

V W Letters

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REACHING THE HARVEST

God is so faithful. In the early 1930s He placed a burden in the heart of Jesse Overholter, a man in his 60s, to reach the children of the world. With God's outstretched arm and after much prayer, this God-size passion of Jesse Overholter resulted in the founding of Child Evangelism Fellowship®. Children around the world are being reached every day.



Over 1500 people from more than 100 nations came together at Ridgecrest, North Carolina in May to celebrate 80 years of ministry with CEF®. God continued to bless and helped the CEF family reach 20.4 million children worldwide in 2016. The goal was to be in every country (2017) by this conference. We are getting closer and closer to that goal. We celebrated together

all that God has done. It is great to see God's mighty Hand at work!

Before Vance left for this international conference in May, we started to think about the next step on our overseas missionary journey. We cannot believe that we have been in Saint Vincent & the Grenadines for two years now. In October, we plan to come back to Canada and the USA for three months to update as many of you as possible, and also have a brief rest. Missionaries call this time "Home Ministry Assignment" or "Furlough"

We are excited about the work God has done in this country and we see that He will do a greater work in the next two years. We applied for another two year visitor visa. The government of SVG has granted this request. This is an answer to our prayers.

Can we ask you to pray with us both now and during our furlough regarding our financial needs? It is common for support levels lower as a missionary is out on the field past their first year. This has been true for us also. We are currently at 81% of our needed monthly support. During this time, we will need to visit friends and individuals to raise our support level. CEF worldwide has a financial statement: "Ask God and inform His people". We are asking God to show us who we should approach regarding monthly financial sup-



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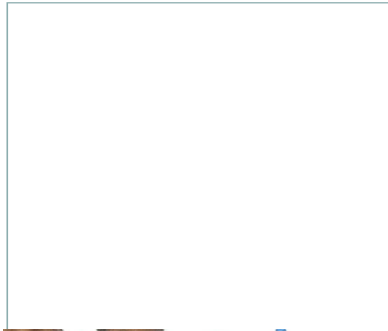
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port as we look to Him to provide.

God is the one who puts together our support team. He is the one who burdens individuals to stand with us through prayers and monthly financial gifts. He provides the one-time gifts also.

As we look forward to the ministry at hand, we find ourselves on the threshold of Christian Youth In Action® (CYIA™) 2017. Last year was the first CYIA with 15 students attending. It was a challenge, but God blessed so much with many children hearing the Gospel message. This year God has doubled the number of students, and they

are coming from 12 different

churches. Amazing!!

Please pray for us and the staff as we train these 30+ students to minister to children through 5-Day Clubs (like VBS) that their churches will host. We are looking forward to what God is going to do in the lives of children. We covet your prayers regarding administration, financial needs, running of the CYIA, clarity in teaching, and for the students to minister effectively to children.

We are privileged to be a part of a great ministry that is reaching so many children worldwide. Wendy and I are so thankful that God has placed us here in SVG to help reach the 32,000 children on our island. Last year CEF SVG reached 9000+. Thank you for standing with us.

We want to know that your friendship is so important to us . . .



Wendy Praying for a group of children

SHE MADE IT

The month of June was an extremely exciting and full one, from birthdays to Wendy's mom and sister Val coming to visit, to the celebration of Joelle's high school grad! Joelle had the surprise of her life with her auntie popping her head out of our vehicle one night! What a surprise graduation gift indeed! While they were here, we enjoyed being tourists for a few days. The climax was Joelle's graduation. She felt very honoured to receive the "Most improved student award" and also the "Most outstanding short story" award. Joelle has worked tremendously hard at learning the culture, the dialect and going to school for the first time. Previously she had always been homeschooled.

That evening we enjoyed a time of celebration with a few friends of hers and her Grandma and her Auntie. Joelle plans to go away for Bible school in September so we will be starting a new chapter called "The Empty Nesters."



His for the Children,

Vance & Wendy and Joelle