

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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A Summer Gem

Starting 5-Day Clubs with new host families brought exciting challenges this year. Angie and Isaac had talked about the upcoming club with people around their neighborhood. But Sunday thunderstorms put a damper on passing out the invitations the day before club was to start.

Each day the Summer Missionary Team set up and then combed the neighborhood for kids. It seemed none were to be found. On Tuesday we were encouraged when two teens arrived halfway through the club hour. A little later, four more arrived. Joshua seemed to be very interested in spiritual things.

After several more days of knocking on doors, Joshua returned on Friday. A little later a family we had met the day before arrived. With more than half the club time gone, Sarah began the Bible Lesson about the life of the Ethiopian Treasurer being “turned around”. Joshua and Bryson were captivated, not at all distracted by preschool siblings playing. After the lesson, both boys were full of questions.

Bryson’s mom told Angie, “I am so glad you had this club. I am not a church goer and Bryson is full of questions. I just don’t know the answers.” Phone numbers were exchanged. Ministry will continue. Angie and Isaac have a deep commitment to sharing Christ with their neighbors. Pray as they seek to engage with the neighborhood kids and families; building relationships of trust and seeking opportunities to share the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.



Martha Heidinger
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Prayer and Praise

Praise God for the 117 kids who came to eight Good News Clubs. Many had questions and are spiritually hungry. Ire and Ayonimi Araba, Sarah Lee and Martha made up the core team and several Good News Club® teachers came alongside to help when needed.

Praise God that a total of \$447.83 was given to the India Project this summer. You enabled each child to have a part as they memorized Scripture to earn dollars you gave as sponsors. Other children were generous with their savings and allowance from home. Continue to pray that Sister Ann receives enough to purchase the much-needed car for transport to her many Good News Clubs.

Pray for a good start for each After-School Good News Club® and for God to supply sufficient team members for each club: Marion-Sterling (Cleveland), Chardon Hills (South Euclid), Richmond Heights and Pine Intermediate (in North Olmsted).

Ask God to open doors and raise up workers for **10 Christmas Party Clubs this December** to reach even more children with the Gospel message.

Ask God for at least one more new committee member before the end of the year.

And then there were four!

We are grateful that God led Judy King to join our Local Committee this past Spring. We are confident that God will use her unique giftings and experience to strengthen the outreach and ministries of CEF here in Greater Cleveland. We asked Judy to introduce herself and her burden for the children.

A devoted wife of 31 years, mother of a son and daughter, and lifelong resident of Ohio, I am also a certified teacher, a licensed school counselor and social worker, formerly with the Cleveland Public School District. When my son was born, I became a stay-at-home mom. Being active in the church has played a large part in my life. I ran the nursery at First Assembly of God Church in Lyndhurst, then my husband and I were founding members of Word of Grace Church in Chesterland. I later volunteered as the office manager for New Land Covenant Church in Mentor. Presently we are part of a home church with Glean Ministries in Shaker Heights.

My journey with CEF began over 10 years ago as a team member of a Good News Club in Euclid. We met in a cafeteria and all the students walked home after club. A few years later I led a team at Chardon Hills Elementary School also in Euclid. Our team had over 25 students registered, and most all the students were picked up instead of walking home. This was beneficial since the team was able to meet the parents and have personal communication.

I am excited now to be working on the Greater Cleveland Committee of CEF and on getting more Bible clubs into area public schools. Our children desperately need the truth of God's Word, and I am looking forward to continuing that effort in a new capacity with CEF.

Judy King



Fall Potential...

Good News Club® (GNC™) season started with Open House at Marion Sterling Elementary School. What a joy to be able to join club teachers Sharon Tufts and Sarah Lee to promote GNC, informing parents about our purpose, providing registration forms, and having simple crafts available for kids to stop and learn about what we do in the weekly club. Eight kids were registered that day... and 20 came for the very first club! More registration forms were sent home. Pray that parents will give the necessary permission for them to return. Ask God to raise up more help for this small but mighty GNC Team (Ms. Brown, Ms. T., and Ms. Lee) How does He want to use you to build His Kingdom among the children?

The Richmond Hts GNC Team is set to begin on October 13 th with a startup party called Dinosaur Tracks! This theme party taps into a child's fascination with dinosaurs and introduces them to the One who created them in the beginning. While scientists may use their scientific imagination to guess what dinosaurs were really like, our God is the One who knows everything. After all, He was there at the beginning! Ask God to bring a good group of kids who are hungry to know God.

Our Chardon Hills STEM School and North Olmsted Clubs will start later in the school year. More GNC Team members are needed to expand these ministries. The North Olmsted club is moving to Pine Intermediate, where they will have a larger pool of students to draw from. Team leader, Jenn Meng, was transferred to Pine from Maple. There is interest in continuing a GNC at Maple, but more workers are needed to reach a totally new student body.



Marion Sterling Open House

World Day of Prayer for Children

Tuesday, November 2nd

More details coming later in your Greater Cleveland Prayer Power Contact Martha to sign up to pray and keep informed of the opportunities.

