



CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." -James 4:14



It is amazing how quickly a legacy can be shattered. What once stood strong and immovable can so easily

be lost. I was recently struck by this reality when I drove past the ruins of what was once the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg, PA. Countless Christian events have been held in that building, including some sweet times of training and fellowship with our CEF of Eastern PA family. Yet it was recently sold, and the building was demolished. The lot looks as if nothing ever stood there at all. It is humbling to realize how quickly a legacy can become a vapor.

Sadly, faithful years of ministry are not immune to this. Decades of service to the Lord can be lost in just a few short years. I write this with a heavy heart and deep concern for one of our chapters, CEF of Philadelphia County. From the inception, ministry in Philadelphia has never been easy, but it has always been worth it.

Beginning the CEF chapter in Philadelphia County was a God-sized task placed on the heart of Dr. Mable Ruth Wray many years ago. Since the late 1980s, through much prayer, God's miraculous provision, and a godly team of servants who trusted fully in our Lord, the CEF chapter in Philadelphia County has reached generations of children from many different cultures. I can recall listening to countless stories recounting the steps of faith that CEF of Eastern PA staff took in order for this ministry to prosper. **It has never been easy to minister in Philadelphia, but it has always been worth it.**

Since 2020 and the onset of COVID, this reality has never been more true. Constant obstacles have arisen, including spiritual road blocks and the ongoing challenge of financial uncertainty. We praise God that, despite all of these human difficulties, He has allowed us to continue to reach children in Philadelphia for Jesus Christ. Just this week, one of our summer missionaries reported that seven children made professions of faith in just one summer 5-Day Club. Children are hungry for the Gospel. As the obstacles grow, the need for children to hear the truth likewise becomes more urgent.

The staff in our Philadelphia County chapter, Hannah Beatty (Director), Lucas Quiroz (Assistant Director), Heidi Wanjala (Ministry Assistant), Roberta Jackson (Field Worker), and Elajah Gijssbertha (Software Engineer), carry a heavy burden for the souls of the children and faithfully continue to reach them with the Gospel. **Will you join the CEF State Board in praying that God will relieve Philadelphia's financial burden?**

There is an immediate need for \$12,000 to cover several months of financial shortfall. I am asking the CEF family to come together in prayer, asking God to meet this financial need. If you feel led to give, checks can be made to "CEF of Eastern PA" with "Reach Philadelphia" in the memo line, or you can give online at cefepa.net/donations, choosing the fund "Reach Philadelphia." Thank you for sharing this burden.

For the children,

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