

Fox Valley Vision

Child Evangelism Fellowship

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A Word from our Director

. . . "As I dug the final sweet potatoes and pulled all the dead vines from the garden, I was praising the Lord and saying how thankful I am for a another Bountiful Harvest! I began thinking about all the vegetables that line the shelves in jars and bags of prepared meals that were stacked in the freezer. Kind of setting up my winter storehouse, how much more does God have stored for us! With the Good News Clubs® we begin to plant, water, and pray for a Bountiful Harvest of souls. Please pray with us that God will continue to leave the doors open to share the Gospel message in the Public Schools, each year the boys and girls seem more hungry for the spiritual truth yet the availability of workers decreases and the challenges of getting into the school increases. Still we can be sure that God has a Bountiful Harvest waiting. Are you interested in doing your part to plant, water and pray?

-Jodi

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A Word from our Field Worker:

Sometimes life seems to spin out of control, and sometimes we try to control what goes on in our life. But when life seems to be spinning out of your control, it's a blessing to turn that control over to God.

Recently we started a Good News Club® at Huff Elementary School. We have been meeting for a month now and each week we have a few more kids. We have had a few kids coming who are bent on causing trouble in club. While it seems things may be out of control, I know that through prayer and the love of God even these children can be reached. We also found out this year that the school has more than doubled our room rate for the Good News Club®. Praise God He has provided \$60 so far from local believers at church.

Even in the midst of things beyond our control, God is amazing and always in control.

- Rebekah

An Update From The Treasurer

Sometimes I wish that every month ended on a Saturday because Saturday is the most convenient day for me to gather up the CEF Fox Valley donations from the post office box for the month, enter them into the computer, and get to the bank to make a deposit before it closes. However, even when it is not convenient for me to stop at the post office and bank right at the end of the month, I do it anyways. Why? Because I have seen God show up again and again, at what seems to me to be the last minute of the last hour, and pour out his blessings on us financially. There have been times when we have had less than a week to go until the end of the month, and we did not have enough money to support our missionaries, let alone pay for our teaching materials, Good News Club® room rental fees, phone bill, and postage expenses. God has proved Himself to be faithful, and it encourages me to see His provision time and time again.



As 2011 draws to an end, we need your help to meet our financial needs! Would you consider supporting CEF Fox Valley with a portion of the financial blessings that God has given you? We currently are in need of close to \$3,100 to meet our expenses for the year. This includes over \$400 for Good News Club room rental fees, \$100 for teaching materials, \$800 in tithes to the CEF of Illinois office, and \$1500 for state payroll taxes for 2011. It would truly be a blessing to hear from you!

- Marianne

“Inconvenienced” for God?

As Bible teachers, we are constantly relating familiar Bible lessons to our kids. We tend to dramatize the decisions and moves that the main characters make. Have you ever stopped to think about how their obedience to God may have inconvenienced their plans for their lives? Let's look at one example:

Joseph & Mary (and their families) were already planning their wedding. They set aside those plans and their reputations for something much greater. They put their newlywed plans on the back burner to submit to God's plan for their lives. They inconveniently traveled to Bethlehem for the census because that is where God needed them to be when the Christ Child was born. They inconveniently traveled to Egypt to protect the Child from Herod. When the time came, they moved yet again, back to Galilee. They accepted the challenge and the inconveniences it brought with it, perhaps knowing the pain that they would have to endure at the hands and words of others. Being the earthly parents to the God of the Universe was no easy job. They did not know fame or riches because of this ministry. No one else could do for them what they had agreed to do. It was a day by day, hour by hour commitment to doing what needed to be done, and enjoying the blessings despite the small inconveniences. Submitting to a Higher Plan.

If you look at other Biblical characters - Noah, Abram, David, Joseph, Daniel, Esther, Ruth, Peter, Paul - all willing to be inconvenienced for the cause of God's plan - and enjoying the blessings of knowing they were in the right place at the right time for the right purpose. How about you? Are you ready to be blessed by the inconveniences of serving Christ?

Opportunities for being Inconvenienced

Teachers, helpers and finances for:

Good News Clubs® - in your home, church or local school once a week

Party Clubs® - same locations as GNC, but only once a month or once a quarter

General finances for salaries, taxes, gas for vehicles, materials, background checks, etc.

PRAYER - needed daily / hourly for God's ministry through Child Evangelism Fellowship to the Fox Valley children!