



Child Evangelism Ministries

April 2018 Newsletter

“Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.” Psalm 126:5 nkjv
“Sowing in tears, reaping with joy!”

The heart of our God is pursuing with love those children whose hearts are ready to receive Him, especially in Happy Day Club. As our club year draws to a close, we pause to witness and praise the work of our faithful Savior! Our volunteer teachers, armed with honed skills and commitment, meet weekly with kids who have been “cooped up” due to wintry northern Indiana weather! They bravely sow the seed through Bible lessons such as our concluding Bible series, “The Sovereignty of God: the Life of Joseph.” There might be days of “sowing in tears”, but we now are “reaping with joy”!



Kendra Cripe sowing and reaping joy through ministry in Model Happy Day Club.



Marcia Lanzen sowing joyful songs in Model Happy Day Club.

Meet Kendra Cripe and Marcia Lanzen, longtime veteran seed sowers in Goshen’s Model School Happy Day Club. Marcia began the club in the 1995-1996 school year and has continued since—that is 22 years! Longtime co-laborer, Kendra Cripe, joined the effort 20 years ago and is sowing the gospel because of a commitment she made long ago in high school—“to go anywhere the Lord would call her.” She states: “It is such a privilege to go into the public schools with the gospel of Christ—I feel honored to be a part of this work.” Both teachers are reminded each week that “today” may be the only opportunity given to share the gospel with these children. “Attendance in our club changes. Children that have been regular attenders might not return or they might move away or go to another club the school offers. So each week is precious!” Marcia adds, “I want to see boys and girls learn that Jesus loves them and wants to be their Savior. They must believe He died for them and then rose again having victory over death and sin. That truth gives them the hope that they can be with Him forever if they accept Him as Savior. For those that who have already accepted Jesus as Savior, we want to see them grow in their Christian life and share the ‘good news’ with their friends and family.”

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for our faithful volunteers that weekly “sow in tears, and reap in joy” as they continue “reaching boys and girls for Jesus” right here in Elkhart and LaGrange Counties!

“Sowing in tears, reaping with joy—the power of God in one committed life leading to another.”

Edward Kimball, Chicago Sunday School teacher witnessed and won Dwight L Moody . . .

. . .D.L. Moody, now evangelist, reached 2 continents for God and evangelized men like . . .

. . .F. B. Meyer, who became a famous preacher and author used by God to reach thousands, including . . .

. . .J. W. Chapman, who preached the gospel to thousands including . . .

. . .Billy Sunday, former powerful baseball player turned powerful preacher who reached . . .

. . . Modecai Ham, now a believer and called to assist in Sunday’s preaching in North Carolina . . .

. . . in that North Carolina meeting, Billy Graham would come to receive Jesus . . . and Billy Graham has preached the gospel of our Savior to approximately 2.2 billion people!

Is God calling you to become a part of His outreach? Child Evangelism Ministries exists to “reach boys and girls for Jesus”. . .will you be that “one” called to help?

Sowing and Reaping—TOGO Style

Our Team Togo is actively teaching and instructing through 14 Happy Day Clubs primarily in the capital city of LOME and surrounding areas. Director Jacques SADAH is pursuing adding more schools in which to teach Happy Day Clubs. He is now actively teaching 6 clubs per week in addition to many other duties, including pastoral duties. Guy SOSSOE and Yves ADJEI each teach 4 clubs per week with the hope of adding Alphonse DOUSSOU to teach even more clubs! We are thankful that in this small, poor, and politically torn West African nation, even Muslim children are being taught the Gospel in these Happy Day Clubs. Our children in HDC have been collecting quarters and filling coin holders to help our team along.



Sowing the seed and reaping with joy in Shipshewana!

The Shipshewana Happy Day Club is our largest attended club out of the 20 Child Evangelism Ministries reach. This year 15 Shipshe students were recognized and given a special card written by teacher Melany Weaver as they prepare to move onto Intermediate School next year. All 15 have faithfully attended club from Kindergarten through 4th grade. The seed sown in the past 5 years promises a joyful harvest today and in eternity!

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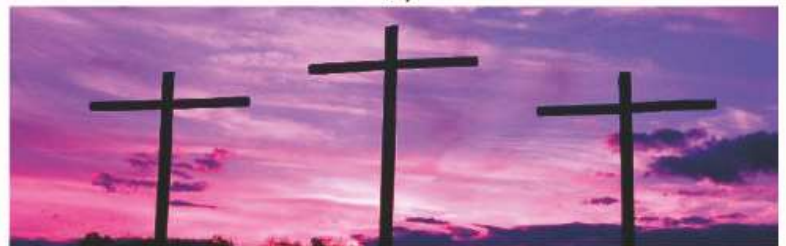
Thursday evening, March 29th, our faithful Happy Day Club volunteers gathered to praise God together for what He has accomplished in our 22 weeks of club meetings! Joining us in celebration and praise was Rod Snow, a talented believer who gifted our volunteers with praise and laughter with chalk art and ventriloquism. Mr. Snow helped us to prepare for Easter Sunday—the greatest Celebration of all. We give you praise, Lord Jesus, for all You have done!

Will YOU sow? Will YOU reap? Child Evangelism Ministries offers many volunteer opportunities throughout the school year, summer, and all year long. We are reaching an “unreached” people group—our most precious resource . . . our children! Pray and give us a call—we would love to explore with you the roles of volunteering as we are “reaching boys and girls for Jesus”!

“A Teacher’s Prayer”

Lord, I need not be a Preacher
To minister thy truth.
Just let me be a teacher
Of searching, trusting, youth.
I need not speak with eloquence
Or in language high and grand.
Just let me encourage them to build
On the Rock and not on sand!
O just to be a teacher!
No greater joy I ask.
Grant me thy help and guidance for this
most important task! Amen

By Dorothy Smith



“Sowing in tears, reaping with joy—and laughter!”

Thelma Myers, was engagingly teaching her West Goshen Happy Day Clubbers by describing how Joseph’s brothers sold him into a life of slavery. One attentive little guy shouted out, “What?!! I thought Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves!” Thelma explained the difference—and with a big smile.

Sowing into TOGO—Shipshewana HDC gives \$170.20 to TOGO through our Coin Holder outreach!



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