



► ASK GOD TO USE OUR NEW DIGITAL RESOURCES IN THE TRUTH SEEKER TO DRAW MORE CHILDREN & SPEAK TO THEIR HEARTS.



► PRAY GOD WILL CALL AND EQUIP STRONG LEADERSHIP AT EACH EXISTING CLUB AND THOSE THAT ARE IN FORMATIVE STAGES.



► PRAY OUR SUMMER MISSIONARIES WILL SURRENDER THEMSELVES TO THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE.



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Prayer focus

INTERCEDING FOR THE NEEDS OF THIS MINISTRY.
POINTING CHILDREN TO AN ETERNAL FUTURE.

Discovering Jesus as Savior, Lord & Friend

It has been a whirlwind of a month! Jumping into summer ministry with the Truth Seeker, training **Christian Youth in Action®**, scheduling events & trying to finalize our calendar are just some of what is happening in **Child Evangelism Fellowship®** chapters across the State of Pennsylvania, across the country and around the world. As a ministry, we petitioned the Lord. Asking for open doors of opportunity and a record number of workers, he did not disappoint.

June 20th we returned from CYIA™ training school where 97 young people were equipped for ministry in their local area. Six of those students were ours. It was, as usual, an intense week. Missionary training is not for the faint of heart or the casual Christ follower. It is grueling—physically, mentally, and emotionally. Regardless of age and life stage, homesickness is real and takes a toll. Even in close quarters, with rows and rows of bunk beds, desks and dining tables, loneliness can creep in. I haven't yet decided if the sketchy cell service that won't allow for outside communication is a blessing or a curse.

The workload is heavy. BASIC requirements for Bible track include:

- Evangelism using the Wordless Book
- 5 Bible Lessons
- 3 Memory Verses
- A missionary saga from the past and a current missionary project
- 5 children's ministry songs
- Instruction on counseling children for salvation
- AND accomplishing it all with very good or excellent scores!

For many, the skills necessary to achieve these results are new and developing. Often, there is a sense that they cannot possibly do what they have been asked to do. This leads to frustration and procrastination mingled with many tearful prayers. One of the very first life lessons learned is that when you are at your lowest and your desperation is at its height, that is when God shows up most.

That is where the spiritual invigoration comes in. This is more than a momentary "high" that fades upon returning to our own area. This is where the Holy Spirit meets each heartfelt need through the ministry of the Word, a tender attitude of worship, and the encouragement of brothers and sisters in Christ who are in the same exact place or have been and have experienced God's faithfulness in seeing them through. This is where the body of Christ is manifest and the gift of the church is so very evident.

One of our first-year missionaries was struggling early on. We saw many tears allow a flood of emotion to flow. We prayed together. We sought God's clear direction. We pleaded for a renewal of spirit and obedience to his call. And God gave the gift of song in response. The worship for the week was a brother band named "Seek First". They invited students to join them in leading daily worship. Several students, including our young lady, welcomed the opportunity to use their musical giftedness to minister to others but in the process saw God minister to their own needy hearts as well. I thanked God for this precious time. The release on her face was so very evident as her harmonious praise flooded the

make-shift gym turned chapel. God knew her need better than she did and he met it with a unique gift just for her.

This week (June 23-27), we are in the final countdown. The push to complete unfinished evaluations is strong. Hands on ministry training is taking place in two different locations. This is a time to bring in all the pieces together. But taking the newly learned skills to the children is the easy part, really. The underlying and life-changing part for children is to see and hear Christ come to life in the young people that are leading them. Here and now, our young people will teach, lead, and relate to others in a way that exudes the love of God and trusts in his faithfulness through their personal experience. They can teach it not just because they poured over and practiced it but because they have lived it!

Next week, our young people will divide and conquer. With over thirty 5 Day Clubs® and VBS programs intermingled with Truth Seeker ministry at fairs and festivals, the summer missionaries are being sent to proclaim Christ in the places his Spirit is already at work. It can be scary. They are once again being asked to step further out of their comfort zone into the unknown—without the safety net of a large and capable team. They will be traveling in smaller groups, learning to depend on one another and on God to provide for their every need. Please keep the prayers on their behalf coming. This is the time they have been preparing for. Ask God to make his power real and the name of Christ known as they help kids Discover Jesus for themselves.