

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of Maine, INC.
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Greetings in Christ from Camp Good News®,

January has come and gone. So quickly do the days, months and years pass by. Paul's admonition to the Ephesians is timeless: "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

January was a good month here at Camp Good News. Our staff conducted two "Winter Blitzes," both filled with kids ready for plenty of wintertime fun, good food, and messages from the Word of God. The first group of kids came from strong Christian homes, and they were a joy to teach. They responded well and a number of kids made commitments concerning their walk with the Lord. Brad Walker was our Bible teacher; he did an excellent job.

Our second group was quite a lot more rambunctious. Many came from unchurched homes; some from pretty tough situations. I am thankful for a good crew of counselors and support staff, who loved and cared for those kids in the name of our Lord. They were also a joy to teach. They listened well and took in the Word of God. It was my privilege to teach that group of children. Although no decisions were made, that I know of, I am confident in the life changing power of the Word of God.

One little girl, when asked what she liked best about the "winter blitz," responded "The whole darn thing."

January was a full and fruitful month for me personally. I invested a week at New Brunswick Bible Institute, speaking in chapels concerning children, and ministry to children. I rejoice in the opportunity of sharing those Bible truths with the students at N.B.B.I., many of whom are preparing for full-time ministry.

Roger Labbe and I left the comfortable confines of Camp Good News to spend a few days in New York. We were there to help get a Good News Club started in a church that helps us out at camp each summer. It was great to give back a little bit to those who have given so much here. I taught their first club, Roger did the memory verse, and we both helped out with the singing - I am sure glad we weren't alone for that! There were seventeen children who attended that first club. I am always amazed at the grace of God, that He really would use me to accomplish His work in the lives of others. I trust you feel the same way, as you consider God's hand of blessing upon your life, and witness for Him.

A special treat for me was a trip to Colorado to speak at a CEF conference for the "Mountain District." I spoke four times, primarily from the Book of Nehemiah. I believe God richly blessed those who attended through His Word. I know He richly blessed my life as I ministered to those people. There was also that added blessing of a drive in the Rockies that was absolutely breathtaking. God is so good to us.

February will also be a full month here at Camp Good News. We begin this first week-end with a teen retreat. Every possible sleeping place will be utilized. Please pray with us for "much fruit," "fruit that remains." The Lord willing, I will give you an update in another month or so.

In the meantime, the days continue to pass by. It would do us all good to once again ask the question, "Are we redeeming the time" for truly "the days are evil."

God bless you abundantly,

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