

Good Afternoon,

It is October and as I sit here with the leaves off the trees, I can't help but reflect on this past summer. God was moving in New Hampshire in a mighty way! We wanted to take some time and share some good news with you.

In June, we had 2 "Christian Youth in Action" trainings, one in Belmont and the other in Manchester. We had a total of 30 Summer Missionaries complete the training. We are so thankful for everyone who came out and helped in various ways to make the training go so well. From churches and volunteers coming in and cooking the lunches for the Summer Missionaries, to others who came to the training and helped teach or share in the morning devotionals, we loved seeing the Lord bringing the Body of Christ together to equip and teach the next generation.

Here are some testimonies from the summer:

I learned how God can work through us to teach other kids who may not be able to go to church or kids who don't know God yet and to teach them about him so that we can know God and make Him known. ~ Liam Barnes

Throughout this summer, God worked in me in a way I was not expecting. As a to-be Junior stuck with loads of summer homework (even though it was summer...) I thought it would be very difficult to balance my schoolwork with 5 Day Clubs. I wasn't even quite certain I wanted to do CYIA this year, because I was worried that I would devote too much time to one, and not enough to the other. My parents thought differently, however, and encouraged me to go for it, reminding me to ask for God's guidance and strength. Even though I was given a lot of summer work, when I started training, I decided to leave school behind as I went to Rachael's house (I stayed with her and her wonderful family for the duration of training) for a few reasons. First, I didn't want to do any homework in the first place. Second, I know that spending time with other Christians and working on building spiritual gifts can be good for our spirits, so I left my homework behind to relax, in a way, during training and to be able to give my full focus to learning about clubs. As training progressed, I would occasionally feel sparks of worry as I thought of all the work I would have to do when I returned home, but I was able to push these aside and ask God to give me confidence in my decision and to help my maintain focus for clubs. Soon, my weeks for teaching came along, and, once again, I left homework at home, trusting that God would want me to put ministry first. And to be honest, I would not have enjoyed my weeks of teaching as much as I did if I hadn't. By placing my trust in God and believing that He would help me, I was able to give the best of me for the kids and make connections with each one of them. Additionally, after clubs ended and the summer continued, I was able to finish every bit of summer work and even have extra moments to enjoy it as well. ~ Liana Francis

This summer I was able to expand upon the ways I could be more involved with Christ. I realized that I have a gift in working with other people. Not only do I find it fun, but I can use it to my advantage in telling others about Christ. Collaborating with other missionaries to help teach kids about Christ this summer lets me and my fellow summer missionaries diverse our various skills in ministry throughout all the kids that we were able to spend time with. At the beginning of CEF, I wasn't particularly fond of working with kids, and the thought that I would be working with them for a couple weeks during the summer scared me. Very quickly I was able to let go of this stress and worry, which was a work of God. Not only was I able to grow in Christ this summer, but I was able to thoroughly enjoy the time I had.

~ Noah Lockwood

We are currently gearing up for <u>new</u> Good News Clubs and Holiday Party Clubs. Currently we have seven Good News Clubs looking to start in the next couple of weeks in *Lisbon, Whitefield, Loudon, Charlestown, Peterbough, New Ipswich, & Barrington* areas. If you are unfamiliar with a Good News Club, it is a once-a-week club that meets after school, either in a school or at someone's home. At the Good News Club, the kids hear a Bible Story, learn a memory verse, play games, sing some songs, and have a snack. A Holiday Party Club is a 1-time event, in which students gather to do the same activities as in a Good News Club, but connected to a recent/upcomign holiday. If you are interested in learning more about Good News Clubs or the Holiday Party Club, please *contact your local Director or our state office*.



On another note, as some of you may have heard, our State Director Jay Runyon stepped down from CEF of NH recently, as his church has asked him to serve as full-time Pastor. Although this lightens our financial burden a bit, we are sad to see Jay go. However, we know that his church has the blessing of having him around more, and we are so thankful to have been blessed by Jay's commitment to serving CEF of NH faithfully for over 3 years. Thank you from all of us to Jay, and the Runyon family!!

Finally, we've got just a couple of questions for you:

1. Do you know of a church that might be blessed by this ministry? Are there children in the area who have not yet been saved? We are ready to serve! Please email or call us as the Lord leads you.

2. As we celebrate new growth of our ministry this summer, in a time when children of New Hampshire are so deeply in need of God's Word, would you consider supporting us with a monthly gift? Even \$10/month will help us continue to plant seeds of Truth in the minds and hearts of today's youth.

We have a couple of ways you can give:

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*If you give online and want to have a note with it, you can email Jessica our Donor Developer and let her know @ hr@cefnh.org. She would be happy to help you.

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