

# Northern Maine Moments

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**"That the generation to come might know, even the children yet born. That they may rise and tell them to their children. That they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments."**

Psalm 78:6,7



## Transitions

In the last two months many changes have occurred within the Northern Maine chapter. Jennifer and her family felt called by the Lord to help with another CEF of Maine chapter and have relocated to the Neighborhood House in Belfast to work with the children in that area. We know that this was not an easy decision for Jennifer and her family. They continue to desire that the children of Aroostook County be reached with the Gospel. As difficult as it was though, it became very evident that the Lord was redirecting them.

During this same time, the Lord was doing a work in the heart of Mackenzie Bagley, burdening her heart for the children of Aroostook County. As Mackenzie finished her training at Children's Ministry Institute® she continued to seek God for His direction. With much prayer and counsel she applied for a position in Northern Maine.

An answer to prayer! God was providing a children's ministry worker for our chapter at just the right time. Mackenzie joined Northern Maine in early December as a part-time Children's Ministry Specialist/Coordinator. In this new role she will help oversee the established Good News Club® ministry and help expand the GNC™ ministry here. She will also focus on raising monthly financial support,

with the goal of being able to move to a regular full-time position.

Over the next few months, as we continue in this transition, Jennifer will remain on staff with us for 10 hours a week. She will work remotely, with a focus on mentoring Mackenzie and helping guide the committee in other aspects of the work that need attention. What a blessing that the technology we now use allows us this opportunity.

Moving into the coming days we ask that you please join us in prayer as we seek the Lord during this time of transition for the chapter and also for Jennifer and her family. Pray for wisdom in hiring the next local director, for Mackenzie as she learns the details of her new position and raises financial support, and for Jennifer and family as they begin to serve the children of Belfast and also raise financial support.

If you would like to receive Mackenzie's support letter please email her at:

mackenzienm@cefomaine.org

If you would like to know more about Jennifer and her family's ministry at the Neighborhood House please email her at:

jennifer@cefomaine.org

## Harvest Camp

Four-days of Day Camp were held at the CEF Northern Maine property in Easton during Harvest break. The general consensus was that it was a blast! The children learned about the various pieces of the Armor of God each day.

The lessons took on new life as the children experienced the opportunity to see and touch replica life size pieces of the armor. On the last day Jennifer put the armor on and paid the children a surprise visit as they were singing their theme song about the armor. There was awe and joy amongst the children.



A couple of even more noteworthy moments of the

week include; two children seeking counsel regarding salvation, and one boy treasuring the Bible that he had just received, expressing that he had always wanted a Bible of his very own.



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## A Little More About Mackenzie

Eleven years ago, I was a first-time camper at a Wilderness Day Camp, which was my first exposure to Child Evangelism Fellowship®. I was already saved and knew that God wanted me to share the Gospel, particularly with other kids like me. Since then, God has continued to burden my heart with the spiritual needs of children and given me training and experience in children's ministry, much of that through CEF®. This fall, I continued my training for three months at Children's Ministries Institute in Missouri. God moved many people to provide the funding, confirming that this was His will for me. It was such a rich eleven weeks!

While at CMI® my knowledge of children was stretched as I dug into what the Bible says about how God views them. My favorite course was the one I told myself I was not going to take, and yet God took away all the barriers and clearly led me to take it. That course, Instructors of Teachers Level 1, taught me how to teach the Teaching Children Effectively Level 1 course. God has given me a heart for training others to minister to children, and it was a joy to be trained in this at CMI, looking forward to putting it into practice here in Maine.

At CMI I saw how God overcame my inadequacies, anxieties, and exhaustion with His strength and did what only He could do in my assignments and my life. His continuing, good plan for my life encourages me, despite not knowing all the details of what He has next. For right now, I know that God has put the children of Aroostook County on my heart and has led me to a staff position with CEF of Northern Maine as a Children's Ministry Coordinator. I am excited to serve the Good News Club ministry in this new role so that children can continue to hear the Gospel.

There are many things I don't know and am still learning, but God has been teaching me that I don't need to worry about the next step as much as I need to wake up every day and glorify Him wherever He has me. God will lead me one step at a time, as He always has, and I just need to trust His timing and continue to seek and live for Him in my life right now.



## PAVILION PROJECT...

**THE 30x40 PAVILION IS FULLY FUNDED AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION!**



The project has gone from a drawing on paper, to a sketched design done by a local high school student, to a physical structure that is in full construction. So many people have given of their time, resources, and expertise to bring this vision to a reality. In the Spring there is roofing and ground work to be done to complete the project. What a joy it will be to see children under the roof of this pavilion and to know that they are hearing the Word of God! THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THIS PROJECT!

### Good News Clubs 2022-23

Mars Hill, Houlton,  
Frenchville, Fort Kent,  
& Eagle Lake  
(Caribou & Easton  
will begin in 2023)

### Three Christmas Party Clubs

were held in December  
in the towns of Mars Hill,  
Caribou & Easton



### Praises:

- Good News Clubs are underway and the possibilities of new clubs in local schools is growing again!
- The generosity of all who prayed, and gave of their time and resources for the pavilion.
- Mackenzie joining the Northern Maine team!

### Prayer Requests:

- Monthly support for Mackenzie
- Good News Club teams to be formed
- For a local director for Northern Maine (and also for the Southern Maine and Central Maine chapters)
- For the Frost family as they transition to the Neighborhood House ministry