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# Capital Country Courier

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## Financial Update

| Fund         | Need For Jan / Feb | Rcvd in Jan / Feb | Surplus (Shortage) |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Erin Watson  | \$2,200            | \$1,230           | (\$970)            |
| General      | \$5,355            | \$5,776           | \$421              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$7,555</b>     | <b>\$7,006</b>    | <b>(\$549)</b>     |



Michael Tolin reading the missionary story

*"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

II Cor. 9:6-7

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Three new Committee members:  
Dan Krahe, K.C. Williams, Jack Carson

**Jesse Irwin Overholtzer, founder of CEF®, once said: "Faith is dead to doubt, dumb to discouragement, and blind to impossibility."**

**A sermon by C.H. Spurgeon became the catalyst for the beginning of CEF®. Mr. Spurgeon said: "A child of five, if properly instructed, can readily believe and be regenerated as anyone."**

## We'll Miss You Norma

Norma Elmore will be leaving Smithville and moving to Belton, MO. (near Kansas City) the weekend of March 20th. It was Norma who was the catalyst to get an After-School Good News Club® established in the Smithville Elementary School in the Fall of 2008. After returning from Warrenton, MO., where she worked at the Discipleship Center (Mailbox Club) she was energized to find the Local Director near her to get a club started in Smithville. It was then that she found out the Director was Ken Strom who lived about a mile from her home. From then on, it was a matter of finding a team to be taught, getting all the clearances from the Superintendent of Schools and the Principal of the elementary school; the rest is history. The club is winding down its 2nd year. A going away festivity was held in Schaefer Hall at the RVICS (Roving Volunteers in Christ Service) National Headquarters on Tuesday evening, March 16th. The hall was full with her RVICS friends and other friends from around the Smithville area who came to celebrate Norma's life and to commemorate her faithful service to the Lord. Norma was presented a framed portrait from CEF® of one of Steve Bates' creations. Its title is "Children Need the Lord."



## Salvation Celebration!

*Psalm 126:3- The Lord has done great things for us; We are glad.*

Whenever we look back every month on what the Lord has accomplished through this ministry, there is always cause for celebration.

These are the statistics for September 2009 through March of 2010.

Remember, these are numbers of children.

Please pray for these children that HE loves so deeply and praise the Lord with us!

- **1,291 children enrolled**
- **214 decisions (salvations!!!)**
- **75 now plugged into Sunday School and/or AWANA**
- **22 now enrolled in the C.E.F.® Mailbox Club**



Navey Cummings teaching memory verse, *Philippians 2:13*

## Live By the Truth of the Gospel of Christ

Jesus Christ came as a light into a dark world of sin. He who knew no sin was made sin for us. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." No one comes to the Father except through Him (Jesus.) Jesus is saying that if there were another way to have eternal life, He would not have needed to die on the cross, and all the 365 prophecies would not have been written about Him.

Paul writes that there is only one gospel, one truth, and that is Christ crucified. Any one or anything else which denies the blood of the cross is a liar and is a deception from the evil one. God is not the author of confusion. The Holy Spirit is the Counselor of truth. This is how we can discern one from the other. The Holy Spirit gives us peace beyond all understanding to seek truth revealed by the Holy Spirit. We must read God's Holy Word, the Bible. 2 Timothy 4:16-17 states, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

God has much more to say about these matters of truth, but at a later time. Thank God for CEF® teaching and the people He has called to teach such truths.

May God bless those who are committed to the light of Christ.

Sincerely,  
Jack, a slave to truth by Christ



Ken and Mihailey as she reads the missionary story



Skyra Ruiz, Bethany Norris, David & Cindy Middaugh with kids from Chinese Retreat

## That Time of Year is Coming! Christian Youth in Action® (CYIA™)

Christian Youth In Action® is an intense training especially geared to enable 7th through 12th graders to reach children during the summer.

This year, the CYIA™ training will be held at Quest Ranch in Canyon Lake on June 30th - July 2nd. The cost of CYIA™ will be \$60.00 per person and this includes your summer teaching kit, materials, end of the week river trip, and camp fee. Not bad, huh? As of now, there are 50 spots available.

If you, your youth group, or anyone you know would be interested in this training to reach children through 5-Day Clubs®, please **contact Erin Watson at (512) 357-4166 or e-mail her at erin\_cef@yahoo.com.**

CYIA™ can be one of the most meaningful experiences of a young person's life! This training will give youth the tools they need to give the gospel clearly, serve with others who love Christ, and reach children that no one is reaching.

Youth, there is a mission field... and YOU are in it! Don't miss this opportunity to attend CYIA™ and BE a summer missionary!

### To attend CYIA™, you must be:

- \* A committed Christian, ready to serve Jesus!
- \* Going into the 7th grade
- \* Prepared to learn and be stretched
- \* Up for a challenge
- \* Have a love for kids
- \* Available to teach at least three 5-Day Clubs® during the Summer
- \* Be a team player with an awesome attitude!

## Welcome Back from Missouri K.C. and Falon Williams

As many of you know, K.C. and Falon Williams recently returned home from the Children's Ministries Institute in Warrenton, Missouri.

While there, Falon took the needed courses to begin preparing to be an Instructor of Teachers for the Capital Country Chapter.

K.C. volunteered in the Mailbox Club and was able to be of service with the maintenance around CMI™.

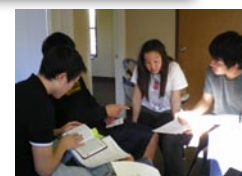
Falon passed her courses with flying colors and we thank the Lord for her availability to be used by Him!

## Will you be a CYIA™ Sponsor?

For only \$60.00, you can sponsor a youth to attend the CYIA™ training this summer. This will cover the cost of their teaching kit and camp fee.

Would you consider being used of God to provide a scholarship? If YES, please contact Erin Watson at (512) 357-4166.

Thank you for whatever the Lord may lead you to give.



Quick Start Training at the Korean Baptist Church

## Prayer Requests: Will You be a Prayer Warrior?

**Pray** for Jesse Watson (yes, Erin Watson's husband) as he considers taking the local director's position for the Capital Country Chapter. With this decision comes the need for financial support. Pray that God would continue to make His will clear for Jesse and Erin Watson.

**Keep** the TCE™ students in your prayers as they study for and present practicums for the course. There are only 4 weeks left of the class and these committed teachers need your prayers. Here are the students so you can pray for them by name: **Doris Katzer, Maria Tolle, Dan Krah, Keith Frazier, and Skyra Ruiz.**

**Pray** for the Good News Clubs®! The teachers-that God would give them wisdom, energy, and love as they finish out the year.

**Pray** for the children- that God would give them spiritual understanding and for the salvation/growth of each child. So many of them come from homes that are beyond broken. This breaks our hearts and reminds us of the reason we do what we do. JESUS SAVES. They must know HIM.

**Pray** for their families-that God would bring them to salvation and place each one in a solid church.

**Pray** for the schools-that God would use each GNC™ as a light and give us favor with the parents, teachers, and faculty.

**Please pray** for the many transitions taking place in our chapter. The CEF® office at the Strom's home in Smithville will be completely moved to the CEF® office in Martindale on May 10th. Ask the Lord for wisdom, organization, and His peace during this process. Thank you!

**Praise** the Lord with us for the salvations of 214 children!

**Praise** the Lord for every Good News Club® volunteer that gives of their time and energy to reach these children!

**Praise** the Lord for open doors into the public schools!