

September 2024



The month of August began in the midst of our 5-Day Clubs in Odell and the Wy'East apartments in Hood River. Throughout the week, we struggled with the Odell club, having no kids in attendance, and instead drove to the children's park in Hood River for Open Air evangelism and playing tag with the kids. Through the week, 6 came to Christ from Open Air, and 3 from the Wy'East club, where we had nearly every child in the apartment complex attend club. The Wy'East club was such a blessing because the kids were so welcoming and excited to see us each day. Each day of club, they would wait outside the community room for us, or surprised us by hiding in the closet when we arrived.

The next week was club in Rowena, and another in Hood River. Roles switched this time, as we had kids in Rowena, but not Hood River. It was so odd that we had no kids at two clubs this year, especially since I'd never seen that occur once in my previous 5 years with Mid Columbia CEF. God still came through, and in Rowena a girl named Nevaeh accepted Jesus as her Savior.

The last club for Mid Columbia CEF was in The Dalles, a joint outreach between my church, Columbia Gorge Christian Fellowship, and OneLife church. I'd wanted to connect with a greater body of believers for 5-Day club for a while now, and my prayers were answered when OneLife obliged to host the club. As a result of the club, a boy named Soren accepted Jesus into his heart on Monday.

All in all, this was an incredible summer. It was a challenging summer for me personally, as I made the transition from CYIA teacher to team trainer, which I found very difficult to find my place as an authority figure and mentor over teachers that I've seen as friends for such a long time. Although I had a very different role and relationship with my team this year, I was able to uplift and help some teachers in ways that I wouldn't have been able to if I were in the same boat. For that, I praise God. The Lord also showed his goodness to us in the form of salvations, bringing so many to a relationship with him. In total, we reached 316 kids this summer (Tim Tebow moment right there), and 25 came to accept Christ as their Savior. This is my final newsletter, but just the beginning for our new little brothers and sisters, some of which have already begun advancing the kingdom of Heaven.



View of The Dalles from eagle caves

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.
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