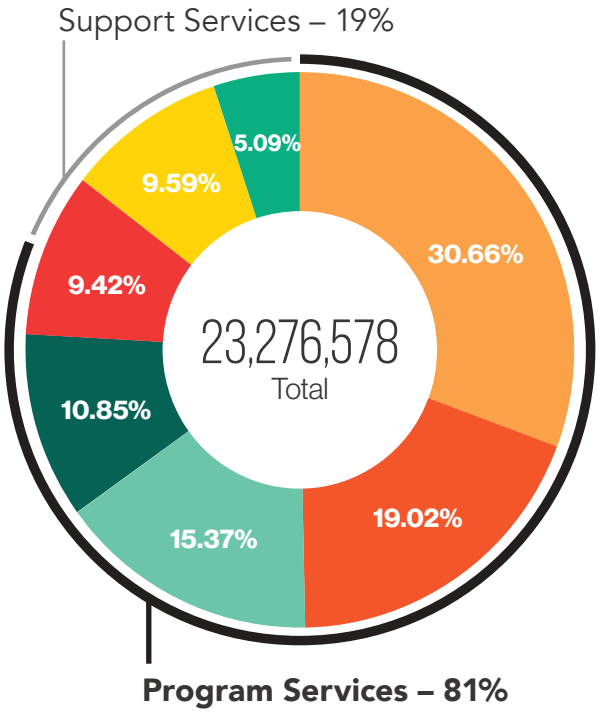
$4,427,713
Sponsor-A-National

$2,192,706
General & Administration

$2,526,633
USA Ministries

$2,231,733
Fundraising & Promotion

$3,576,580
Literature



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