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Dear Friend,

WE ARE BACK!

Words cannot express how excited we are to get back to in-person ministry with the children this summer. For most of us, summer is a time we all anticipate on our calendars. Many of us enjoy so many seasonal activities that come with the summer season. For children that means no school, playing with friends, going swimming or on vacation with family, and no homework. For CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC. this means Summer Missionary Training School (SMTS) and our summer ministry season. Yes, SMTS is back this year along with a full schedule of in-person ministry.

Each year our summer ministry season starts with two full weeks of SMTS training by the staff for the summer missionaries. The training consists of very extensive training and hard work by the staff and missionaries. Hours and hours each day are devoted to learning how to effectively teach a Bible lesson to children and run an hour long 5-Day Club.



This year our training was different from all other years. Week one's training was online through zoom and videos, while week two's training was done in the counties the summer missionaries and trainees will be serving in this summer. It has been an adjustment, but, praise the Lord, we had no major issues with technology as we worked to teach the students through both remote learning and in-person training.

For months leading up to SMTS, hours and hours of hard work are given by our SMTS committee, State Headquarters staff, and volunteers to prepare for the two weeks of training. This is a true labor of love by our staff, who prepare and train, and by the summer missionaries and trainees, who devote their time to the training. Not to mention so many of you who devote your time in prayer over the summer ministry season. Words cannot express how grateful we are to our Lord to be back with the children this summer in person.

We have all faced the impact of the many challenges that the past 16 months have brought to all our lives. Due to the pandemic, all of us have faced hardships and trials of various kinds. Many of us have lost jobs and loved ones. We all have been challenged to make many adaptations to countless aspects of our lives. Only time will tell the lasting impact of the past 16 months on all of us during this unique time in history. What we have learned here at CEF of Eastern PA, Inc. is that no matter how big the trials may be or how limiting our lives may have become, God is our refuge and strength.

Psalm 46:1-7, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.



There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: He uttered His voice, the earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.”

Even though we as a ministry have endured one of the most limiting seasons, God was in the midst of all the circumstances, advancing His will and breaking down barriers. He was in the midst of creating and innovating different modes of communicating the Gospel to children. He was in the midst of advancing the Gospel to children beyond the boundaries of Eastern Pennsylvania to many children worldwide in many different countries. He was in the midst of innovating a new mode of training to broaden the scope and ability to train more missionaries. He was in the midst of advancing His Kingdom in ways we never could have comprehended. During one of the most restrictive times in human history, God was in the midst of growing CEF of Eastern PA, Inc. For this we give all the praise and all the glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are headed back to the neighborhoods, back to the communities, back to the parks, back to the schools, and most importantly back to in-person contact with the children. This may be one of the most anticipated summers in many years for all of us. Words cannot express or explain how thankful we all are to be back in person, but we want to tell you of our deep gratitude for your prayers and financial support throughout these past 16 months.

God has used you and answered so many prayers these past few months. Thank you for your part in this most important ministry of reaching the children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please keep us all in your prayers as we move into the summer ministry season. We anticipate that God is going to greatly bless the ministry this summer and are looking forward to seeing what He will do and sharing those joys with you in an upcoming newsletter.

In Him,

Pastor Doug Williams
Executive Director