



# Child Evangelism Ministries

March 2019 Newsletter  
Reaching boys and girls for Jesus in Elkhart  
and LaGrange Counties 1949-2019.

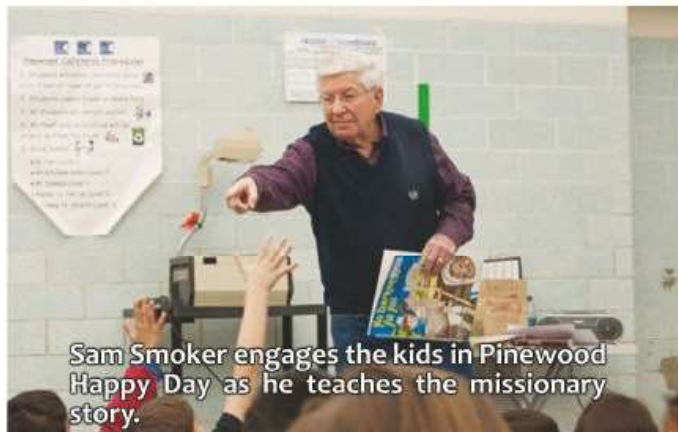


“So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90: 12 NKJV

## Counting our Blessings—the Value of Volunteers!

As our Happy Day Club year draws to a conclusion at the end of March, we are taking time to gather and give praise to God for our 96 active volunteers, ages 14 through 86, and the work that He has accomplished through each of them.

Recently we totaled the number of ages of our volunteers and determined the average age of those serving. How enlightening and challenging to see that the average age of our volunteers serving Happy Day Club is 56 years. We asked our “Senior” 86-year-old, Sam Smoker, to share why he continues to volunteer. We also asked Caleb Weaver, 18, to share what he has experienced as a HDC volunteer. May you be both blessed and encouraged to become a Happy Day Club volunteer!



Sam Smoker engages the kids in Pinewood Happy Day as he teaches the missionary story.

### Sam Smoker

Missions has been a lifelong passion, and I praise God that at age sixty-two He gave me the privilege of serving in foreign missions for ten years in Bangladesh, Romania and Hungary. Upon returning home, God led me to a new mission field, that of reaching children through CEM. What a joy to serve with a ministry that foremost teaches God’s Word and His message of salvation to many unchurched children. This is truly a mission field at our front door step and this is why I return year after year. In addition to teaching the Word, I am excited with the emphasis on missions. I thoroughly enjoy telling the missionary stories not just for the drama (and they are dramatic), but for the purpose of getting children excited about missions. My greatest thrill is when I hear a child express, “Yes, I would be willing to serve God as a missionary someday if that is what He leads me to do.” I am praying that seeds are being planted in the hearts of children that will someday bear fruit.

### Caleb Weaver



Caleb Weaver, 18, serving Shipshewana Happy Day Club.

I began attending Happy Day Club when I was in the 1st grade. But after graduating in 4th grade, I began helping in the club with my mom and siblings. My job then was to sit with the kids. We called that “crowd control.” Then the past two years I have been teaching the missionary story.

A wonderful memory I have of Happy Day Club would be the time when Gracia Burnham came in and told her moving story to our group. Another one of my favorite memories happened last year (2017). One day after class a young boy approached me and said he wanted to become a Christian. That’s what Happy Day Club is all about! That following Saturday we got alarming news that a car was in a bad accident near our house. We later heard that it had flipped over and two children were inside. One of those kids was the very same boy that accepted Christ the previous Happy Day Club!



First Grader, Caleb Weaver, having fun with HDC friends!

The boy did survive after weeks in the hospital and therapy. This story is a great reminder of why we teach Happy Day Club! Life is so short and we have an amazing opportunity to change lives. God has taught me patience working with children and that the work we are doing is really His work. Just like the story with the young boy, we do not know the future. The only thing that really matters is your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Teaching the Truth to kids in Happy Day Club both here at home and TOGO, West Africa.

What love and zeal God gives to those who serve the most forsaken mission field in our world—our children. May you be moved to support our ministry as we continue “reaching boys and girls for Jesus.”





Yves ADJEI praying with children in a TOGO Happy Day Club

## Numbering Our Days and Gaining a Heart of Wisdom

Numbers often “paint a picture” that enables us to understand the importance of sharing the Gospel in TOGO, West Africa. Pictured here is Yves ADJEI, our longest serving missionary with CEM TOGO. Yves is one of 4 men who reach 19 private schools with the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ. All of West Africa, including TOGO, and parts of northern Africa, are filled with Muslims that need to hear the Truth and many of these Muslim children attend Happy Day Club. In January alone, 4,259 children attending these 19 private schools were taught God’s Word in Happy Day Clubs! Better still: 334 responded with a decision to ask Jesus Christ into their lives.

By contrast, our Happy Day Club kids come each week because they want to attend. Our clubs compete with many other after school activities in the schools that are designed to offer child care and enhanced activities until parents can pick up their children. Yet, God is at work in the hearts and lives of children in our 19 clubs!

## Numbering our days until VBS in the warm summer sunshine!

The countdown is “on” for Spring and Summer to arrive and with it comes preparation for VBS and 5 Day Summer Clubs! Our updated teaching series, “Jesus My Savior and Friend” features 5 wonderful Bible lessons including:

- Jesus Forgives the Sin of a Paralytic Man.
- Jesus Calms a Terrible Storm.
- Jesus Shows love for a Samaritan Woman.
- Jesus Heals the Centurion’s Servant.
- Jesus Challenges a Rich young Man.

Our goal is reaching children and teaching them about our Lord Jesus, Who He is and what He has done for them.

- Interested in hosting a 5 Day Summer Club in your home/neighborhood?
- Church outreach through VBS? Call us at 848-4800! We love “reaching boys and girls for Jesus”!



Too many blessings to number as you bless others!

“Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
As long as ever you can.”  
John Wesley, Founder of  
the Methodist Church



All children, no matter the culture, no matter the race, need to hear about Jesus!



Sharing the Word of God with Happy Day Club students!



Playing review games is so much fun!



“I love Happy Day Club!”



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