

# The Cleveland Connection

Behind the Scenes at your CEF® Cleveland Connection

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**Abbreviations Key**

CEF® – Child Evangelism Fellowship®  
GNC™ – Good News Club®  
CYIA™ – Christian Youth in Action®



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## Ire and Ayonimi

### Brother-sister team for Greater Cleveland 5 Day Clubs

Ire and Ayonimi have successfully completed the Christian Youth in Action® (CYIA™) training held for Ohio Summer Missionaries at Cedarville University. It was Ire's second year, so he trained to be a Senior Missionary Assistant (SMA), with increased teaching responsibilities. Ayonimi will serve as a Junior Missionary.

The training is active and all participate. Students present their teaching to small groups for practice and evaluation. The group plays the role of children, responding to directions and questions. Ayonimi felt these practicums were the most helpful. The weather was very hot! Ayonimi said, "It was a little too hot for sports, so we were in our dorms during our free time. Having chill time rather than being active all the time was good."

Ire was also glad he went to CYIA this year as an SMA student. Their training focused on teaching Missions and the memory verses. "It was a good experience. We got to learn and understand the missionary story and what we were doing this for. The 1-Day Club we held really gave us an idea of where we were at." This 1-Day Club was held at the end of the training week so the students experience working with real children.

The Monday after their training, we met for teambuilding and preparation for the first 5-Day Club® in Greater Cleveland. Ire and Ayonimi joined a team of Good News Club® teachers for this evening club in Cleveland Hts.



**Ayonimi and Ire on  
Graduation Day**

*Martha Heidinger*

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### Summer is here and opportunities for reaching kids with the Gospel abound.

A 5-Day Club® is an exciting, fun-filled one and a half hour event held each day for five consecutive days. It includes: dynamic Bible lessons, creative learning activities, inspiring missionary stories, meaningful songs, and life-changing Scripture memorization.

But this isn't the only way to reach the children. Maybe you couldn't schedule a 5-Day Club this year, but you can pray for the children around you. Ask God to help you see the spiritual need of the children in your city, in your neighborhood, and in your life.

**How does He want to use you to build His Kingdom among the children?**

# From TAG to 5-Day Club®

When Martha shared her CEF® ministry at the Cedar Hill's Women's Missionary Fellowship this spring, she talked about the Time Alone with God (TAG) Initiative. Michelle wanted these devotionals to help her grandchildren from Texas start having their own TAG. Thrilled with the program, she contacted Martha to tell how her 10-year-old grandson, who wasn't all that excited at first, is now reading the devotions to his little sister!

But it didn't stop there! Michelle also cares for the kids in her church's neighborhood. "It burdens my heart to see these kids out for a walk with their parents on a Sunday afternoon and no one invites them to church to learn about Jesus. Can we have a 5-Day Club® at the church, so that people know we care?"

A Sunday meeting and training for interested people at Cedar Hill Baptist proved to be encouraging and fruitful. Their 5-Day Club is scheduled for August 8 -12 in the evening. Michelle and Lynn are looking to go on several prayer walks in the neighborhood before inviting children to the club.

**Please pray with them that families would be open and allow their children to come!**



**Cleveland Heights 5-Day Club**

Of our eight 5-Day Clubs, four are at new locations. As I write this letter, only one club has taken place. Leela, the hostess, is new to CEF. She came to an Easter training because a friend brought her. In looking for opportunities to reach children with the Gospel, the 5-Day Club proved doable. Good News Club® teachers came to help with the teaching. Ire and Ayonimi joined the team to share in the teaching and joy.

Of the four children registered, one was there every day, and she put her trust in Jesus the very first day. God also used this club to establish connection with more neighbors. One neighbor heard the children singing and opened her window to ask, "Are you Christians?"

The July 18-22 club could inspire a church to recruit their own youth to serve next year. The August 8-12 club could spark a new awareness of a church that cares about its community. God has supplied for each club.

There were other venues we couldn't visit this year for lack of available workers. God is opening doors in answer to your prayers. Let's plead with Him for more workers next year. Wouldn't it be great to have two complete teams to serve at 14 club locations? (Luke 10:2)

## Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for Judy, our new committee member.
- Pray for the entire committee, that each use their strengths to grow the impact of CEF in Greater Cleveland. We need at least one more committee member by the end of 2022.
- Praise God that the North Olmsted GNC was able to start late spring and for the total of 138 children reached last school year in the four clubs. Thirteen were counselled for salvation.
- Easter Parties were held at GNCs, Family First Childcare Center and West Side Alliance Church. One child was counselled for salvation. This school year, a total of 259 children were reached with the Gospel and 14 were counselled for salvation. Thank our Father-God!
- Pray for The CEF Pancake Breakfast Celebration/Fundraiser at North Olmsted Evangelical Friends Church, October 8th, 9:30 – 11:30 AM.





*Save the Date!*  
*Invite a Friend!*



### Let's get ready for after-school Good News Clubs

**9-hour Quick Start:** For all new teachers of Good News Clubs and those wanting to refresh their skills to teach children more effectively in a GNC.

**Thursday, September 8th , 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Saturday, September 10th , 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, place TBD**

**Brunch and a Lesson:** For all GNC Team Members and those curious to learn more

**Saturday, September 24th , 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon, place TBD**

## CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**OCTOBER 8, 2022**

**NORTH OLMSTED EVANGELICAL  
FRIENDS CHURCH**

5665 Great Northern Blvd, North Olmsted, OH  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

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### Volunteers, Memory Verses, and You

As new people start to volunteer and need background checks, our CEF of Greater Cleveland picks up the cost of \$15.00. Does God want to use you to sponsor a new volunteer or two with a gift to our General Fund?

5-Day Clubs require greater finances with prizes for memory verses and attendance. Children will be earning dollars for missions with each memory verse learned. You can sponsor them by designating gifts for the India Project. You will help motivate them to memorize God's Word and increase their heart for missions.

The project goes towards the purchase of a car for the CEF worker in Hyderabad. "Sister Anna" not only trains other children's workers but teaches up to six Good News Clubs each weekday. She presently travels by public transportation with all her visuals and teaching equipment.

Make checks payable to CEF and designate for volunteer or India Project. Send to:

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