



# Around Maine



Dear Friends of Child Evangelism Fellowship® of Maine,

As I write this newsletter, I'm attending the national director's conference at Child Evangelism Fellowship headquarters in Warrington MO. The theme verse of the conference is Romans 12:2, "**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. NKJV**". Our society today is doing all it can to force our children to be conformed to this world. We as adults often feel the pressure to conform to the world as well. The solution to this problem is in Romans 12:1, to be transformed by renewing our mind. How do we do that? We need to present our body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Our response to the mercy, and grace of God is to transform to Christ likeness, and not conform to the old ways of the world. The end of Romans 12:2 speaks of proving the perfect will of God. For Child Evangelism Fellowship, God's will can be pretty simple. In Matthew 18:14, Jesus plainly states "*Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish.*"

This is the "Harvest Report" newsletter, Child Evangelism Fellowship of Maine's "harvest" has been to reach 5,009 children this past year. These children were reached through Good News and 5- Day Clubs®, Camp Good News®, Blueberry Mountain Bible Camp, Fair ministries, the Neighborhood House, Downeast day camp and Camp Jireh day camp. We also assisted in Vacation Bible Schools and other various ministries. Out of the 5,009 children who heard the gospel message, 180 placed their trust in the Lord. The seeds of the gospel were planted, watered and the Lord gave the increase. Who knows, one of those 180 children may be your next pastor, missionary, or faithful church member. Remember to continue to pray for these children as they grow and are discipled. Pray that they continue to be transformed to holiness and not conformed to the world. This is a prayer that we should be praying for ourselves as well, as no one is immune to falling away.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, "*To everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven:*" NKJV. For me, my time and season as the director of CEF of Maine is coming to a close. I have submitted my resignation to the State Board effective December 31st. I love the work of Child Evangelism Fellowship and our ministry in Maine. CEF of Maine is a good and worthy ministry deserving of your prayer and support. For me personally, it is just a recognition that my season as the director is changing.

Thank you all for the love that you have for the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship in Maine. It is because of you and your faithful prayer and generosity that we are able to continue this ministry for the children of Maine now and for the seasons to come.



For the Children of Maine,

Michael G. Field

State Coordinator

# Harvest Report

## Summer 2023



*“Arise, cry out... Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children.”*

*Lamentation 2:19*

Over two hundred folks signed up to pray daily for three specific campers the week they attended Camp Good News. They prayed that the campers would have fun, be safe and let God speak to their hearts. One camper wrote her prayer partner, “Thank you for praying for me to enjoy this week of camp. I learned more about God and finally decided I want to be a counselor and maybe a missionary.” Another wrote, “Thank you for praying for me because God helped me to give my heart to God.” A boy wrote, “God helped me to get to know Him better. I didn’t know much about God or Jesus until I came here. I knew He died on a cross. I didn’t know He died for us or that it was part of the plan. I thought He was killed for no reason.”

*On behalf of the children, thank you to all of you who faithfully pray.*



- 645** children attended Camp Good News
- 123** children attended Blueberry Mountain Bible Camp
- 340** children attended Day Camps
- 1,912** children were contacted in 5-Day Clubs, VBS’s and Fairs
- 22** college students served in our College Bound/Summer Missionary program
- 57** teens trained in Echo Youth Training
- Total children reached - 3,020**
- Total recorded decisions - 72**

*“I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice.” Romans 12:1*

What a privilege to have twenty-two college students as a part of our College Bound/Summer missionary team this summer. Some have served with us multiple summers. They raised their support and gave of themselves tirelessly at overnight camps, day camps and VBS’s. Hannah, from Eastern Maine wrote, “Every year at Downeast Day Camp I am blown away by how God works. I am so grateful that God chooses to use me to reach kids in Downeast Maine.”

*Thank you for investing in these young people by your financial and prayer support. They are a vital part of our summer ministry.*



*“...they declared all that God had done.” Acts 15:4*

Every October our state board and CEF staff gather at Camp Good News to hear reports from around the state . Here are some highlights:

## **Northern Maine:**

Our Children’s Ministry Coordinator, **Mackenzie Bagley** reported, “God prepared me and led me to come on staff this spring. God expanded the **Good News Club** ministry. Seven GNC’s were held, two of which were led by brand new teams. Three new clubs will be starting this fall in schools. There are so many children in Northern Maine who do not believe in Jesus. At the August Festival, one boy said he didn’t believe in Jesus because his dad didn’t. 277 children were reached this summer.”



## **Neighborhood House:**

Our local director, **Jenn Frost**, rejoices in the many encouraging ministry moments with both children and parents. As one mom was dropping off her children, she was having a difficult time with them and other hard things in her life. The NHH staff was able to pray with her in the parking lot and show their love and concern for not only her children but her also. The staff also partnered with churches in three VBS’s and training opportunities. Building relationships is an important part of the ministry.

## **Eastern Maine:**

**Kathrin Hastey**, interim director reported, “June through July were wonderful & full months of ministry and a testimony to God’s faithfulness. We had 56 children attending **Downeast Day Camp** with 3 decisions. There were 31 volunteers. A beautiful huge tent was gifted allowing us to have Bible time and various activities in the shade. Our summer missionary team also helped in 3 VBS’s. The Lord blessed with many one-time party clubs this past school year as well as the steady ministry of the weekly **Good News Club** in several locations. We can’t wait to see what God will do this year!”



## **Southern Maine:**

**Donna Woerter**, Field Worker, regularly conducts Teacher Enrichment classes for those involved in the Good News Clubs. Last year there was 11 clubs taught reaching 132 children with 18 decisions. “I try to stay in touch with the GNC teachers all fall/winter to see what they need and how we can pray for them. I think the biggest way I can help is to continue the training.” Fifteen adults and four teens came to the Teacher Enrichment in September as the GNC program was launched for the 23-24 school year.

## **Central Maine:**

**Kathryn Boyington**, Field Worker/Camp Jireh Director reports, “We had 26 Good News Clubs with 150+ volunteers. 472 children were enrolled with 28 decisions. To God be the glory! We grew Camp Jireh to four weeks. Every week was maxed out. The Lord brought us a great staff. In total we had 230 children with 13 children counseled for salvation. We have been able to partner with local churches to train their children’s teams along with training our Good News Club teams. Training in our area has been a great blessing in the multiplication of ministry workers”.

## **Western Maine:**

**Jeanette Linsey**, Praise the Lord for Gospel Seeds sown in 1,680 young hearts in Western Maine’s 6 fairs. A group of 9-12 year olds said, “We don’t care about face painting. Just tell us the story. We believed last year just like you said.” And a teenager said, “Oh thanks for still doing this. I got saved here a few years ago. Now I go to youth group at my church all the time.”



## Camp Good News:

**Jeremy Brown**, Camp Director, reports, "We have been truly blessed this year. Our five weekends of winter retreats went great. At each retreat, children and teens heard about Jesus and His love for them. We received three large gifts of a new pool deck, a new to us 4 x 4 truck to plow with, and a new canoe dock. These gifts will bless us for years to come. We also started a new ministry outreach here on the grounds. A Good News Club was started to reach out in the neighborhood. The season ended with 22 children enrolled. We had 645 campers at summer camp. 29 now call Jesus their Savior, 57 gained assurance of salvation and 8 dedicated their lives to full-time service for the Lord. Many campers are coming from homes that do not teach love or the things of God."

## Blueberry Mountain Bible Camp:

**Eliza Bean**, Camp Director, is excited to share what the Lord has done on the mountain. "We had a great winter with a total of 350 people on the mountain for church retreats and Artic Blasts. After a full winter, we jumped into designing the Echo Youth Training, a program to help our summer counselors before they ministered to kids in a cabin. We wanted our staff to be knowledgeable and spiritually ready to deal with the issues kids face. We had four weeks of overnight camping with 123 children and teens attending. We were excited to add over ten new volunteers."

# Winter Camp Schedule 2024



### CAMP GOOD NEWS



Livermore Falls, ME

Winter Blitz #1 - January 12-14 (Ages 8-13)

Winter Blitz #2 - January 19-21 (Ages 8-13)

Winter Blitz #3 - January 26-28 (Ages 8-13)

Winter Blitz #4 - February 2-4 (Ages 8-13)

Teen Retreat - February 9-11 (Ages 14-17)

### BLUEBERRY MOUNTAIN BIBLE CAMP

Weld, ME



Teen Arctic Blast - January 5-7 (Ages 13-17)

Jr Arctic Blast - February 9-11 (Ages 10-13)

Little's Arctic Blast - March 1-3 (Ages 7-9)

## Good News Club Report

*"The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.  
Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest  
to send out laborers into his harvest."*

*Luke 10:2*



The Good News Club program is being launched with opening workshops. The response in central Maine was encouraging. "We had a great day at our Good News Club launch. The focus was the impact of reaching kids and how to make a difference in the life of a child. Thank you to our amazing volunteers who make our Good News Clubs happen! **We can't wait to see all that God is going to do this year!!**" Pray for God's blessing on this important ministry resulting in an increase of clubs in schools, homes and churches.

### ACROSS

...the world there were 79,733 Good News Clubs last year.  
...the USA there were 2,561 Good News Clubs last year.  
...Maine there were 52 Good News Clubs last year.