Child Evangelism Ministries

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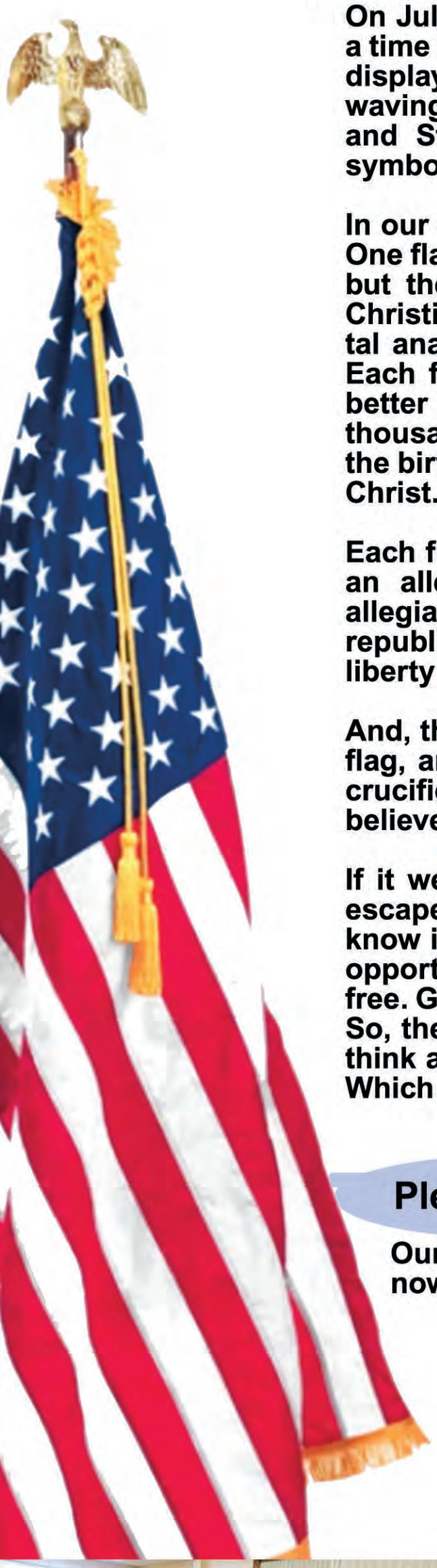
Reaching boys and girls for Jesus in Elkhart and LaGrange Counties 1949-2021



TWO FLAGS

On July 4th our country will be celebrating Independence Day. It is a time to celebrate freedom from government anarchy. There will be displays of fireworks, firecrackers and sparklers. Flags will be waving high upon poles, houses and vehicles. When I see the Stars and Stripes flowing in the breeze; I think of another flag that symbolizes Freedom.

In our Church foyer are two poles each with a flag hanging upon it. One flag is the stars and stripes of the U.S.A. The other flag is white but the upper left is blue with a red cross upon it symbolizing Christianity. One flag stands for physical freedom from governmental anarchy. The other flag stands for spiritual freedom from sin. Each flag had people who died so that others (we) might have a better way of life. Since the birth of our country hundreds of thousands of our country men have died fighting for freedom. Since the birth of Christianity millions of people have died for their faith in Christ.

Each flag has a pledge which many people will stand and recite as an allegiance to what it represents. For instance; "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

And, the Christian flag states; "I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe."

If it were not for the pilgrims who crossed the Atlantic Ocean to escape religious persecution our country would not exist as we know it. Because our forefathers were seeking freedom and a new opportunity for a better way of life this land became the land of the free. God has blessed this nation because of our religious freedom. So, the next time you see the stars and stripes flying in the wind; think about the Christian flag also. It represents a greater freedom. Which is freedom found only in Jesus Christ.

Dwight Kauffman

Please Pray

Our mission field to children is great and we need your prayer support now more than ever. We ask you to pray along with us for:

- **Opportunities of returning to our public schools this fall to 'Reach boys and girls for Jesus'.**
- **Our summer missionaries.**
- **Children in VBS and summer clubs to come to know Jesus as their Savior.**
- **Growth for those who already have.**
- **And most importantly, protection from our enemy who wants to destroy our children now, while they are young.**

TOGO

As I write this update, I am going through mixed emotions. Due to the ongoing effort by the government to shut down churches under the guise of "covid" violations, we will once again not be having VBS in Togo this year. The government comes around at least every 2 weeks to check on the churches to make sure they are following all the guidelines of meeting. The biggest issues are masks and social distancing. There are NO mask requirements in the open market where people are shoulder to shoulder and there are NO requirements in the bars and nightclubs.

The pastors are afraid that having VBS in their churches will draw attention to them.
With 100–150 kids coming to VBS there is no way to make sure everyone has a mask on and is spaced out. While our men understand the fear, it is discouraging nonetheless.

We have wrapped up Happy Day Clubs in the schools, but some of the men are still having club in their front yard. The neighborhood kids love coming and when they are done, can't wait until the following week to come back. We're praying that someone in the neighborhood does not notify the authorities.

Pray for our team this summer as they will be working with pastors to put our 5-year plan into action. Pray for open hearts and open churches.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our team in Togo.

John Parsons
Child Evangelism Ministries of Elkhart
and Lagrange Counties
Africa Ambassador

Vacation Bible School Detective style is in full effect!

Our summer missionaries - AKA, Detectives, have taken their awesome investigative skills learned in CEM training and moved on to their mission field equipped to 'Reach boys and girls for Jesus' teaching them to dig deep and search for what God has for them in His Word. BUT, as one of our VBS songs reminds us, God's message to us is NOT a secret or a mystery that He wants us to guess! He has made His message to us clear through His Word the BIBLE! Every child who attends a Child Evangelism Ministries club will receive a Bible of their very own to search and discover God's message to them!

Watch for us and the Happy Day Express in the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Parade on Sunday, July 25th!

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