



CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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A Tribute To Our Dear Dr. Mable Ruth Wray

(Based on Galatians 5:22,23)

You walked softly into our lives and brought with you *love, joy* and *peace*.

Your *patience* in the midst of adversity taught us *long-suffering*.

Your hand of comfort, compassion and your beautiful smile were always there when we needed it most, teaching us *gentleness*.

You inspired us to invest our lives and devote our time to loving and reaching the children, teaching us *goodness*.

As we came to seek your counsel, you taught us *faith*.

When we were tempted to react, you taught us *meekness* and *temperance*.

For all these invaluable lessons, which revealed the fruits of the Spirit in your life, we thank you and shall be evermore grateful.

Written by Jean A. Hartman, Chairman of the State Board





Dr. Mable Ruth Wray, long-time State Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Eastern PA, went to be with her Lord on May 19, 2022. Affectionately known by many as “Miss Mable Ruth,” she impacted the lives of thousands of children for the sake of the Gospel.

A native of Bradford, Tennessee, Dr. Wray was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wray. She graduated from Bradford High School in 1941, and then studied aeronautical engineering in Memphis, Tennessee. She worked for the U.S. Government in Mobile, Alabama, and the Welch Scientific Company in Chicago, IL, before feeling the call of God to prepare for full-time Christian service. In 1948, Dr. Wray started evening school at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, transferring to day school in 1952.

In the summer of 1953, she went to Eastern Pennsylvania as a summer missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Impressed with the need to bring the Gospel to children, she returned to Pennsylvania as a summer missionary in 1954. After graduating from Moody in 1955, she came back to Eastern Pennsylvania as a State Field Worker for Child Evangelism Fellowship. After two years in the State Office, Dr. Wray became Director of the Northumberland County office of Child Evangelism Fellowship. There she stayed for the next 16 years, organizing the work, teaching children the Word of God, and training teachers for Good News Clubs.

Dr. Wray graduated from the Child Evangelism Fellowship Leadership Training Institute in Muskegon, Michigan in 1971. For five years following her graduation, she filled the position of faculty member in the Leadership Training Institute and Teacher of Teachers with the International Office of Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. She traveled throughout the United States and around the world establishing, organizing, and developing Leadership Training Institutes for pastors, missionaries, and youth workers to teach them how to evangelize children. Some of the countries she has worked in include: Ghana, West Africa, Kenya; Congo, East Africa; Pakistan, Indonesia, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda.



In 1976, Dr. Wray officially resigned her position with the International Office to come back to Pennsylvania, serving as the State Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship. Here she helped establish, staff, and lead county organizations within the state for Child Evangelism Fellowship. In 1996 she was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humanities by Bob Jones University for her devotion to the Lord and this ministry. In January 2004, Dr. Wray was named State Director Emeritus by the State Board of Directors after twenty-eight years as State Director and over fifty years in Child Evangelism Fellowship.

To know her was to love her, and she made it a point to know everyone who crossed her path. Dr. Wray used her spiritual gift of evangelism anytime and anywhere, from witnessing to the maintenance workers who stopped by CEF State Headquarters to teaching and discipling generations of children in her Good News Clubs. Her life was her ministry and her daily routine was her mission field. Surely she heard the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant” when she crossed into glory. She will be greatly missed, but her legacy continues to live on through the countless children and adults who came to know Jesus Christ as a result of her life and ministry.

To honor her legacy with your own testimony, visit cefepa.net/mableruth and share your memories, tributes, and photos of your time with Dr. Mable Ruth Wray.