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Dear Friend,

It is a Scriptural principle. When Christ sent his disciples out to do ministry, He received them back again to hear a report on their missionary journeys. The disciples shared what happened, but they also bore witness to the power of God and the transformation they saw in the lives of those who were ministered to. We would like to “report” to you what we have seen and experienced as the Lord worked through the testimonies and Bible lessons taught by the missionaries in Philadelphia, in their own words.

Cami is a third year summer missionary who shared: ***“God is good’ is the truth that not only strengthened and encouraged my spiritual life this summer but it also gave me a reason to teach and to show God’s love. In every club there were children, teens, and even parents who did not know that through Jesus they get salvation. But no matter what the situation was, God reminded me that He is good and that He loves each one of them just as they are. Some children only came once to one of our clubs. They could not keep coming since their parents have other beliefs and they did not allow their children to return to the club. Other children were visiting a friend or a family member or some others went on vacation. No matter what the situation was; I learned to rejoice in the Lord because He is good.”***



Lucy is a teacher in her home country of Myanmar. She flew here from her home country at the insistence of friends in the United States to get this training. At the end of the summer, she wrote: ***“It was such a blessing for me to serve as a summer missionary. The CEF training has been a great blessing for me. It was hard for me to start but the help and kindness of people around me gave such encouragement to keep on training. The opportunity of serving as a missionary made it so different and gave me more confidence and equipped me well. The CEF family also inspired and built up my spiritual life closer to our Lord Jesus. The testimonies and devotional messages strengthened and lightened each day of my life. I wish I could come back and serve with you in the ministry, but I also wish that many more people from my country and around all over the world will learn from you. Your work is not in vain because I am carrying back all the good things that I learned from you to my country, my people, and to the most important - children.”***

Lucas is a third year missionary who came to us from Pensacola Christian College. Lucas shares of his summer experience: ***“This summer has been such an eye-opener for me about the need for God, missionaries, and children. When I walk through the streets in the city of brotherly love, I see a city that is looking for love, but love in all the wrong ways. I see a city in need of God. I have seen how many children look as if their joy had been stolen. I see children looking for any sign of love from anyone. However, when they see us, they see not just our love, but more importantly God’s love for them. Thank you CEF of E. PA!”***





Marissa is another of our experienced crew, serving in Philadelphia for her third year. Marissa spoke of her summer of service to the Lord this way: ***“I am so glad I followed God’s leading and came back this summer. God had many divine appointments planned. Such as with Darren, who was from a partial Muslim and partial Christian family. He came for counseling, and I had the privilege of leading him to the Lord. Another example was Makayla. We had been challenged that morning to look for opportunities to minister to children outside of just our Bible clubs. As my teaching partner was counseling with one girl after club, another girl walked up who hadn’t been to club at all that week. After asking if she would like to talk about Jesus, we sat down, and I was able to share the Gospel with her. I soon realized that she had never been to church and didn’t know who Jesus was. It was a divine appointment that God gave me, and she also made a salvation profession.”***

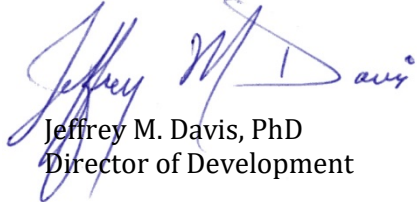
Christa is a Senior at Liberty University. This was her first summer working with us, and she reported: ***“Serving with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Philadelphia has blessed me in so many ways. Throughout the summer, God has stretched me spiritually and renewed my burden for the lost. I have experienced much personal spiritual growth as a result of working under the guidance and wisdom of more mature Christians. My prayer life has become richer as God has continually revealed my inability to do ministry in my own strength and has reminded me of my need to rely on His power daily. This summer I worked with children from many religious backgrounds; Buddhist and Muslim families along with some with no religious background at all. My heart was broken over these children as God reminded me of the importance of reaching out to them with the Gospel before the world overwhelms them with lies about God and Heaven. As I prayed for the children in Philadelphia, God continually brought children to our clubs and drew their hearts to Himself. I am grateful to have witnessed God working in many children’s hearts throughout Philadelphia.”***



Topacio is Lucas’ sister. She is a student at Pensacola Christian College and this was also her third year as a missionary. Topa said: ***“Something that keeps bringing me here every summer is how much there is a need! This summer I got to experience getting to see kids I taught in two previous years. It was an amazing experience to have that connection of knowing them and to see how they grew in the Lord since last summer. I was also impacted by how much love these kids need. It was great to teach them about God’s love and watch their faces just light up. I’m grateful to God for the wonderful encounters He has provided for me this summer.”***

Summer ministry financial support did not cover the cost of ministry, but the reports of the missionaries in the field exceeded our hopes as we watched these young people share the Gospel consistently and faithfully all summer. Hearing the personal testimonies of the missionaries is inspiring, but would you let that be part of your motivation for sharing a special gift to help eliminate the summer ministry debts? Allowing God to work through you would be a great encouragement to us at this moment. We thank God for you, and we trust that these words from some of our missionaries are a great encouragement to you, too.

His servant, and yours,


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