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Winter 2022

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## GOD KNOWS: A 2022 REVIEW

We've been reminded of this plenty of times throughout 2022. It's easy to look back now and see that God knew. He knew that, when the phone call came in requesting the start-up of a *Good News Club*® at a local school, He had **already** been working in the hearts of volunteers at a church right down the road from that school. He knew that, when a previous *Camp Good News*® acquaintance would be recognized, another local school was going to benefit from a *Good News Club* because of a seed that was planted **years ago**. He knew that youth would be **ready** to answer the call to teach *5-Day Club*® or fill in as camp counselor at the very last minute. And He knew the needs of **each child** that would come to *5-Day Club*, *Camp Good News*, or *Good News Club* this past year.

So what do we do with these moments we were blessed to watch unfold? We take them with us as we look toward 2023 and "press on toward the goal..." (Phil 3:14) Our outlook calls for approximately 40

additional volunteers to fill teams for five more *Good News Clubs*. **God knows.** A team of ten *CYIA*™ participants and one or two interns plus hosts are needed to hold 15 *5-Day Clubs* this summer. **God knows.**

Around 50 people are needed to fulfill camp staff needs for full capacity (60 campers each) both weeks of camp. **God knows.** Let us look back and be thankful. Let us look forward with anticipation for the ways God will provide in amazing ways at just the right time. How can our Heavenly Father use **you** to pray, give, or participate in bringing the Gospel to these precious little ones? **God knows.**

-Kaebra Wilkerson, Office Manager



"God loves ME!" Children at a new *Good News Club* at Owensville Community school learn their first "Word Up"!

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# MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SPORTS



(Left) Steve Grant speaks to a captivated 3-6 Grade audience at a West Terrace Elementary assembly. (Right) The Oakdale Elementary Good News Club also enjoyed a visit!

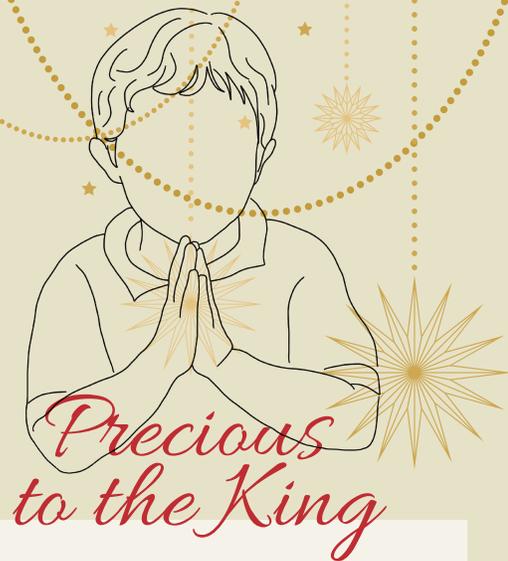
It has been said that the world's two universal languages are music and sports. This idea carries a special potency for communicating real hope and sharing the Gospel through means that may seem unconventional, but powerful to the hearer! Our local ministry was privileged to once again work with *Sportsworld* to bring a former professional athlete to help invest further in our community and to share the Good News early this November.

**Steve Grant**, former NFL linebacker for the Indianapolis Colts, joined our efforts with his radiant testimony and engaging presence. Five special meetings were held during his 3 days in the Evansville area and children, teens, and adults alike were thrilled by his warm spirit and words of Biblical wisdom. **Six** salvation decisions were made as a result of these meetings!

Before Steve finished his time here, he joined us as special speaker along with new CEF of Indiana State Director, Anna Gosman, for a special fall banquet. We praise God for each one who attended! What a blessing it is to serve the King with others!



*Sportsworld* is an Indianapolis-based ministry that uses sports and professional athletes to encourage children and youth to have strong character, make good choices, and remain drug free through the power of the Gospel. CEF of Evansville is privileged to work in partnership with *Sportsworld* to invest in our community and further promote Christ in local schools.



My mom would say I'm special  
(But only when I'm good)  
My teachers call me "helpful"  
When I do what I should

My friends will like me sometimes  
My dad just isn't there  
The other people in this big, wide  
World don't seem to care

Do I matter? Will I count  
To someone for something?  
And could it honestly be true -  
I'm precious to a King?

I need someone to tell me  
What Jesus did for me

I need someone to show just  
What the Gospel really means

Someone who won't yell at me  
Or tell me I'm too dumb  
To understand the simple truth  
That God would send His Son

To make a way for even me  
God's heaven to call home  
Although it cost Him blood and tears  
And His most precious throne

I must be pretty special  
But then, I wouldn't know  
'Cause, if no one ever tells me,  
Then what would make it so?

(cont.)

## PRAY FOR THESE GOOD NEWS CLUBS

We are praising the Lord for the incredible gift of His work in **9 Good News Clubs** this school year! Nearly **200** children are already enrolled in these clubs with more growth each week! **Praise** God with us for these exciting open doors and please **pray** for strength for those teaching in the clubs, good relationships with the school staff and administration, and salvation and spiritual growth for the children attending club.



### Gibson County

Owensville Community  
Princeton Intermediate  
Princeton Primary

### Vanderburgh County

Caze Elementary  
Lodge Community  
Stringtown Elementary  
West Terrace Elementary

### Warrick County

Oakdale Elementary  
Praise Ensemble  
(Homeschool Co-Op)

I may not ask so nicely  
As one may think I should  
My cries for Hope might not look  
Quite the way it's thought they  
would.

I'm too loud or too quiet  
Too silly or too smart  
No wonder no one's told me  
That I'm precious to God's heart

But even so, I'm desperate  
To take now in my youth  
As for my own the thing that  
No one else can give me: **truth.**

That's what, this year for Christmas,  
My heart most wants and needs.  
For life and hope eternal  
My spirit longs and pleads.

So God, if You are really real  
And listening for me,  
Would you send someone soon that  
knows  
I'm precious to the King?

Who won't ignore or chide me  
No matter who I am,  
Who listens for Your guidance  
And follows Your right plan

To care and listen, give and pray  
As all the world grows dim  
Regarding only Christ and bringing  
Souls – like me – to Him

He seeks and saves whoever's lost –  
Through all His will do choose.  
So, help me, please, for one more day  
'Til someone brings Good News.

*Amelia Armstrong  
Local CEF Director*

**Though the nearest summer** now seems eons away (between today's icy gusts and occasional snow flurries), we are still counting our blessings for the children reached in summer 2022 and waiting with excitement for what God has planned for when the weather next turns warm! What about you?

Do you know a Believer age 12-18 who would be ready for the summer of a lifetime serving in short-term children's missions? Or perhaps someone 18+ to serve as a summer intern/leader for the teen missions team? *Christian Youth in Action®* may be just what they need to best invest this summer for Christ!

What about the children in your neighborhood? Does anyone tell them about the Good News? An open home or backyard for a *5-Day Club* could be the one-week's investment that changes their lives for eternity!

How about your church? Do the 8-12-year-old children there have a camp to attend? Does the youth group have a plan for local ministry this summer? Would a trained team of teachers help facilitate a VBS or equivalent outreach this year?

Contact our office for more information on any of these ministry opportunities and, together, let's have a summer of Good News!

**Christian Youth in Action (CYIA):** Application Deadline: May 1  
Pretraining: May 30-June 1, Main Training: June 4-10  
Ministry: June 12-July 21

**5-Day Club Host weeks:**  
June 12-16, 19-23, &  
July 10-14, 17-21

**Camp Good News dates:**  
June 25-30 & July 23-28



## 3 GOALS FOR 2023

As God has blessed in great and mighty ways this year, our team has prayerfully considered over the last months what goals that God would have for us to strategically steward and reach toward in 2023. The 3 items listed below have become the basis of our strategic plan for continued ministry efforts. Together, we invite you to join us as, this ministry year, we ask God for:

- 1. Further Ministry increase:** 2 full camp weeks (120 total campers), 5 more new Good News Clubs, and 15 5-Day Clubs
- 2. Staff Growth:** hiring **one** new **ministry staff member** to help coordinate clubs and summer ministry and to aid in training, etc.
- 3. Our "daily bread":** an **increase** in committed monthly giving (**14.2%** of the budgeted monthly need of **\$10,972** is met currently by consistent monthly givers -- an **additional 36%-60% increase in monthly giving** (39-66 people committed to give \$100 each month, 79-132 giving \$50, or 158-263 giving \$25) would help stabilize basic ministry needs and facilitate further growth

As you pray for and with us in this ministry, would you also consider how God would have you to participate in these 3 goals? Would He have you volunteer, host a club, or give today? **How many more children does God want to reach in 2023 through you?**

# Happy New Year!

# 2023

Mark  
YOUR  
Calendars

January - Teacher Training (*Details TBA*)

January 9 - Good News Clubs resume

May 1 - *CYIA* sign up deadline

May 6 - The Extra Mile Fundraising Event

June 12-July 21 - *5-Day Club* host weeks available

June 25-30 - *Camp Good News*

July 23-28 - *Camp Good News*

We at CEF of Evansville are especially thankful for several church and community sponsors whose in-kind generosity has made ministry this year so much sweeter! As you commence your holiday shopping and festivities, please consider blessing these friends of ours with your business. (And when you do, be sure to tell them "thank you" from all of us!)

## CEF would like to thank:



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