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Tidings of Good News

Northwest Maryland

May, 2020

2019/2020

GNC

STATISTICS

NW MD

30 GNC Clubs

28 School Clubs

2 Church Clubs

918 Students Enrolled

107 Decisions

177 Volunteers

GOAL: A Good News Club in every school!

NEEDED:

Washington Co.

7 Clubs

Frederick Co.

28 Clubs

Allegany Co.

14 Clubs

Garrett Co.

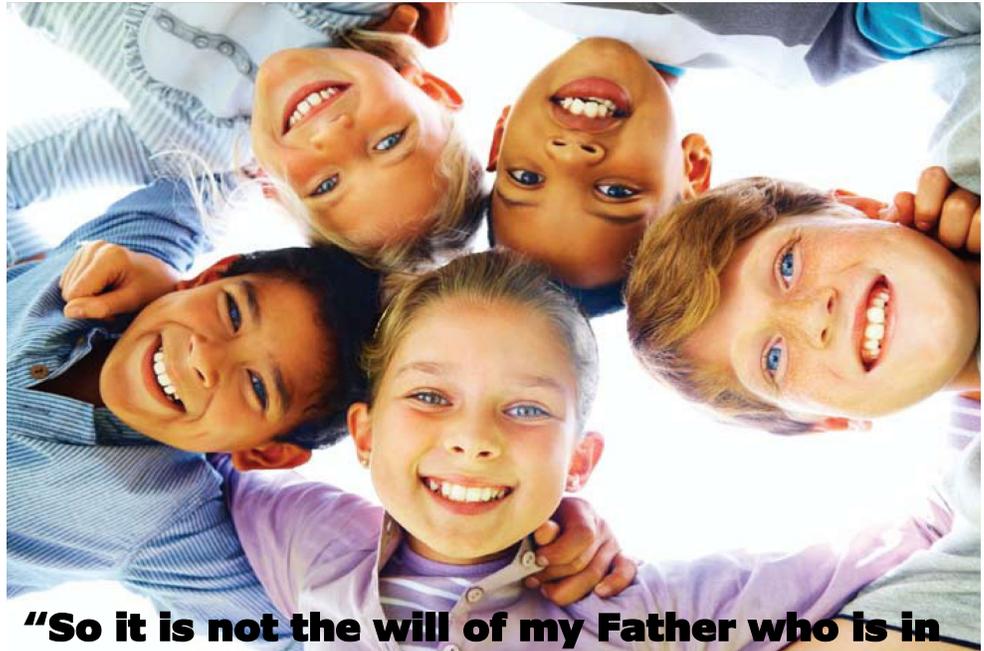
8 Clubs

One church.

One school.

90 minutes.

Adopt a school...
Impact children and families for eternity!



“So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.” - Matthew 18:14

Greetings CEF Family! We pray this finds you healthy, leaning on God’s promises, and full of hope for His plan and purpose! Our country is facing some unprecedented changes, but we will continue trusting Him! Despite the circumstances and restrictions, the desire of CEF is to continue the mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with children. Even during this time of school closure and restricted public gathering, God has given us **new opportunities** to be a light to the families in our communities. It is certainly preferable for children to learn God’s Word from Good News Club team members who they trust. However, to accommodate the current situation, CEF International has launched weekly **virtual Good News Clubs** for children. Thirty minute videos include a Bible lesson, song, memory verse, and a cliff-hanger mission story each week. Locally, GNC teams have shared these resources with families, and in addition, used truly **amazing ways to engage and remain in contact** with the children in their GNC. Some have emailed words of encouragement along with Quiet Time sheets and an invitation for prayer requests! Others have formulated group texts, Zoom meetings and even produced their own personal videos. We so **appreciate the heart of team members** as they continue to minister to our children during this very uncertain time. **Please pray for our GNC children...**many of them thrived by hearing God’s Word weekly from team members who also demonstrated His love for them. Please pray as we look forward to the hope of Good News Club as usual in the fall!

Check out the website: www.cefmaryland.org/nwmd/quarantine/ to view the virtual weekly GNC and other resources that offer comfort while sharing the Gospel to children during this time





Save
the
Date

CEF of MD

75th Anniversary

Celebration

Saturday, 10/24/2020

The Maryland Theater

Hagerstown, MD

**We need to hear from
our CEF family!**

The **2020 NWMD Annual Banquet** will recognize and celebrate our local ministry as well as the 75th anniversary of CEF in MD. We would greatly appreciate **photos, memories, and testimonies** from those whose lives have been touched and impacted by CEF. **Did you attend a GNC, a 5-Day Club (aka Backyard Club), or maybe you are a current or former GNC team member? We want to share your blessings!** During this time of confinement, reminisce so you can bless others with how God used CEF to bless you! **Please email us!** →

GNC at CHURCHES

Thanks to **West End Baptist Church** for being a faithful supporter of CEF! In November of 1971, Sue Elgin began a GNC that continues today! Currently, the GNC that meets at the church has 15 children enrolled with Bill and Carolyn Elgin as team leaders.

Bill Elgin, who also serves as CEF International Board member, shares, "We have taught 1000s of children over those years. I have witnessed whole families being changed by God's grace as a result of Good News Clubs. I have listened to children praying for their unsaved parents week after week and then seeing them rejoice when their parents got saved. Teaching children is one of the great joys of my life!" Thank you Elgin family for sharing the Gospel with His precious lambs.

Maranatha Brethren Church has hosted a GNC each Wednesday evening for the last 3 years. With 19 children enrolled, the GNC provides a children's ministry while the adults meet for weekly Prayer Meeting.

Team leader, Mark Barnett, states, "We have found that the curriculum and activities have enabled us to dig deeper into core Biblical truths and that these truths are retained better than with our prior program. Our clubbers come from a variety of locales within Washington County, with some picked up by our faithful van drivers. We have 13 regular leaders among the club roles...(and) divide the clubbers by grade level groups. With 2 adults (per grade level), the leaders have developed wonderfully deep relationships within their group." Mark is current president of the CEF of NWMD Board and has served for over 20 years.

What a testimony and endorsement! Two dedicated CEF leaders also serving by ministering to children in a GNC! We thank God for both of you!



Due to your continued generosity, **640 Bibles** have been purchased this year! A team leader recently shared that she planned to distribute Bibles in April at the last scheduled club of the year, but while praying felt led to instead give them out that same week. Schools were shut down the next week and clubs were ended. **God is faithful and those children have a Bible in their homes during this very unstable time!**

5-Day Clubs/CYIA, 2020

As we consider the health and safety of children and workers, it is impossible to provide information on the summer, 5-Day Clubs. As re-opening guidelines become definitive, decisions can be finalized. Please pray for guidance and wisdom for moving forward during this unusual time.



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