



With Thanksgiving to God

**"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"
II Corinthians 9:15 NKJV**

With Thanksgiving for our Happy Day Clubs

"Feathering the turkey" was part of the learning fun at our Super Saturday Seminar on October 20th! The challenge was given, for the 50 volunteers attending, to put their names as well as a praise to God on a paper feather and stick it into the turkey body! Covered with praises to God, our 3 hour learning seminars were well received with challenges and encouragement to enrich our teaching. Two praise feathers were selected at the closing of our seminars. Those 2 names drawn will receive the new edition of "The Hiding Place", the Corrie Ten Boom story, which will be taught as a "Missionary Story" in our 19 Happy Day Clubs this year.



With Thanksgiving to God for Ministry Support

Moving from Chicago where ministries like Child Evangelism Ministries were very rare, my wife, Marcia, and I grew to appreciate the ministry efforts to get the Gospel of God's love into the lives of children through Happy Day Clubs.

As our sons began attending Model School in Goshen, Marcia decided to join the CEM efforts by starting a Happy Day Club and has continued to lead the club for 22 years. Marcia and the team of ladies from the First Baptist Church family have had the privilege of sharing God's love with hundreds of children. Now, after all these years, when Marcia and I are out in the community, I'm constantly surprised and blessed when a young adult will approach us and say, "Hi, Mrs. Lanzen! Remember me? I'm (so-and-so)! You were my Happy Day Club teacher!" I am amazed how Marcia remembers so much about each one, and it's a joy to hear them talk about how much fun that young adult had when they were involved in club and the impact it has had on their lives. After being Lead Pastor for nearly 22 years, I support, more than ever, the work of Child Evangelism Ministries. I believe CEM is one of the best investments of God's money He has entrusted into our care. CEM has blessed our church and my family in so many ways throughout the years. I encourage all churches and believers to support this ministry financially as well as in service as there is great need for more clubs throughout Elkhart and LaGrange Counties.

**Dr. Gregg Lanzen, Lead Pastor
First Baptist Church of Goshen**



Marcia Lanzen continues teaching children after 22 years of serving with Happy Day Club!

With Thanksgiving to God for the Power of His Word

Nearly 800 Bibles have been distributed to our Happy Day Club children in our first month of club. As the Word of God goes forth in teachings such as the Wordless Book, our first lesson series, we pray for hearts to come to Jesus. One club reported 7 decisions to follow Christ this week. God's Word is powerful! Mark Twain was once quoted as saying, "Most people are bothered by those passages of Scriptures they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand." CEM is thankful for biblical lessons that are faithfully taught and made understandable through the Holy Spirit! We thank those of you who have given specifically to our Bible fund so that the Word will be freely given. We also praise God for the French New Testaments that are being distributed in TOGO.



Volunteers honing vital teaching skills as we gathered for Teaching Training, October 20th.

With Thanksgiving to God for the Gospel in TOGO

Our team in TOGO was asked to help you, our readers and supporters, to know what God taught each of the team members during the ministry of VBS this summer. Let's praise God for these thoughts shared:



VBS fun!! See the teacher's face on the right?!



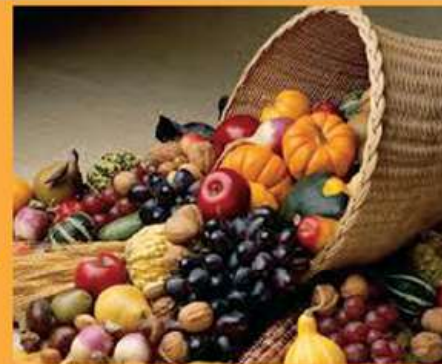
TOGO's children enjoying some learning fun at VBS!

- **Jacques shares:** We thank God for His faithfulness as He guided us safely through the mountains and valleys during our locations of service. This VBS 2018 seemed like a new beginning of our ministry because the majority of the churches were new to us. What a real joy it was to meet the children and we praise God for the many decisions.
- **Yves shares:** Our VBS was special because of the long distances traveled, the different people we met, and the different realities we crossed in the new churches. We thank God for the decisions and His protection during our trips—it was marvelous!
- **Guy shares:** Thanks be to God! Every VBS has been different than the one preceding it. We have met many new people and many decisions have been made. We met 2 children about 8 years of age who confessed that they were witches—but, we thank God that they were delivered!
- **Alphonse shares:** This was my first time to participate in a VBS. I was very happy to do this and thank God for the children who attended and for the decisions.

With Thanksgiving to God for Teaching Excellence in Clubs

A wonderful time of learning took place on our October 20th Super Saturday Seminar. Guest speaker, Molly Matazel, gave us much to consider as we reach/teach children. The Director challenged the listeners to email in “5 things” that each will try to incorporate into their clubs. Here are “5 things” one volunteer sent in:

1. Thank students for positive attitudes, actions, and choices made.
2. Consider life circumstances more and make relevant illustrations accordingly.
3. Remember if the student has not leaned—you have not taught.
4. Have “with-it-ness” noticing your club children more.
5. Expect the best from your student and give respect to gain respect.



With Thanksgiving to God for the Ministry to Disciple

Our Mailbox Club ministry is bursting with website inquiries seeking to receive the free correspondence courses. One adult young man has shared his new relationship with Jesus Christ. Please share in the joy of his responses to MBC questions:

Question: What is the most important thing you have learned in this lessons?

Answer: That my Lord Jesus loves me and cares for me. And put my Lord Jesus Christ first in my life. I talk to him for everything in prayer and it will be answered.

Question: Has the Lord Jesus come to live in your heart? If so, please tell us how you came to know Him as your Savior.

Answer: Yes, He lives in my heart. I have come to know my Lord Jesus, as my Lord and Savior. I accepted Jesus Christ in my heart, soul, and mind. I asked for forgiveness and to show me to do right in His sight.

With Thanksgiving for God's Unexpected Provision for Child Evangelism Ministries

Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church cordially invites you to attend a Christmas musical, “The Christmas Post”, designed to bless both you and Child Evangelism Ministries. Performances are December 7th, 8th, and 9th. A freewill offering will be taken to support both CEM and another deserving ministry.

Child Evangelism Ministries is thankful to God for you!



Child Evangelism Ministries Of Elkhart and LaGrange Counties, Inc.
14655 State Road 120 Bristol, Indiana 46507
www.ChildEvan.org 1-574-848-4800



PayPal
Donate

CEM is a non-profit ministry existing for the purpose of reaching children for Jesus. All gifts are tax deductible.