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Reaching GNC Students in Troubling Times Together

Corrie ten Boom, who during her life had much more to worry about than coronavirus, explained, "Worry doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength." It goes without saying that as the coronavirus (COVID-19) spreads, so does fear. We are turning to the CDC for public health counsel. Where do we turn for spiritual counsel when churches and schools close their doors? This is the question that weighs heavily on my heart, especially for the children.

Our Good News Club® students need us more now than ever. Please consider the following actions with me as we face these trying times together.

First, let's pray fervently and faithfully for our Good News Club students. Whether you are a supporter or volunteer, please lift these children up to the Lord. Ideas and opportunities will be made available on how GNC™ leadership can reach out to their students in meaningful and safe ways. Strengthen yourself now through prayer in order to be ready to minister in love to those spiritually most vulnerable.

Second, let's not give in to panic or fear, but let others see the peace of Jesus in us. It is easy to be afraid of something like the coronavirus

that we can't see or feel. Yet Paul reminds us that "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7), and remember that "fear not" is the most commonly repeated command in scripture.

I don't believe that God desires any of us to be infected by the coronavirus. But we live in a fallen world, and we have an enemy who hates us. We are not promised a life free from troubles, but God does promise to be with us in any troubles we encounter.

I do believe that God desires us to be courageous in the face of fear, modeling courage for our students and putting His kingdom before our personal security. In a culture that has made an idol of security, may we surrender our lives for His kingdom by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are not unaware of the consequences, but we refuse to accept the verdict that fear of them must rule our decisions. As the world panics, may we know His peace.

Our lives are in His hands. He sees you, He loves you, and His strength is more than enough for coronavirus or any other challenge that may come your way. Let the world see our faith and courage.

Upcoming Events

- **Apr 4th Team Leader & Admin Coordinator GNC Checkpoint Rally 10AM**
- **Apr 14th Prayer Hour Held at Chapter Office 10am**
- **May 16th CYIA™ 1 Day Training, Ft. Myers**
- **May 23rd CYIA 1 Day Training, Ocala**
- **June 7th - 13th CYIA Training Week #1**
- **June 14th - 20th CYIA Training Week #2**

2019-2020 GNC Statistics

**14 Good News Clubs
690 Students Attending
94 Salvations**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CYIA 2020 Registration is LIVE

If you are in middle or high school, have a heart for ministry, and want to team up with other young people to reach the children in your community, then Christian Youth In Action® is for you!

Just think, this summer you can:

- Reach boys and girls with the Gospel
- See your faith and vision grow deeper
- Build new friendships that will last a lifetime
- Grow in communication, teamwork, endurance, responsibility, and self-confidence
- Gain experience for ministry in your own local church, school or vocation

Maybe your reading this and thinking I know some young people in my church who would LOVE to do this.

My challenge to you: Encourage the young people in your church to consider this opportunity. You might even consider sponsoring a young person to attend our training. **Contact your local office to learn more!**

Mark Robb
CYIA Training Director

Register Online
CYIA.CEFFLORIDA.COM

Fair Ministry Update

By faith, CEF® once again brought the Good News to the Central Florida Fair, where for over 11 days, many CEF workers, churches, and volunteers joined hands in sharing the Greatest Story Ever Told. Trained volunteers did Wordless Book face painting and gave out gospel color pages or tracts. As children and teens heard the Gospel through the face painting, adults listened. Many people of all ages received Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Total children and Teens who attended -- 1016

Total adults who heard -- 221

Total children, teens, and adults who prayed to receive Christ -- 67

Please continue to pray for all who heard to be drawn to salvation and for those who received Christ to grow strong, connect with a Bible-believing church, and follow Jesus. Pray that our volunteers will continue to share their faith boldly wherever God leads them. **Also ask the Lord to provide the necessary funds to keep the CEF Fair Ministry going next year. Our financial goal this year was \$2,000 of which only \$800 was donated.**

Listed below are a few Fair Ministry Testimonies:

- From one of our volunteers: "As the fair was getting ready to close, one mother passed by holding her 5 year old daughter. She turned around and stepped into the clubhouse to rest while her daughter had her face painted. We began sharing with the mom the hope that is found through the blood of Christ. Tears began to flow, and she shared that she was overwhelmed and believed God brought her to the fair to hear this message. This mother listened to the scriptures and completely surrendered to Christ as Lord. She left renewed and with the knowledge that God was with her and would help her daily and grow her child up with Jesus!"
- From another volunteer: "One boy came who had heard the gospel before, and today when he heard, he was ready to accept Christ!"
- From a local church Pastor: "Thank you for allowing us to participate with you all and CEF! What a joy to see the children listening and learning about Jesus. Many had heard, but several had not, so what a great experience to hear for the first time with face painting or even a refresher with the parents listening in! And my team had never shared the gospel in that context and in doing so was encouraged. They picked it up with ease and learned to tell the whole story and now will increase their boldness to share with others. I think we increased 'the workers' of the harvest too. Thank you again! Blessings!"

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150:6)

Does Your Church Have Vacation Bible School?

Child Evangelism Fellowship® is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living. Just like Vacation Bible School our focus is to evangelize and disciple children.

Our primary ministries in Florida are the *Good News Club* in public schools and the 5-Day Club® that operates in backyards throughout our community. However, all of these have a cost and it is our desire to provide these programs to the children FREE of charge. These clubs are open to all boys and girls between the ages of five and twelve, regardless of religious background.

Our local Central Florida Chapter covers Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties. The training of local workers and volunteers to operate clubs multiplies our ministry and enables us to reach many more children with the Gospel than we otherwise could. Training is key if we are to see more children reached for His glory. The Central Florida Chapter is committed to building a connection between those who are called and equipped by God to do ministry and those who are blessed and able to provide the finances needed to sustain it. God is our source—we "trust Him and tell His people"—the rest is up to Him. So, our prayer is that the Lord will send out more laborers and that He will raise up a team of supporters for them.

As your church begins planning your VBS Mission Moment would you please consider supporting your local CEF of Central Florida Chapter. Your church's financial gift has the potential to reach dozens of children in the Central Florida area. With a probability that one-third will trust Jesus as Savior, that's an eternal investment that's certainly worthwhile. Together we can reach more children in our community with the Gospel.