

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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Dear Friend.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. While cleaning my mother's house following her promotion to Heaven, I discovered a painting that represents the mission of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Eastern PA better than a book full of words ever could. This photo also represented my mother's greatest desire in life—that all four of her children would know Jesus as their personal Savior. I would like to think that part of that desire blossomed from her years of training and serving with CEF of Eastern PA.

CEF of Eastern PA has been used by the Lord as one of the greatest tools in both my family and in my own personal growth. I cannot even imagine what my life would be like had I not experienced the blessing of being raised in this ministry. I will never have enough words to express my gratitude to the men and women who have served this ministry so faithfully over the last 50 years.

Even though our culture has changed significantly over the last 50 years and evil is much more prevalent, our mission remains the same: God has raised up Child Evangelism Fellowship of Eastern PA to reach young boys and girls for Jesus Christ. We will persist in this mission until we no longer can, or until the Lord calls us home.

First Corinthians 4:1-2 says, "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not...but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." We are commanded in this Scripture not to grow weary in ministry, but to continue in rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

So, let us not lose heart. Although our country is not what it was 50 years ago, the future of our nation is not our greatest commission, nor is the United States of America our permanent home. Our citizenship is in Heaven, and our mission is to reach the children with the Truth before it is too late. Children need the Gospel now more than ever before.

We have exciting news to share with you that will help us continue in this mission.

Twenty-five years ago,

Joshua Williams was born. The Joshua Fund was created in his memory when he passed away suddenly at the age of two. This fund has been used to offset the financial needs of the ministry over the years. In the last four years since COVID, the Joshua Fund has helped meet the salary needs of our multicultural staff, emergency financial needs of our outreach in Philadelphia, and other deficits that have arisen as a result of the pandemic. The fund has been a tremendous blessing over the last 23 years, but it has been depleted by these recent needs.

The Lord has provided a matching gift of up to \$25,000 to replenish this vital ministry fund in celebration of Joshua's 25th birthday. From May 30th to July 30th, the impact of your gift of \$25, \$50, \$75, or whatever the Lord asks of you, will be doubled.

This \$25,000 matching gift challenge has been given to help replenish the Joshua Fund so the ministry can be blessed by Joshua's memory for another 25 years to come. Would you consider giving to help us utilize the maximum benefit of this gift?

You can give online by visiting cefepa.net/donations and choosing "Joshua Fund," or by mailing a check marked "Joshua Fund" to the post office box below.

We at CEF of Eastern PA have committed to "faint not" in the work of reaching children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Will you press forward alongside us?

For the children,

Doug Williams

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





