



CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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Dear Friend,

According to Christianbiblereference.org, the word “remember” is listed 121 times in the Old Testament and 27 times in the New Testament. The act or process of remembering is a significant concept in God’s instructions to us. At various times in Scripture, we are asked to “remember our Lord,” “remember the days of old,” and “remember His marvelous works.”

Mable Ruth Wray recently spearheaded a project at the State Headquarters that helps us focus on this idea. As the picture at right shows, a memorial walkway has been started to record the names of the people involved in the foundational prayers, the original birth, and the subsequent expansion of the ministry of CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PA, INC. The names etched in stone include: Rev. Jesse Overholtzer, our founder; Helen Odenwelder, the architect of many of our programs; and Dr. Mable Ruth Wray, who worked as the State Director for over 30 years to solidify and grow the ministry. Miss Rita Lobdell and Miss Virginia Landis were key participants as well, lending vision and energy to the ministry being done here. Major supporters, prayer warriors, plus past and present county directors share a place along this walkway of remembrance. There is plenty of remaining room for those who will come in later years to impact the ministry as well.



This walkway of remembrance was conceived and constructed as a labor of love from the heart of Mable Ruth, but there is an important point to be made. This work of art was assembled to remind all who enter the Headquarters of the sacrifices, the hard work, and the hopes of the workers across our state for the salvation of the little ones. And it is God’s plan of salvation that changes the eternal destiny of the children of our state.

The walkway of remembrance is balanced by a millstone that has been placed in the landscape close by. That millstone is a visible reminder of a warning given by Christ to the disciples. It would be better, “... *that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he*

were drowned in the depth of the sea,” than offend a little one who believed in Jesus (**Matt. 18:6**).

We invite you to come and see the walkway of remembrance for yourself. We trust that you will come away from this place blessed by the assurance that the ministry done here brings glory to God! Thank you for being part of our team!

To God be the glory,

Dr. Jeff Davis, PhD
Director of Development

Pictures from the State Headquarters



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