



Alberta



Child Evangelism Fellowship



Saskatchewan

"It is not the will of your Father...that one of these little ones should perish." - Matthew 18:14

"Given to the LORD"

Dear Friends,

July 25, 2023

As spring arrives and we realize that the 5-Day Club ministry is just around the corner, we begin to wonder who God will send to teach the 5-Day Clubs this summer. As the clubs get booked we begin to wonder if we will have enough Summer Missionaries for the harvest of children that will come.



This morning I was reading 1 Samuel and was struck by Hannah's desire for a child, and that if God would grant her request, she would give him to the LORD!

God did grant her her request and in response she said in 1 Samuel 1:22, **I will take him, that he may appear before the Lord and remain there forever.**

Hannah's love was very evident. In 1 Samuel 2:19 we read, **Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.**

I can only imagine that as she was making those little robes she thanked God for Samuel and prayed that God would use him for His glory.

Sometimes we conclude that if we give our children to God we will be short-changed, but that is not true. Can you imagine the joy Hannah had as she heard reports of how God was using Samuel for His glory? On top of that God gave Hannah **three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile the child Samuel grew before the Lord.**

I have said it before, **"You will never regret giving to God everything He asks for!"** As I think about this story I am reminded again of the Summer Missionaries and how they not only decided to say yes to God, but their parents also were willing to let them go!

There have been times when the young people want to come but the parents do not want them to go! So they stay home!

These are our Summer Missionaries for 2023, and I personally want to thank each of their parents for giving them to the Lord this summer and being willing to let them go!



During the second week of our training we had nine 5-Day Clubs; **159 children attended and 14 of those children were reported to have accepted Jesus as their Saviour.** The outreach in that one week alone had more than doubled from last year!

As in past years, we have included the 5-Day Club itinerary which will show you all the communities that we are in across Alberta and Saskatchewan and where each Summer Missionary is throughout the summer.

We are thrilled with the young people God sent this summer and their heart to serve Him!

There are 232 5-Day Clubs and 5-Day Club VBS's in churches booked this summer, and it is so encouraging to hear the reports of the children coming.



Every child who returns their first lesson will receive this CD with the songs they are learning at 5-Day Club.

Reports continue to come in from the missionaries about children accepting Jesus as their Saviour.

Brianna Menyaylov wrote, **“A girl just gave her life to Christ! My first experience leading someone to Christ!”** Can you imagine how Brianna’s parents must feel hearing how God is using her!

Erin Grimes wrote, **“I forgot to tell you guys a really cool story from last week... So at the Bible camp I worked at a couple of years ago, the senior staff supervisors had a little foster girl. Apparently she had been adopted by a different family in one of the towns I taught at. I definitely thought I would never see her again so just being able to teach at the town she was living in was incredible, but then I also got to lead her to Christ!!!”**

How amazing that God placed Erin in that town! Of all the young people we could have sent there, God sent Erin!

As the children come to 5-Day Club each day, they are given a Mailbox Club lesson. As they complete them and hand them in to the Summer Missionary they then are enrolled in the David and Jonathan program and will continue to receive more lessons and free Christian books in the mail. We are so thankful for this opportunity to disciple the children when we leave. We believe it is so important to not only reach the children with the gospel but disciple them to live for Him!



We heard about one family from Colorado that was visiting family and whose children attended a 5-Day Club at our daughter’s house! Apparently the CD was all that was on repeat for the first half of the trip home!

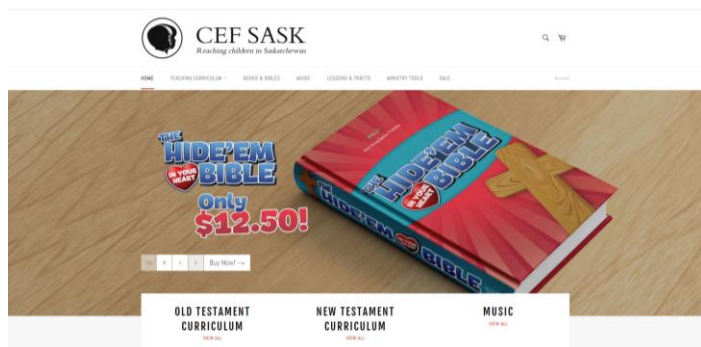
We have been so encouraged as again we have sought to help the Summer Missionaries with their support this summer. As I wrote in my last letter, we continue with our commitment to not “check the box” in the CSJ application process and so continue to trust God for the finances for the Summer Missionaries through our Summer Missionary Support Program. As many of the young people who teach each summer are hoping

to head off to Bible school, etc., we have sought to help them by giving them an opportunity to receive \$5,000.00 for teaching 5-Day Clubs for the months of July and August. Through our Summer Missionary Support Program we seek to raise half of their support and they seek to raise the other half through friends and family. Over the last seven or eight years of this program God has always provided through His people all the funds needed for our part in this program. I would like to thank each of you who have had a part in standing with us in this way.

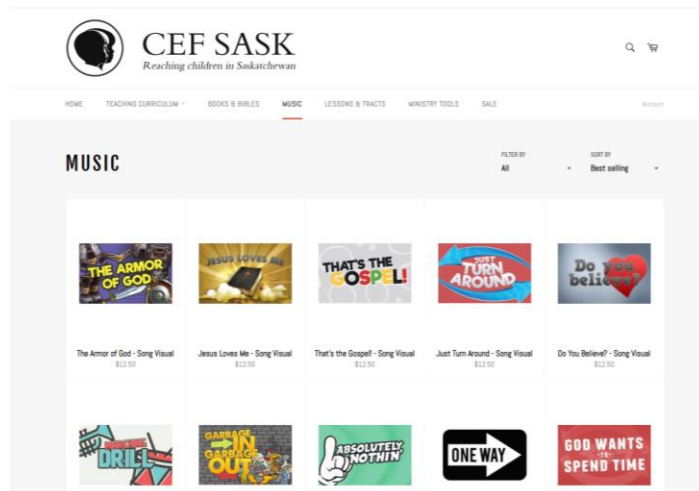
Since our last letter God's people have been such a blessing as they have stood behind these young people with both their prayers and support. **We have already received \$37,990.00 towards our Summer Missionary Support program, 61% of our goal! PTL!** Thank you for your part!



We are so thankful for the opportunity we have to help churches and families with resources to teach the children. If you have not visited our online store you need to check it out! One item you will find in our store is the Hide'em Bible. We have been shipping them out right across Canada and even the USA. We sell them at cost as we seek to get the Word of God in the hands of the children!



Along with great teaching materials including Old and New Testament and even missionary stories we also have a large selection of children's music visuals. Every visual comes with a CD to sing along with at no charge.



As we continue to reach the children this summer through the 5-Day Club minstry, we are busy preparing for the Club DJ ministry both here and abroad! We are so excited to partner with churches to reach the boys and girls in their community and neighbourhood through this exciting mid-week club opportunity!

Club DJ ministry continues to grow in Cuba as there are now 198 churches with over 10,000 children enrolled! We are receiving so many exciting reports as children and their parents have opportunity to hear the gospel and come to Christ! We are currently preparing the materials for 14,000 children in 280 churches in Cuba.



As Levi says, "We really don't have a down time as ministry opportunities continue to grow." We will share more about this opportunity in our newsletter in the fall.

In other news we also have Club DJ running in Guatemala with six churches and over 130 children attending after just five or six weeks.

It is so encouraging to see the pictures and reports coming in already from Guatemala as it has been reported that nine children have already accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour!

Amazing to see the boys and girls from both of these countries working in their Club DJ books after they have heard the Bible lesson for that day!



We value your prayers for the Summer Missionaries as they continue to travel all across Alberta and Saskatchewan. Pray for safety on the road, energy with their busy schedules, and for the boys and girls to have soft hearts towards the gospel that many are hearing for the first time.

We are so thankful for all God is doing and your faithful part through your prayers and financial support as you have **Given to the LORD!**

For the sake of the children,

Jerry Durston
Provincial Director



Donations may be made online at any of our websites!

Pray & Praise

Pray for the children being reached!

**Pray for the Summer Missionaries
'safety on the road!'**

**Pray for the many children being
disciplined through the mail and the
David and Jonathan program .**

*If you would like more information on any of
our ministries, please visit one of our
ministry websites.*

Websites:

CEF of Alberta - www.cefalberta.org

CEF of Saskatchewan - www.cefsask.org

5-Day Clubs - www.5dayclubs.com

Club DJ - www.clubdj.com

**Jonathan Sperry Sponsor a Town Project -
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