



Child Evangelism Ministries

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“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV

To Give You a Future and a Hope

Child Evangelism Ministries, home of Happy Day Clubs, is striving to give each child a future and a hope as we conclude our clubs before Easter.

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you . . .”

Our Lord God knew before a mother, Joyce Sacher, and her daughter, Shari Deardorff, were born that there would be a time carved out for them to serve together leading and teaching the Happy Day Club at Heritage Intermediate School in Middlebury. The verse Jeremiah 29:11 aptly captures the sovereign plans for each yielded life to Him. Please enjoy their passion to serve the 4th /5th grade students at Heritage.



Shari writes, *“As a child I loved attending the Bible club at my school, that was taught by my mom and dad. The lessons learned there have given me such a solid biblical foundation. What a joy it is to now lead a Happy Day Club at the Intermediate school with my mom.”*

Joyce writes, *“I have the unique privilege to assist my daughter by teaching the missionary story and leading the songs in our club. It is such a joy to sit under her gifted teaching which is so reminiscent of my late husband’s teaching and to know that those gifts have been passed on to another generation. Our group is small but very attentive and interactive. It is our prayer that these children will not forget God’s Word and will choose to follow Christ all their lives.”*

“. . .thoughts of peace and not evil. . .”

The February 14th shooting deaths at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, is frightening to everyone, especially since there have been too many school shootings in America. Imagine a child coming to Happy Day Club, perhaps fearful and uncertain in these days and hearing a lesson of God’s Sovereignty: The Life of Joseph, our current teaching series. Children who have believed on Jesus as Savior, can know that God is in control in these uncertain, scary times. They will hear how even when Joseph was sold and deserted by his brothers, that God is in control. They will learn what Isaiah 55: 8, 9 states, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.” They will hear that God is Sovereign—God is in control. When a child believes in Jesus as Savior, he or she can trust Him, for sometimes God allows bad things to happen that they don’t understand. Maybe Dad or Mom has lost their job, or maybe someone at home is mean to them or someone at school bullies them. When hard things happen, a believing child can talk to God about it and also talk to a grownup that they trust. Children are encouraged to trust God even when they do not understand. His ways are greater than our understanding and we can trust Him. God is in control. Will you commit to pray for our Happy Day Club children this final month of our club year?

“. . .to give you a future and a hope . . .”

- Meadowview Elementary
- Model Elementary
- Waterford Elementary
- Jefferson Elementary
- Mary Feeser Elementary
- Middlebury Elementary
- Monger Elementary
- Orchard View Elementary
- Shiphewana Elementary
- West Goshen Elementary



- Hawthorne Elementary
- Pinewood Elementary
- Prairie View Elementary
- Chamberlain Elementary
- Cleveland Elementary
- Heritage Intermediate
- Oxbow Elementary
- Woodland Elementary
- York Elementary
- Mary Daly Elementary

NEWS FROM TOGO, WEST AFRICA “...to give you a future and a hope...” *Jeremiah 29:11*

Conflict and strikes again mark the landscape of our small West African nation, TOGO. Healthcare workers, teachers and students have added their voice to the “anti-government” protests in TOGO—staging a nationwide strike. Theirs is that latest demonstration calling for an overhaul of TOGO’s political system and the resignation of President Faure Gnassingbe, and end for the ruling family’s 50 year grip on power. While the people of TOGO are demanding change, our TEAM TOGO is growing and changing through the direction of the Lord God! Director Jacques SADAH has the vision for adding more schools to host Happy Day Clubs. Currently our team is reaching 3,125 kids each month with the Good News through clubs, but the demands are heavy. Thus, our 3 man team has now grown to 4 men as we welcome *Mr. Alphonse DOUSSOU* to help open and teach more clubs in the Lome area of TOGO, which is the capital city. Our CEM Board has prayed and trusted the Lord’s leading to take on an additional team member. Will you consider partnering with CEM as have the HDC children in our 20 clubs have? Read on for wonderful blessing!



Happy Day Club at ESPERANCE ET REUSSITE



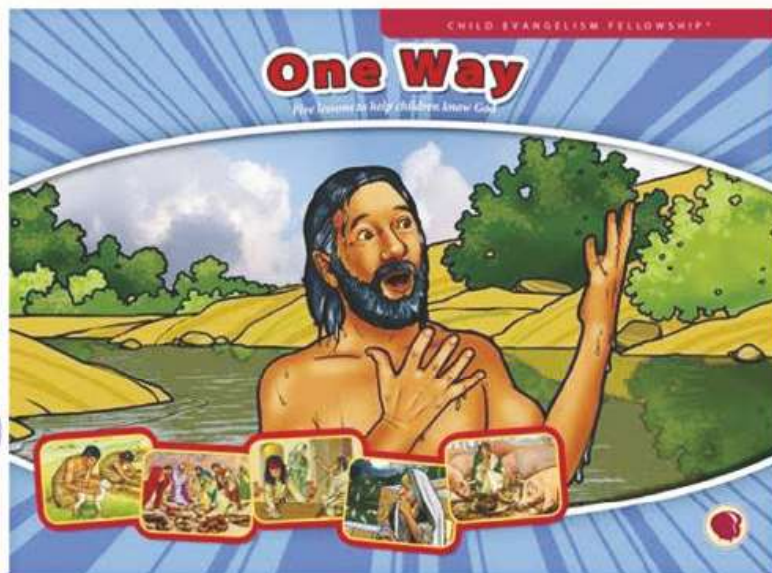
One morning CEM received a phone call from a local grandmother who hosts and teaches a Backyard Bible Club in the West Goshen area. Earlier, in the fall, this same grandmother heard that West Goshen Happy Day Club had only a few permission slips returned meaning that the Happy Day Club didn’t have enough students enrolled. She took it upon herself, along with her grandchildren, to “round up” more kids for Happy Day Club! She happened to recognize me in the grocery store and shared her zeal and support for our clubs! What a praise! Additionally, when her grandchildren brought home the Coin Holders from Happy Day Club to fill for TOGO, she put them to work making Rice Krispy cookies and Chex mix, taking it around the neighborhood, raising funds for TOGO! The Backyard Bible Club not only blessed the children in TOGO with the gift of \$20.40, they blessed us, too! Blessings and thanks to you, Aiden, Elana, Andria, and Grandma Tammy!



Hope Continues . . .

There is a broken world around us where children and adults go their own way all the time, leading to acts of evil around the globe. That brokenness came into the world through Adam and Eve and there is only ONE WAY to fix our problem! His Name is Jesus!

Child Evangelism Ministries is now preparing for a wonderful summer “reaching boys and girls for Jesus”! Call now for your church to host a life changing Vacation Bible School or 5 Day Summer Club!



127 Shipshewana children awed by the short DVD featuring Happy Day Club in Togo, West Africa! They, too, are helping fill the coin holders which will help to support our new TEAM TOGO member!



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