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Dear Friend,

As you read this newsletter, the snow in your area may have already melted. We are ready to say goodbye to the cold winter nights and say hello to the sunny skies of spring. But for those who love the outdoors and snow, this winter was spectacular. My family spent many moonlit nights enjoying the outdoors and God's creation.

Because of the darkness of night while hiking, I found our focus and technique needed to change: 1) We could only see a few feet in front of us. 2) We needed to concentrate on the terrain below our feet to ensure safe passage and to avoid accidental falls. 3) We could walk farther, climb higher, and endure any terrain because of the power of our lights in the darkness.

During the darkness of night we achieved success because we were not distracted and we had a clear focus on the path directly in front of us. The power of the light penetrating the darkness allowed us to walk farther, climb higher, and achieve more than ever expected. Each night while hiking I was reminded by the powerful imagery of **Psalm 119:105**,

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

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Last March, the entire world changed because of an unseen virus. Every single human on planet Earth has been affected by this pandemic in some way. Even after an entire year the world is still trying to make sense of how to proceed dealing with this virus. America too has seen many changes since last March and we find ourselves asking if life will ever return to normal? Possibly the new normal in our world may consist of uncertainty, confusion, fear, isolation, constant change, the unknown, and an increasing darkness.

How do we know this to be a possibility? The Bible reminds us in **Isaiah 5:20**, ***“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil. Who put darkness for light and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.”***

No matter what is coming; good or bad, darkness or light, famine or prosperity, health or sickness, the **Word of God** is not constrained. **Isaiah 40:8** says, ***“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.”***

Fellow partner, we want to assure you that, even in these dark times, the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Eastern PA, Inc. will continue to teach the **Word of God**. We will not change our mission of reaching children for Jesus Christ. We do not teach Bible stories, we teach Bible lessons. Our standard is the inspired, infallible, inerrant **Word of the Living God** and our goal at all times is to be sure what we are teaching is what the Bible teaches. This is our commitment to our Lord, to you as our faithful partner, to our teachers, to all our volunteers, and to the children.



Possibly the greatest impact of this pandemic has been on our children. The isolation and bombardment of increased deception upon them has been relentless. So, we also will have a relentless pursuit, using every tool and avenue possible to reach children through the **Word of God** by the power of the Holy Spirit. The vision of CEF of Eastern PA, Inc. for 2021 is one of *urgency* and great *burden*. Our *urgency* is to reach as many children for Jesus Christ this year as God would allow and our *burden* is for their souls.

Here's how that will be applied going forward:

- We know there is no replacement for in-person outreach and we look forward to reaching many children this summer and coming year in this way.
- However, we now live in a new reality of restrictions so we have created new online clubs this past year to supplement but not replace in-person outreach.
- We are testing other media platforms and developing a phone app to connect directly with the children and our volunteer teachers.
- We are creating online trainings for our teachers and summer missionaries to continue the high teaching standards CEF of Eastern PA, Inc. is known for.
- We have hired an illustrator to create new visuals for teaching the **Word of God** to children.
- We have hired a technology assistant who helps keep the ministry up to date.
- We have hired our own crisis counselor to assist and train staff with the changing needs of children.
- We started research and development on reaching the various multicultural communities in our counties.
- We have overhauled the equipment here at CEF State Headquarters to meet the new demands of ministry.
- We have been devoted to prayer for clarity of mission and for navigating through this time in history.

We could not do this without the grace of God shown through you. Words cannot fully express our thanks, but we would like to try. Thank you for your investment of love, time, devotion, prayer, and offerings that allow us to take the Good News to many children. Thank you for your faithfulness and devotion to our Lord over so many years of ministry. Thank you for your prayers over CEF of Eastern PA, Inc. and your gifts that sustain us.

We also would like to thank all of those who have remembered loved ones through gifts to the ministry of CEF of Eastern PA, Inc. this past year. Many have given on behalf of dear saints who have held or still hold this ministry near and dear to their hearts and we would like to honor them on the attached page for their faithfulness.

Thank you for your concern and care for the children of Eastern Pennsylvania.

In Him,



Pastor Doug Williams
Executive Director

