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**Child Evangelism Fellowship® of Centre Region Newsletter**  
*Reaching the children of Centre, Clinton, and Cameron Counties!*

## Spiritual Mothers & Fathers

With Mother's Day in the rearview mirror and Father's Day rapidly approaching, we stopped to reflect on a sermon we recently heard by J.D. Greear illuminating God's heart for humanity. He explained that Luke 11:27 and Mark 10 and 12 both assert that getting married and having a family are not the ultimate achievements in life.

In Luke 11:27 when a woman in the crowd stated that Jesus' mother is blessed to have him as her son, Jesus' response was, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" As J.D. Greear put it, "Those who obey the word of God are more blessed and precious to Jesus than even His own biological mother!"

Greear went on to point out that the nuclear family is a beautiful gift from God that we should celebrate but it is ultimately temporary. God has given us a more lasting gift and that is the opportunity to become spiritual mothers and fathers as we share the good news of the gospel with those around us.

We are excited by the ways that God is using us and our missionary team this summer to invite children into the family of God which will last for all eternity! You, our supporters, are a huge part of that and we are so very grateful for each of you!

-Titus & Vanessa



**Miles Township Good News Club volunteer Sue Fetterman counseling a child during a club time this spring.**

## Children Reaching Children

"Can our 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday School class raise money to support your ministry?" This isn't a request that we often hear but it definitely brought Titus and I much joy! There is something incredibly special about receiving money that a group of children

have raised so that their peers can have the opportunity to hear the gospel!

Alice Rodkey, one of the Sunday School teachers at Bald Eagle Baptist Church, gave her students the opportunity to choose a missions project and they chose Child Evangelism Fellowship. Soon, the entire church got on board and together they raised \$334 for our summer ministry! On May 5th, Ana, one of our returning summer missionaries, and I had the opportunity to visit the church and share with Alice's Sunday School class how God has been reaching the hearts of children in this area.

Thank you Bald Eagle Baptist and all the other individuals and churches that support the Christian Youth in Action (CYIA) summer missionaries that will be reaching the boys and girls this summer in Centre Region! To read more about the CYIA team or to find out how you can support the team this summer, check out the back of the newsletter.

-Vanessa



**The 2024 CYIA Summer Missionary Team at a recent pretraining event holding the money the Bald Eagle Baptist Sunday School class raised for them. (Front Row: Anny Xu, Vanessa Morehead, Carlo Elias / Back Row: Titus Morehead, Alaina Grant, Donna Tam, Ana Davis, Yanna Vovchenko, Josiah Zimmerman, Joshua Wang**

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### Upcoming Events:

#### 5 Day Clubs July-August

Week long clubs for kids to hear the Gospel taught by our CYIA summer missionary team. For a complete list of clubs visit our website at [cefcentrecounty.org/5-day-clubs](http://cefcentrecounty.org/5-day-clubs)

#### Good News Adventure Camp

July 29th - August 2nd

Governor's Park, Bellefonte  
9:30am-3:30pm

The Ultimate Treasure Hunt! Pirate themed activities along with games, crafts, and more! For more details and to register visit the website at [cefcentrecounty.org/day-camp](http://cefcentrecounty.org/day-camp)

**Volunteers are needed at Camp this year! Will you let God use you to make a huge impact in the life of a camper this summer? Contact Vanessa for details!**

#### Grange Fair Story House Trailer

August 16-17, 19-23

Grange Fair, Centre Hall

Join us at the Story House right by the playground at the fair for a Gospel story, facepainting, and balloon animals. Volunteers needed - contact the office for details.

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Josh Wang is a senior at State College Area High School, attends State College Chinese Alliance Church, and is returning for his fourth year in CYIA as a team leader.

Josiah Zimmerman is a Senior at Centre County Christian Academy, attends First Baptist Church of Bellefonte, and is returning for his second year in CYIA as a team leader.



## Meet the 2024 Christian Youth in Action (CYIA) Summer Missionaries!



Carlo Elias is an 8th grader at Nittany Christian School, attends Blue Course Community Church, and is joining CYIA for his first year as a support summer missionary.



Ana Davis is a junior at State College Area High School, attends Calvary Harvest Fields, and is returning for her third year in CYIA as a senior summer missionary.

Donna Tam is a junior at State College Area High School, attends Oakwood Presbyterian, and is returning for her second year in CYIA as a volunteer summer missionary.



Additional 2024 CYIA Volunteers not pictured:  
Anny Xu, Thomas McTernan, Alaina Grant, and Yanna Vovchenko.

"I chose to join CEF because I would hate if kids never got the opportunity to hear about God and I would like to tell them about him. I'm excited to let Jesus do what He wants me to do and to be His disciple!" *- Carlo Elias*

"I want to come back to CEF because I want to be able to help children who come to the 5-day clubs to have knowledge of the Bible and to understand what Jesus did for them and how much he loves them even when they struggle." *- Ana Davis*

"While I was teaching children the Bible lessons that I had learned growing up, I was also constantly reminded of the simple truths of the Gospel that define us as Christians." *- Josh Wang*

"The training I received with CEF in the summer of 2023 not only clarified the concept of the gospel for me but also improved my communication skills with children. One specific example that primarily motivated me to come back in the summer of 2024 was witnessing the salvation of a boy from a Buddhist background, similar to me, during the Good News Adventure Camp." *- Donna Tam*

"This year I will be working with CEF in a leadership role and I have a chance to show the kids who God is. God is teaching me that being a missionary does not mean I have to travel around the world. I can be one right where I am." *- Josiah Zimmerman*

To support the summer missionary team financially you can visit the CYIA team page on our website at [cefcentrecounty.org/CYIA](http://cefcentrecounty.org/CYIA) for details. If you would like to join their prayer team you can fill out the card below and mail it in to the office or email the office at [cefcentreregion@gmail.com](mailto:cefcentreregion@gmail.com)—Thank you!

### CEF of Centre Region Financial Update

2024 Giving Goal (Jan-Apr):	\$50,523
Giving as of 4/31:	\$36,546
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Thank you for your faithful giving! Please pray that God would draw in new financial supporters to the ministry! We see new opportunities for ministry opening up to us and with your support we're continuing to grow!

**Be a part of our team!**

Yes, I am interested in visiting/joining the CEF Committee.

Yes, I would like to join/get more info on a Good News Club team.

Yes, I will join CEF prayer team and pray for a specific GNC.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Mail this slip to the office or give us a call/email.)