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God's Plan Was Bigger

A 2020 Ministry Update

Over 2,000 years ago, a ruthless king tried to squash the gospel by destroying the Christ-Child before the first Christmas was hardly past and decades before He could live to die for humanity's sins...**but God's plan was bigger.**

Earlier this year, it seemed that all hope for reaching the children was lost due to the heavy constraints and concerns from COVID-19...**but God's plan was bigger!** Though almost none of it happened as expected, God used even 2020 to bring about *His* plan for the children of the Evansville Area Chapter:

* In February, **Amelia Armstrong** answered God's call to become the full-time area director for which many had been praying for years



Amelia Armstrong

- * In April, **Allan Houchins** began the work of joining our team as part-time Ministry Coordinator
- * In May, **two summer missionaries** from last year returned to serve again in summer ministries
- * This summer, **two 5-Day Clubs** were held safely and effectively and reached **21 children**
- * In a June 5-Day Club®, **1 child** was counselled for salvation
- * In July, our summer ministry team partnered with a supporting church for a **"5-Day Drive-Thru VBS"** through which **156 children** were given the gospel through fun kits



Summer Missionary Emma W. prepares to do VBS in a parking lot!

- * In the fall semester, when schools were closed to Good News Club®, special packets were sent to **197 children** sharing encouragement, devotion materials, and the hope of the gospel



Special booklets designed for hurting children and Wonder™ Devotionals were part of the GNC® packet ministry.

- * Since starting work officially in June, our new staff has completed over **250 hours** of specialized CEF® training to prepare to further reach the boys and girls in this chapter

This Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior whose advent gives us a hope to talk about and a gospel to share, please join us at CEF of Evansville in also celebrating the sovereignty and trustworthiness of our good God Whose plan is bigger and better than we could ever imagine! Would you join us in prayer for wisdom and opportunities in the new year to continue reaching the children? Will you pray about how God may want **you** to serve in this ministry — perhaps with financial giving, volunteering time to teach or help in clubs as schools reopen, or in hosting a *5-Day Club*® this summer? Through the powerful works God has done this year, it is clear that He still desires **not one** of the Evansville area's little ones to perish (Matt. 18:12-14). Will you join us this year as we obey Christ's command to "let the children come"?

— Amelia Armstrong,
Area Director-in-Training





Allan Houchins

Christmas will be here before we know it and winter seems to be here already some days. Time sure does go fast it seems! I'm looking forward to a new and brighter season. And our local Evansville area Child Evangelism Fellowship® is expecting God to help us celebrate this new season. We have so much to be thankful for and we have faith that God will take care of us and bless our organization. Celebrating Jesus' birth is a special time of the year and we want to see children celebrate Christmas and Jesus' birth too. We are here to serve our community and our churches in whatever way we can. We especially want to share with the area children the love of God this season. After all, Jesus is the reason for the season.

I have just finished 12 weeks of online training from CEF's Children's Ministries Institute® (CMI®). The course I took was in presenting the gospel to children effectively. So, I learned quite a bit about some of the finer details of the Gospel Message and how to tell it to children in ways that they can understand. In learning about presenting the Gospel to children, I believe I can see that as a child I could have benefited from teachers who had taken this training too. Because, as best as I can honestly tell, many of my childhood teachers only told me the basics and not always the "rest of the story". An example would be Zacchaeus. Just what *did* happen after Zac came down from that tree? Zac's life was changed after meeting Jesus! His life was turned around and Zac made restitution for his sins and was saved! Jesus said so! (The whole story is in Luke 19:1-10.) Well, I certainly hope you have a great Christmas this year! And don't leave Jesus in the manger – please let Him "grow up" in your heart this year.

— Allan Houchins, Ministry Coordinator



Fueled By Prayer: A Call To Action!

"Ask, and it shall be given to you..." (Matthew 7:7a)

Jesus' words are familiar ones, yet how often do believers really ask with full trust and intent to receive? Or worse yet, how many wonder why we do not have things, yet have hardly (if ever) asked? These are the questions that Jimmie Borders, a wealthy KY entrepreneur, sought to answer for himself and for the many donor-supported, nonprofit ministries (including CEF®) to which he frequently gives. After deep prayer, Jimmie felt lead to try something: instead of simply writing a check to support the ministries that were always in desperate need, why not set the substantial (and meticulously budgeted) sum aside to rest patiently until God's people simply asked for it? Why not become a living picture of how a loving Heavenly Father waits with baited breath to shower blessing upon His children — if they would just ask!



This very picture is that which is shown by the conference-call ministry **Fueled By Prayer**. It is a literal call to action to God's people to offer prayer and monetary support to ministries like CEF of Evansville at no cost to them! Callers may simply **register by phone or email** with their local chapter to be assigned a unique 4-digit number identifying them to that particular ministry. They may then **dial the phone number and access code** they are furnished at registration to connect to one of several prayer lines. When prompted by a monitor who coordinates callers on the line between prayers, callers then **pray aloud**, often for their chosen ministry. Calls made by registrants are tallied monthly, the corresponding ministries are then mailed checks by the Jimmie Borders Foundation based upon the number of registered calls made during the month.

Through Fueled by Prayer, believers enjoy an exciting international unity with brothers and sisters in Christ through the oneness of approaching the Father in prayer while benefiting their local ministries. Would you consider getting involved in this ministry? You can contact CEF of Evansville today to be assigned a number and instructions to call as often as every 24 hours. Help bring the gospel to the children of the Evansville Area at by answering the call to action and Christ's command to simply ask! **Contact us now to join today!**

PRAYER FORCE BULLETIN

Please join us in lifting up the following:

- **Wisdom** in evangelizing amidst COVID-19 restraints
- **God's financial provision** for new expenses due to new personnel and new operational/updating needs
- **Willing host/host families** for local *5-Day Club*® outreaches this summer
- **Able young people** for Summer 2021 (*CYIA*™/*5-Day Club*®) programs
- **Partner Churches** that will commit to aid and support the local ministry to children
- **2-3 new Committee Members** of God's choice to advise, promote, and share the duties of this ministry
- **Schools to resume regular operations** as God wills so that Good News Clubs can return to school grounds

