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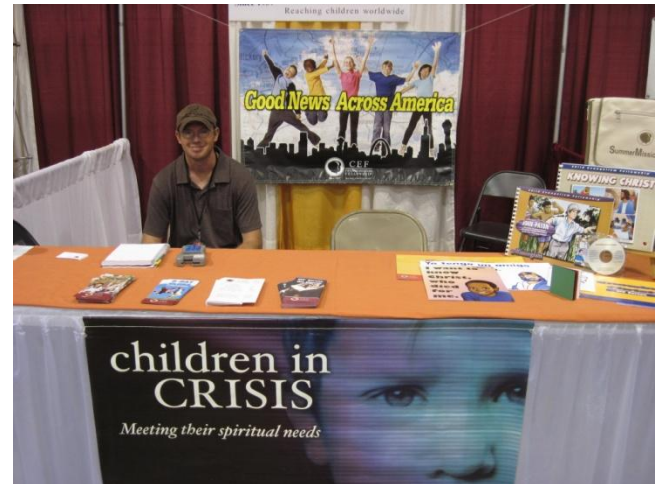
From your director- Jesse Watson

The last two months have been a time of transition. We are still amazed at the amount of administrative work that Ken Strom did, however, God has provided a wonderful replacement in Elena Smith. We are so grateful for the work that she does and continues to do. We have also been blessed with Megan Mull for helping us out with the newsletter. Like his father, Elliot Strom has served many years with the newsletter and continues to do things for the chapter as he has time.

I have been actively pursuing churches to adopt *Good News Clubs*® in our area. God has provided the churches that He would have working at this time. Pray for the hearts of the churches and the pastors that they would be ready, willing, and able to provide workers and funds for *GNC*®. We must be ever mindful that the “fields are white with harvest, but the workers are few.”

Thank you all for your support and your prayers. It means so much for us to know that we have all of you that get newsletters praying and contributing the way God leads you.

Food for thought: We are still a little under in our funds. I thought I would offer a fresh perspective on all of this. If all of our readers gave us \$10 dollars/month it would fully support two full time missionaries and cover all of our operating expenses for a month. If all of our readers gave a \$120 dollar one time gift, it would cover us for a year. I love what God can do with the small sacrifices of His people. Some of the greatest outpouring of blessings have come from the smallest gifts. Matt. 14:13-21: a young boy contributes his lunch to feed 5,000 men plus women and children. Matt. 17:20b: “if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain move from here to there and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.” Thank you so much for all of you that have given in faith. You are just as important as any missionary or church. There is no such thing as a small gift in the kingdom of God. We give what we have in faith, and believe that God is big enough to do mighty things with our sacrifices.



Jesse at CEF booth in Arlington, TX for Youth Ministries Conclave



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“I believed on Jesus as
my own Savior at
Good News Club.”



We welcome you to meet our new missionary and join the “Falon Support Team!”

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Did you know that one in every three people on earth is younger than 15 years of age? And 80% of these children live in a NON-Christian home. What a mission field!

Jesus said in Matthew 9:37, 38: *“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest.”* After careful prayer and by much prompting of the Holy Spirit, I am convinced that the Lord has set me apart to be a worker in this fruitful harvest of reaching children in the Austin area with the Gospel of Jesus.

For the past four years, God has been using me to teach in an amazing after-school outreach program called *Good News Club*. By serving in the *Good News Club*, I have seen the spiritual needs of children and their families. It is my deep desire to reach them and equip others to do the same. God is calling me to do this full-time by serving with *Child Evangelism Fellowship*®, the world’s largest mission agency to children.

Earlier this year, I traveled to Warrenton, Missouri to the *Children’s Ministries Institute*® and received the training I needed to become a certified Instructor of Teachers. My desire is to work alongside other fellow *CEF* missionaries in the Austin area to equip teachers and reach the 140,000 elementary aged children in the surrounding six counties.

I know this journey entails financial responsibilities and support of all kinds from His faithful followers. In order for me to be a full-time *CEF* missionary, I need to raise a monthly income of \$2,000. I realize that God supplies all our needs, and that this is His business. The policy in *CEF* is to “ask God and tell His people.” So as God’s people, I invite you to reach the children with me by coming on board the “Falon Support Team” as a prayer partner and financial supporter.

I know that the life of a missionary is not an easy one. In fact, God told Paul, *“I will show him how much he must suffer for My name sake”* (Acts 9:16). Hear the words of my brother Paul and the journeys the Lord put him through in his mission work. *“I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from robbers, dangers from countrymen, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches”* (2 Corinthians 11:26-28).

I find it so inspiring for Paul to have gone through such trials and yet still be so hard-pressed to reach God's dear people. I truly have found that the more I suffer the more I am motivated to reach the lost!

This life is truly temporal and the treasures I lay in heaven are far GREATER than the material things I have on this earth. Through the power of God and the support of His people what can we NOT DO THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US? (Phil.4:13).

“My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen” (1 Corinthians 16:24).
Blessed above all I could even ask or think,

Falon Sanchez



October Stats

There were **566** enrollments for *Good News Club* and open air fairs, and **77** salvations.

Let’s remember that these are not just numbers, but people. Praise God with us!

Good News Club Teachers: Reaching Beyond the Walls of the Church!

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.

Teaching teachers is a huge part of the ministry of CEF. After all, the teachers are the ones in the trenches! This year, three separate *Quick Start*® training sessions were held to prepare teachers for the *Good News Club* year. These teachers, whether seasoned or just beginning, are the *faithful men* God has called to reach out beyond the walls of their churches.

Among the many blessings that came from these trainings was the privilege of seeing the faces of beloved teachers from all around our local chapter and knowing the joy of team teaching (Falon Sanchez and Erin Watson)!

The trainings ended with over fifty teachers being trained and equipped to begin their *Good News Clubs*! So far, twenty-three *Good News Clubs* have started with more to follow! CEF was also welcomed at the AWANA conference in Austin this past September and fourteen leaders were trained to give the gospel using the *Wordless Book*™. You can be sure to keep these teachers in your prayers by following the future prayer calendar.

Funds Needed to Keep Good News Clubs Going!

Find out how you can help:

A number of *GNC's* have been adopted by groups of believers from various churches with a heart to reach the children. Because it is not an entire church effort as with other after-school *GNC's* adopted by a church, these teaching teams often fund the costs of the club themselves. When needs such as these come up, it is CEF's policy to "ask God and tell His people."

\$250.00 will cover the needs of each *GNC* for the entire year. This includes four cycles of teaching material, snacks for each week, and extras such as Bibles & *GNC* t-shirts.

Some of the schools in need are: C.C. Mason Elementary in Leander and Travis Elementary in San Marcos.



GNC Teachers at Quick Start Training in Austin



GNC Teachers at Quick Start Training at the CEF office in Martindale



We love Good News Club in our school!

It's coming...

Teaching Children Effectively™ (TCE)

Do you have a heart for reaching children around you with the gospel? Then TCE is for you! All children's workers, GNC teachers, Sunday School teachers, and parents are welcome!

When: January 22nd and 29th & February 12th and 19th, 2011.

Cost: \$75.00 per person (must be 15 years of age or older to attend)

Instructors: Missionaries with CEF, Erin Watson, Falon Sanchez, and Ken Strom

To register contact Elena Smith or Erin Watson at 512.357.4166 or erin_cef@yahoo.com.

Open Air Ministry: The Good News is getting out...

Jim and Louise Walker set up booths at local fairs and welcome children to make bead bracelets using the colors of the *Wordless* book. While the children are making their bracelets, Jim, Louise, and other workers are sharing the gospel! At the Bellville Fair on October 15-16, 150 children came through the booth and 25 of them received Jesus as their Savior.

During the fair before this, 156 children heard the gospel and 34 children made professions of faith. Please keep this ministry and the Walkers in your prayers. The days can get long at these fairs and they welcome others to join them! If you are interested in serving with them in this way, please contact Erin Watson at 512.357.4166.