



## CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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### June 2022 Newsletter

Dear Friend,

Prayer has always been the cornerstone of the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Eastern PA. Ever since J. Irving Overholtzer, founder of CEF, felt the call of God to evangelize children, the ministry and mission have been rooted in prayer.

Overholtzer, affectionately known as Mr. O, wrote a book called *Everything by Prayer*, in which he says, **“How wonderful to know that, no matter how strong the forces who possess the land to be conquered, if the thing to be undertaken falls within the scope of God’s promises, through prayer, it can be done. More than that it will be done. We are dealing with the living God. He is able. He keeps His every promise. But they must be claimed in prayer” (7).** This is an excellent reminder for us as we launch into summer ministry, bringing the Gospel to thousands of children across Eastern Pennsylvania.

It is God’s will that every single child that we come in contact with this summer repent of their sin and come to know Jesus as Saviour: **“. . .Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).** Why not pray in light of this? As Overholtzer so clearly reminds us, we are dealing with the one true and living God who keeps all of His promises!

Our CEF Day Camp lessons this year focus on the life of Daniel, who never wavered in his resolve to pray to the one true and living God. Daniel 6:10 says, **“Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.”** Even in hardship, Daniel remained steadfast in kneeling before his Creator. Let us embrace this same resolve and confidence in God as we minister to the children in Eastern Pennsylvania this summer.

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## Pray in Real Time!

This summer, we are seeking to embrace a joint attitude of boldness in prayer and surrender to the living God. We invite you to join us by praying in real time for children and staff of CEF of Eastern PA as the Gospel goes out to our community this summer.

We will be sending prayer requests in the form of texts and emails from those on the ministry field as they face the spiritual battles that come with presenting the Gospel to the children. **We need YOU to fervently pray for the staff and children as they go into battle. Will you join us?**

Provide your phone number or email address on the form at [cefepa.net/summer](http://cefepa.net/summer) or text the word **PRAYER** to (717) 788-3672 to receive real-time prayer requests from staff on the field. We can't wait to see the powerful things that God does this summer as a result of your prayers.

With this in mind, please join us in bringing the following requests before the Lord for the upcoming summer.

- Open doors for the Gospel
- 5-Day Club hosts and hostesses
- The new staff as they learn the ministry
- The summer missionaries as they train this June
- Clarity in communicating the truth
- Children's hearts to be softened toward the Gospel
- Provision of summer staff and volunteers
- Provision of materials and resources
- Safety from illness, injury, and opposition
- Connections with the families of the children
- Many children to be saved!

We are counting on you to join us in prayer as we dive into another summer of bringing the Gospel to the local children. We are privileged to have you on our team.

In Him,



Pastor Doug Williams  
Executive Director

## What Can You Do This Summer?

### Volunteer

Contact your local director for information about getting involved in a camp or 5-Day Club in your county chapter. Visit [cefepa.net/staff](http://cefepa.net/staff) to find your director's contact information.

### Pray

Join our real-time prayer request list or use our weekly prayer guide.

### Share

Share our state and local social media posts, hand out flyers from your local director, or advertise the local programs in your church bulletin or announcement slideshow.

### Give

Support a summer missionary, give toward a specific program, or donate to the greatest need. Gifts can be received by check or online. Check out our website [cefepa.net/staff](http://cefepa.net/staff) for the online giving link for your county chapter.



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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](http://cefepa.net/mableruth) and share your memories, tributes, and photos of your time with Dr. Mable Ruth Wray.**