



A ministry of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*®

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Happy New Year!

The Neighborhood House family has grown!
We are so blessed to welcome Jenn, Leroy & Harrison Frost to the team!

Ministry Update

We, as staff and committee, have been praying for more ministry workers to join the Neighborhood House team, and it is with grateful hearts we share that the team is beginning to grow! The Lord put the ministry on Jenn & Leroy's hearts and in December they became part of the family here. We are praising God for His goodness!

It is exciting to enter into the new year with a bigger team. Many plans are being made including re-starting our weekly club for elementary age children and the monthly club for middle schoolers. We also desire to host smaller group events with the children that focus on discipleship through the building of relationships.

Finally, in the coming months we aim to visit supporting churches to share ministry updates, as well as visiting new churches to share more about who we are and what we do. If you would like us to come to your church to share, let us know!

Club Moments

We wrapped up the Fall club season with sharing a special time with the elementary and junior high students. The evenings included the sharing of the true meaning of Christmas, decorating cookies, fun games, and gathering around the table for a family meal. While decorating cookies one eleven year old boy was asked if he was having fun. He replied, "Yes. I have never done this before!" Often it is the little things that make the biggest impact.



Ministry Need



Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!

It Takes A Team

We are so blessed by our faithful volunteers – we couldn't do this without them! But we also pray for more as we seek to grow our ministry. We want the Neighborhood House to shine even more brightly for Christ in such a dark area in the state of Maine.

The ministry possibilities with a larger staff and volunteer base are many. Some possibilities include: Weekly school year clubs (Preschool-High School), mentorship development, ministry to parents, weekly/daily summer programs, etc.

We ask for prayer that the Holy Spirit would be working in the hearts of those he desires to join the work of this ministry. We also seek His guidance in how to best utilize the house and property to its fullest potential as we evangelize and disciple children, for His glory.

As the ministry continues to grow, we are in urgent need of a low mileage, rust free, 7-8 passenger mini van. Our van ministry is a huge component to our outreach.

Transportation is needed for the majority of our club attenders. We also need reliable transportation for staff as they visit churches to share the work of the ministry.

At this time there are not funds in the budget for this need. We have been praying about the need and now are humbly asking you, God's people, to pray and give towards the need as God leads you. The gift of a van, and or funds to purchase a van would impact the ministry greatly!

"And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:5

Prayer Requests

- Salvation and growth for children
- Wisdom for planning ministry opportunities
- More volunteers to partner in the work
- Additional monthly ministry support
- Church visits
- Van



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Greetings from the Frost Family

Following the Lord is an adventure that is full of excitement, change, and endless opportunities to rely on and trust in Him. Over the past couple of months, we have experienced all of this as we stepped out in faith to follow the Lord in a new direction of ministry. Our family became burdened for the ministry at the Neighborhood House and for our family who live in the area also. As we sought the Lord about this burden, we watched Him open doors and provide confirmations that He was leading us into this change.



Before I share more about this new direction, I will back up a bit and share with you about our family. Leroy and I both grew up in the mid-coast area in the towns of Appleton and Liberty. We married in 1993 and now have a twenty-eight-year-old son, who is married, and an eleven-year-old son who is in sixth grade. As a young man Leroy was saved and he was involved in church. However, prior to meeting Leroy I was not involved in church. My parents were not believers when I was growing up and I only attended church or youth activities with friends at various times. I accepted Jesus as Savior when I was 8 or 9 years old when at Sunday School with a friend. I did not grow in my faith until after being married though. I am thankful that God was watching over me and brought Leroy into my life and drew me back to Him.

In the first 16 years of marriage Leroy and I served the Lord in our local church. In 2009 we submitted to the Lord in the call to full-time ministry. We attended Bible College, both completing our bachelor's in ministry. The last six years we ministered in Aroostook County where Leroy was the pastor at East Ridge Union Church, and I was the local director for the Northern Maine Chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship®. It was a joy to serve in these two ministries and it was a lot of mixed emotions when we realized that God was redirecting us. Our hearts continue to desire for the people of Aroostook County to know Jesus as Savior and to grow in their walk with Him, however we cannot deny the urgency of the burden God has placed on our hearts for the children and families of Belfast.

Belfast, and the surrounding communities, have many children and families that have not heard the Good News. They do not know the hope that God offers to them through the gift of His Son Jesus. Many of the children have experienced fatherlessness, separated families, or an environment of drugs, alcohol, abuse, and neglect or abandonment. Beyond the home these children are also exposed to peer pressure that may lead them to devastating choices. The worldview that they are adapting is one that does not include God, and therefore does not know His love for them.

Our hearts cry out for these children and their families. There is a desperate need to bring The Light into their darkness and to mentor and disciple them too. This is the burden that God has placed on our family's heart with great heaviness and urgency and in December we took the step of faith to relocate to Belfast, moving into the Neighborhood House. This was a step of faith for

many reasons, which included leaving ministries we were passionate about and the supportive people who were invested in the work with us, as well as leaving the security of full-time financial support that the ministries provided our family. At the time of this letter Leroy will be seeking work in the carpentry field to help with our monthly expenses and will volunteer with the ministry club programs at the NHH. I will be volunteering as the local director for the NHH for a few hours each week which will include participating with the current volunteers in the club ministries and raising financial support.

Leroy and I desire to be able to serve in a greater capacity at the NHH, reaching as many children as possible with the Gospel. We cannot do it alone though. We need your help. Will you join our team by praying for us and for the ministry. Also, will you seek the Lord and ask Him if He would have you join our team with a commitment of monthly financial support? Your support will have great impact, providing the necessary resources for our family to invest more time in the NHH ministry. The first goal we need to reach is to have a monthly commitment of \$1500. Currently we have received commitments towards 20% of this need.

This generation of children needs you. They need to know who God is, that they are loved, and that there is a Savior they can depend on.

“We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done... that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments” Psalm 78:4,6,7

Together we can reach the children of Belfast and the surrounding communities with the Gospel. Together we can reach a child and change their story.

With gratefulness for each of you and on behalf of our family,

Jennifer Frost



Family camping trip at the river



Our oldest son Leroy and his wife Angel



Harrison with his catch of the day!