



Child Evangelism Ministries

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



**“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”
Luke 6:45 NKJV**

Storing Treasures in our Hearts...to Give Away



I am pleased to serve on the board of Child Evangelism Ministries of Elkhart and LaGrange Counties. It has been a blessing to work with people who take to heart the words of Jesus stated in Matthew 19:14-15, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” Many children in our society today are not taught God’s Word at home. Child Evangelism Ministries is reaching children on a weekly basis in 19 elementary schools with Happy Day Clubs. Plus, CEM helps churches during the summer with Vacation Bible Schools and 5 Day Summer Clubs. In addition, we support missionaries in Togo, West Africa, as they, too, reach children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Furthermore, Proverbs 22:5 states, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” CEM provides this training through Mailbox Club, correspondence Bible lessons reaching children ages 4 through adult. Also offered is the Call-A-Story ministry where children can use the phone and listen to an inspirational story. Our ministry is planting the seed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in children---and I am glad to be part of it!

Dwight Kauffman, Vice Chairman of our CEM Board, long time pastor, and supporter of our ministry.

Storing Treasures in our Hearts through Discipleship

“HEATING UP OUR EFFORTS!”

At 211 degrees . . . water is hot.
At 212 degrees . . . it boils.
With boiling water, comes steam.
And steam can power a locomotive.
It’s that one extra degree that . . .
Makes all the difference!

From “The Extra Degree”

Warming your heart for service...
Our teachers train to make a difference
in the lives of their clubbers.



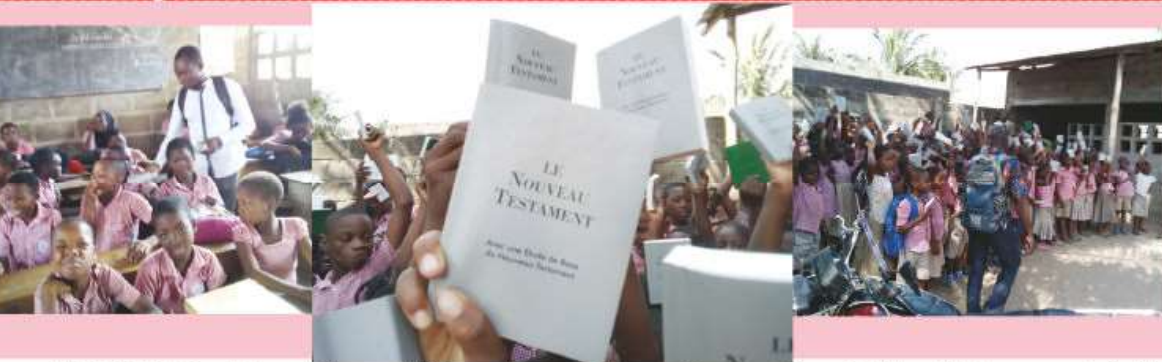
Compare 2015 – 2018

MBC	2015	2016	2017	2018
Sent	879	998	1748	2313
Received	486	871	1433	1945
Refer-a-Friend	60	105	152	232
Certificates	26	43	80	130
Decisions	1	3	5	7
Call-a-Story	33,039	22,668*	27,992*	30,555

**We had some trouble with our New Paris CAS throughout the year.*

Our “treasure” is being shared through our website: Childevan.org. Last year alone 348,483 “visits” logged onto our site! CEM offers free Mailbox Club lessons for children ages 4 through adult. Those interested register online to receive these wonderful discipleship lessons. Our 4 adult volunteers send, receive, “grade” and return the graded lesson with a new lesson and the learning/growing process continues. Looking at the chart, you can see MBC (Mailbox Club) figures from 2015 to 2018 have nearly tripled in those lessons sent (mailed) and those received (completed and returned)! It takes funds raised by CEM to purchase lessons and postage to send them out continually. If you are interested in supporting this ministry mission to disciple, please mark your gift: “MBC”! Thank you for “treasuring” this ministry.

Sharing our Heart's Treasure . . . the Word of God in TOGO, West Africa



1 Students in Guy SOSSOE'S Happy Day Club receiving their own copy of God's Word!

2 Happy Day Club Togolese children holding their very own New Testaments!

3 Yves ADJEI sharing New Testaments with boys and girls from Happy Day Club!

PRAISE! God has blessed the giving of our Happy Day Club children and faithful givers like you! The 3,000 New Testaments printed by World Missionary Press for CEM have been safely delivered and are now being distributed by our team to Happy Day Club children in 19 schools! The children pictured here can now open the Word of God and read it in their own French language! We have also received word that the 2 SDAH children have recovered from their bout with smallpox. We praise you, Heavenly Father!

Strengthening our Stored Treasure with "Teachable Hearts"

Forty-five volunteers gathered for 3 hours of ongoing training on Saturday, January 12th. We prayed the predicted snowfall would wait until our training concluded and God answered our prayers! **Our teachers were trained with:**

- Devotions—delivered by "overcomer" Russell Cook, former CEM Summer Missionary, who has undergone cancer treatments the past 2 years.
- Practice learning new songs and interactive motions to keep hands and feet, eyes and hearts engaged!
- Demonstration of upcoming Bible lessons by Sarah Yoder Middlebury Happy Day Club.
- Timely tips and teaching on a badly needed topic: **DISCIPLINE!**
- "Kid Tested—Kid Approved" seminar packed with great ideas to totally engage today's American kids.
- **Log onto our website childevan.org and enjoy a short video featuring little aspects and people involved in our SSS training.**



Storing Treasured Wisdom from Children

Here is a conversation overheard between a young boy and girl! The class was asked, "What does "repent" mean?" A little boy answered, "To be sorry for your sins." This statement was followed by a young girl adding, "Sorry enough to change." CEM is so grateful to keep teaching God's Word in our clubs held in 19 local schools. Will you help us as we are "reaching boys and girls for Jesus"?

May God bless you as you share His treasure with boys and girls through your prayers and support of our ministry!



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