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## Hello Good News Club Parents!

We want to welcome all of the parents of the children in the *Good News Clubs*® to receive our newsletter! This particular CEF® chapter of Capital Country (Austin area) extends out to 8 counties with *Good News Clubs* that meet in schools, homes, daycare centers, and more! These *GNC*'s are sponsored and taught by caring adults from local churches with a heart for sharing the love of Jesus and His Word, the Bible, with your child.

Your children are a valued part of our lives and we count it a huge privilege that you have entrusted them to us each week during *Good News Club*. It is our desire to let you share in our joy about what God is doing in the lives touched through these weekly *Good News Clubs* (including the lives of the *GNC* teachers!). From time to time, you may even see your child's smiling face in one of these newsletters! We in CEF pray for your families and want to be a support for you as we grow together in personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

To find out more about what your child is learning in *GNC*, ask your child's *GNC* teacher or feel free to attend *Good News Club* with your child ANYTIME! If you are interested in finding out more about how to have a personal relationship with Jesus and want to talk to someone personally, ask your child's *GNC* teacher or feel free to call **Erin Watson (512) 227-1900**. ENJOY YOUR NEWSLETTER!

## What is going on at the CEF office?

Many of you may have wondered why things have slowed down a bit here at the CEF office. We want to congratulate our office manager Elena Smith and her husband John who are expecting their first baby—due in August! Rejoice with us and keep Elena in prayer as she has been sick and unable to get things accomplished as timely as before.

God has provided a new office volunteer, Megan Mull, who loves Jesus and the ministry of CEF in this area. We are so thankful for her and the ways He is using her! Just when we thought we were comfortable, God has moved us into yet another office transition.

We deeply appreciate your patience with us as we place orders for materials, contact schools and churches, and schedule trainings; also as we prepare for summer ministry! If you feel the Lord directing you to lend a hand at the CEF office, please contact Erin Watson at (512) 357-4166.



Happy little faces learning about Jesus



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Does God communicate with children? This 9 year old little girl is proof that He does!!!

San Marcos *Good News Club* teacher Louis Gervais says: *In 5 weeks she has read from Genesis to 1st Corinthians! Isn't that amazing?! I checked with her Mom who told me she read while she had the flu and she reads when she gets home from school. Hopefully, she will begin attending our church's AWANA club. Praise the LORD!*

We love getting news like this from our *GNC* teachers! Please continue to let us know what God is doing in the lives of your *GNC* kids!

Dear Jesse, Erin, and Elena,

At Brown Primary in Smithville yesterday two boys prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior. And today at Baranoff Elementary in Austin, two girls also made a firm decision to accept Jesus as their Savior. Thought ya'll might to have this "good news" as your week winds down.

Here to serve Jesus <>>,

Ken and Donna

Psalm 78:4-7—But tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done...that they should teach them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should **put their confidence in God...**

Here are the children of *this generation* that have heard the **good news** of **Jesus**, who died on the cross for our sins, came back to life, and invites us to become part of His forever family when we believe Him as Savior!

Children enrolled in *GNC*: **972**  
Children/parents who believed in Jesus as their personal Savior: **138**



## New *Good News Club*: first one in Round Rock!

The first *GNC* in Round Rock began at Great Oaks Elementary in February! Yoon Mi Song, along with a team from the Korean Baptist Church in Austin, adopted this school and hold a *GNC* there on Friday afternoons. It is always exciting to see the ministry expand to new schools and areas! Keep this school in prayer and praise God with us about what HE is doing!



## **Congratulations!!! Four Teachers Complete *Teaching Children Effectively*™ Course:**

*2 Timothy 2:2—And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to **faithful men** who will be able to **teach others also**.*

Over four Saturdays, four faithful TCE® students met at the CEF office for this thirty hour training. These teachers learned how to present the gospel to children, how to weave the gospel into ANY Bible lesson they teach, and how to run the *Good News Club* program.

As the instructors, Falon Sanchez, Ken Strom, and Erin Watson were truly privileged to see and hear these teachers demonstrate their Bible lessons which they will soon teach in a *Good News Club*. It is undeniable how the Holy Spirit works before, during, and after TCE. After all, a TCE class is where God grabbed the hearts of Falon and Erin to reach children! **Perhaps God calling YOU to be part of the next TCE training class!**

We congratulate Linda Burgasser, Terry Rapp, Shu-ling Chow—and yes, our own director Jesse Watson for completing *Teaching Children Effectively*!!!!

Our prayer for this class, and every class, is that God will use each of these teachers in mighty ways. Please pray with us that they will reach many, waiting children with the gospel.



## ***Christian Youth In Action*® 2011: Here are the dates!**

*Christian Youth In Action (CYIA)* is a 12 hour training that equips teens/youth groups to reach elementary aged children in their communities through summer *Good News Clubs (5-Day Clubs*®).

**This training is for disciplined teens that have a heart for children and desire to be used of God.**

For groups of twenty people and over, CEF instructors are happy to conduct the training at your home church. Otherwise, CYIA will be held at the CEF office in Martindale (8 Holmes Lane, Martindale, TX, 78655) or at Austin Bible Church (8405 Cross Park Dr, Austin, TX, 78754).

**Spread the word about CYIA to your church! CYIA welcomes Jr. High, college age, and adults!**

>**Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** (6pm-9pm), **Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** (9:30am-4:30pm), and **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** (6:00pm-9:00pm)  
>**Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** (6-9), **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** (9:30-4:30), and **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** (6-9)  
>**Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** (6-9), **Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** (9:30-4:30), and **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** (6-9).

For CYIA Applications, please contact the CEF office (512) 357-4166 or Local director, Jesse Watson at (512) 618-0569. You can also email Erin Watson at erin\_cef@yahoo.com.

## **Testimony from a TCE Student:**

**“I shared the Wordless Book with my ten year old daughter and she accepted Christ!”**

These were the words of Shu-ling Chow, TCE student and mother of 3, when she came through the door to the second class day of the *Teaching Children Effectively* Course. After learning how to present the gospel using the Wordless Book, Shu-ling practiced her presentation with her ten year old daughter, Kevias, and God did a special work! What a testimony this is of how our God works through His people and the mighty things He does through each CEF training class!

## **Encouraging update from Sharon Sommers (Kinney Avenue Christian Fellowship) :**

We only had two classes in January, but had in attendance twenty-two kids. Two children made decisions and one mother! (We have added a moms Bible study during our club time.)

We also have gotten two of the mothers and a total of three of their children to start coming to our church service and Sunday school classes! God is on the move!!!!!!

This has been a very exciting go round for us!

