



# CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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## Fall 2021 Newsletter



Many times in ministry, God's people become easily discouraged. We often focus on our limitations, asking questions like,

- “Why can't we get more help or volunteers?”
- “Does God care about meeting my needs?”
- “Are schools ever going to let clubs return to normal?”
- “What if no one shows up or my teaching is ineffective?”

**You may feel like a hamster running on his wheel, wondering if all of this work and effort really matters for the Kingdom of God.** Take comfort in God's answer from the book of Isaiah:

*“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”*

**-Isaiah 55:10-11, KJV**

What comes to your mind when you hear the word, “void”? Perhaps you think of a vast ocean, infinite space, or complete emptiness. A friend of mine shared this idea with me: **“I think of that hopeless feeling that I felt in my heart before I received Christ as my Saviour.** My heart was devoid of joy, devoid of truth, devoid of hope, peace, and love. I was searching for something to fill the hole, to make me feel satisfied and full, to bring forth some sort of completeness.”

The children to whom we are ministering experience the same void. They long for love and hope. God's truth from His Word is the only thing that can fulfill that longing. The Bible tells us in Hebrews 13:4 that the Word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. **Therefore, God's Word never returns void; rather, it fills the void that is present in each of our hearts.**

## God's Word in Action!



**31 Children Saved at a Local Fair**  
York County



**1,170 People in 56 Countries Accessed Summer Videos**  
Chester County



**Almost 3,000 Reached Through 5-Day Clubs**  
Philadelphia County



**Unchurched Children From Many Cultures Reached Through Summer Tutoring Program**  
Dauphin County

This verse is not God's wish for His Word, a far-off dream that may someday be fulfilled. **It is a promise**, and we know that our God is always faithful to keep His promises to His people.

No matter our fears of ineffectiveness, our ministry deficiencies, and our discouragement, **the Word of God will always make an impact, work in a heart, or change a life**, even when we don't instantly see it.

This summer at **CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PA, INC.** is a testimony of that power!

We cannot do this ministry without you. Your faithful partnership to our Lord and with us makes this ministry thrive. We all have endured hardship since 2020, but we have seen the miraculous work of our Lord. For example, **two sisters in Philadelphia are reaching children in three countries and twenty-six states with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!** You empower us to make this possible.

We have seen our Lord break down many barriers to reach more children here in CEF of Eastern PA. This would not be a reality without you and I cannot express how grateful we all are for you. **Thank you for giving to our Lord and helping us reach the children for Jesus Christ.** Together we are changing lives for eternity, one child at a time.

Thank you,  
Doug Williams



## State Headquarters Staff

Miriam Higley joined our State Headquarters staff this August as our **Media Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator**.  Before getting married this summer and moving out of state, Miriam previously worked as the Ministry Coordinator for **CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF WYOMING-SULLIVAN COUNTIES, INC.** Miriam works to connect people to the ministry through social media and building relationship with Christian colleges and universities. To contact Miriam, email [cefepamiriam@gmail.com](mailto:cefepamiriam@gmail.com).

Caitlyn Wilt, previously acting as our **Ministry Assistant**, married Alex Seeley on September 4th, 2021 and is **no longer working with us at State Headquarters**. The couple has since relocated closer to his job in northern Pennsylvania. We offer our congratulations to Alex & Caitlyn, praying for the Lord's blessing as they begin their new life together!

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**The State Headquarters of CEF of Eastern PA, Inc. is looking for two more staff members to join our ministry team. For more information, visit [cefepa.net/joinus](http://cefepa.net/joinus) or call (717) 652-7542.**

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*Reaching children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, discipling saved children as they grow, and training others to do the same.*