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A Lasting Impact

I wanted to share about the impact that we many times don't realize for years after kids attend our Good News Clubs.

A boy named Reid attended Good News Club faithfully from 2nd to 6th grade. Every week, he would run up and give me a huge hug because he was so excited to be there. So fast forward, many, many years...Reid is now 26 years old, recently married and expecting a baby! We have connected many times over the years, as I have become friends with his family and attended several of the musicals he and his sister, Sarah, have been in at a local theater. Sarah also attended Good News Club all six years of elementary school.

I recently had coffee with Reid and his adorable bride to give them a wedding present. During our time together, Reid told me that I will never know how much my sharing Jesus with him every week meant to him, and that he did not know where he would be today, if it had not been for Good News Club. He said that he took some detours along the way, but now he is serving Jesus completely with his whole heart. His sister Sarah, who is now 23, also sent me a message earlier this year via Instagram that said, "Hey, Miss Sue. I know it's been forever since I've reached out but I just wanted to let you know someone mentioned the concept of "people who told us about Jesus" and you're the first person who came to my mind. I hope you never doubt the work you've done for God." And, just a couple of weeks ago she contacted me again and said, "Thank you for sharing Jesus in my life. It's made a difference."

It has been such a blessing to connect with these "kids" as adults and see how they are still serving God, and in Reid's case, soon to be sharing Jesus with his own precious child. I am incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to continue to share Jesus with kids every week at the same school in Good News Club for the past 19 years! Praise God.

Testimony shared by Sue Olson, Director of the CEF Orange Coast Chapter



A Life Transformed

There was a young man named David who on his first day at club had several questions about the existence of God. David claimed to see the world through the lens of evolution as taught by Darwin's theory. He asked a lot of questions which the teacher was able to give answers to from a Biblical perspective. The teacher read from the Bible to prove the existence of a Creator God who is worthy of our worship because of His great love for us. David put his trust in Jesus for the first time and has been coming to club every week. Recently David told the teacher that he was going to get baptized next summer on his trip to Armenia. You should have seen the excitement on his face and the transformation in his love for God and His word. This is just one of many transformations we have witnessed in our ministry.

Testimony shared by CEF Ventura County Chapter

Ministry Year Statistics

(September 2023 — August 2024)

God used Child Evangelism Fellowship of Southern California to reach **68,811** children with the Gospel. Those who professed faith in Christ totaled **11,708** and **3,240** children attended church for the first time.

Praise be to God!

Celebrating a Year of God's Faithfulness

As 2024 draws to a close, we at Child Evangelism Fellowship of Southern California are filled with gratitude for all God has accomplished through this ministry. This year, we witnessed His transformative power as children across our region heard the Gospel, many for the first time, and made decisions to follow Christ. Through your faithful prayers, partnership, and support, we established new Good News Clubs, trained passionate volunteers, and reached communities that had been waiting to hear the good news of Jesus.

Our vision remains steadfast: to bring every child in Southern California the opportunity to hear, understand, and respond to the Gospel. We are reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 19:14:

But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

As we look ahead to 2025, let us recommit ourselves to this vital mission. The fields are ripe for harvest, and the next generation is eager to know the hope and love found in Christ. Together, through prayer, giving, and service, we can continue to fulfill this God-given calling.

Thank you for your unwavering support. May God bless you abundantly in the new year!

Dr. Scott Julian
State Director

