



► ASK GOD TO BUILD A JUNIOR YOUTH CHALLENGE MINISTRY IN THE BROOKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FILL THE GAP BETWEEN GNC & CYIA.



► PRAY GOD WILL GIVE THE SUPPORT NEEDED TO EQUIP STRONG LEADERSHIP AT EACH GOOD NEWS CLUB



► ASK GOD TO HELP CEF DIGITAL MINISTRIES CATCH FIRE; BRINGING CHRIST TO A GENERATION OF UNREACHED CHILDREN ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.



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Prayer focus

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

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
2 Peter 3:9

Prayer Brings the Harvest

Recently I had the opportunity to have breakfast with the leader of another non-profit children's ministry. The pancakes tasted good, but sharing the excitement of telling kids about our Savior tasted sweeter. He told me about the growth they are seeing, and I told him about our growth worldwide and what God is doing here in the USA. His question would have stung if not for the history we have in our friendship. "Jeff," he said, "How is **CEF**® doing what it's doing? I've heard a little more about it lately, but you don't hear that much about it. It's not as well known as many other ministries. How do you get all the volunteers? How is **CEF** reaching so many children?"

He was right, in a way. **CEF** may not be as well known, as well publicized, or even as well funded as many other ministries. But God has used us to reach millions of children around the world, including many right here in the but USA. Why? How? I thought for a moment. Then I said, "It's prayer. I've never been around a ministry that not only talks about prayer but values prayer as much as **CEF** does."

The prayer warriors who have prayed for our ministry throughout these 88 years continue asking God for something that is so close to his heart: the salvation of children. Prayer is the number one way to express our total reliance on God, and this ministry depends on God's provision of protection for all it does and will do in the future.

When I told him we have 350 local chapters around the USA, his reaction gave me new insight. He said **CEF** is poised and ready to take off with all that infrastructure already in place, and I agree. God, in his sovereignty and grace divinely orchestrated the creation of these chapters over the years. Are they all reaching their potential right now? Some are, but many are rebuilding or looking for new leadership after the devastation of COVID-19. But local chapter committees are in place. **CEF** staff and volunteers are present and ready to do even more. And state chapters are in every state ready to **Train, Equip, and Support** the local chapters to reach as many kids as possible.

Our ambitious goal is to reach **1,000,000 children in the USA by 2028**.

This goal is part of the overall **CEF** goal of reaching **60 million children by 2028** and then **100 million by 2032**. How will this happen? The answer lies in what has caused tremendous growth in all these years. Prayer! What would a white hot prayer movement look like in your city for the children who live there? What would a prayer wave look like for all the children in your state? What would a nationwide prayer revival look like? It will cost time on our knees before our Father who is not wishing that any should perish, but all should reach repentance (2 Peter 3:9). What will be the benefit? A harvest of young people who turn to God for forgiveness of their sins.

Does it get any better than that?

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