



Child Evangelism Ministries September 2024 Newsletter

Reaching boys & girls for Jesus for 75 years!

**"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16**

VBS 2024 has come to an end...

We had a great summer, a great team of summer missionaries, great hosts, and especially great kids!! Being a summer missionary is fun, but it also has its challenges. I asked our team to rate their time as summer missionaries, most gave a 5 rating (!!)

and everyone recognizes the importance of sharing the Gospel with kids and what a great opportunity it is ... even when it's hard! Teaching the Bible is hard, there is so much responsibility in sharing the Word of God and that can be challenging.

Every opportunity to teach was vastly different from each other. Whether we were outside in a park, teaching in the sanctuary of a church, someone's backyard, or the Happy Day Express, kids came from every dynamic and heard the truth of God's Word. Only the Holy Spirit can take what was taught and give it life in the hearts of children. I'm thankful for the 7 willing vessels who gave of themselves this summer to serve Christ and share the Gospel to kids in Elkhart & LaGrange Counties!

Kids Say...

You never know what you're going to get when talking with kids. Here are a few things our summer missionaries heard from kids. Funny: Review Question: "What was Zacchaeus's job?" Boy: "To steal money."

During transition, Lydia: "I think we're going to snack and craft time now." Girl: "But we really came here to learn about Jesus."

Revealing: How pop culture influences kids' view of spiritual things. (from a conversation Harrison had with a child) What kids talk about that they do at home. Many children have very few filters in place when it comes to media and entertainment.

Life Awareness: our theme, Kids Under Construction gave our churches some great ideas for construction themed crafts! During one craft the kids were making a road and one little boy pointed out that he made a "NO DRINKING" sign so drunk drivers can't "crash into stop signs", this gave discussion between he and another girl about how bad alcohol is.

Kids are always watching, listening, and learning. They are easily influenced, so it's important that we do what we can to influence them for the Lord. Please pray with us for our kids!



Leiter Club with Happy Day Express



Grace Brethren - crafts!



Zane earned a t-shirt for bringing 2 friends to VBS - he picked the color red to match the team!



Ummel Bible Club
crafts and snacks in the garage!



Mr. Ummel kept the kids in shape!



Last day of VBS, thanks for a great summer!

Thank you Summer Missionaries!



We were blessed with 7 missionaries, they all came with a genuine desire to serve and share Christ's love with the kids! Christian was our constant reminder that without Christ, we wouldn't be able to do any of this!

Lydia, an excellent and natural storyteller, not just for Corrie Ten Boom but she also had relevant stories at the ready when needed, from what I believe were prompts from the Lord.

Julie is great with the kids, song leading, and noticing when there's a need.

Liv and Edmund both had a natural way of teaching, coming down to the kids' level with applications that they can relate to.

Tucker is known for his pink hard hat, games, and silly antics amongst the kids and even the team! He has a sincere personality that the kids could relate to.

This was Harrison's 3rd year with us, his experience was evident as he showed a natural comfort in leadership and teaching. He's also the one to keep the UP's Rules in check and game time fun!

Happy Day Club

We're excited for our 2024-2025 Happy Day Club school year! We're looking forward to the possibility of new volunteers and news schools as well as recognizing the incredible blessing we have in the long serving, year after year, volunteers and supporting schools.

Happy Day Club Info Meeting

We're hosting a Happy Day Club informational meeting on August 29th! Come learn more about what volunteering for Happy Day Club looks like.

Join us August 29th at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm.

TOGO UPDATE



Summer is wrapping up for us here in the USA. In Togo, our team is just over halfway done with VBS. They have 12 more churches to minister to. Things are going well, and children are making professions of faith. In one church they averaged 385 kids a day over the 3 days of VBS and had 168 decisions. Pray as the churches follow up on these decisions.

On another positive note, would you join me in welcoming Kendrick Exauce. Born to Yves and Bella. He is doing well. His little sister Ruth is happy to have her brother.

Thank you for your support & prayers for this vital ministry in Togo.

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Prayer Requests

- Preparation of Happy Day Club 24-25
- Finishing of Togo VBS
- Pray ahead for VBS 2025
- Opportunities to share about CEM in more local churches



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