

Every Child.

Every Nation.

Every Day.

Good News Review

"The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."



YEAR IN REVIEW

Wow, it has been a year of change! Lorna Van Hee, the illustrious office manager of Mid-Columbia, retired after about 4 years. In February Lurel Smith came on board as the new office manager. We acquired a new 15 passenger van, with beautiful CEF advertisement displayed on the sides. In April a new Director in Training, John Pinheiro (that's me), came on board along with an office cat that was in need of rescuing. We named her Moxie and gave her the job title Supervisor. Most days she's in the office lounging on an inbox or window perch. April also had David McGaughey come on board as this years intern and he did a fantastic job (and continues to help). He helped with a record 22 CYIA students who attended Pretraining and State Training. 371 children attended 5 Day Clubs, with 45 salvations. We have returned to on-campus Good news clubs in The Dalles, and started 3 new Good News Clubs in the Chapter. We participated in the Starlight Parade with the van and a float called "The Hope Dispenser." We conducted Christmas parties at several churches and Good News Clubs. And Julie Fritz has retired as of December 31st.

Julie has been the director of CEF Mid-Columbia Chapter for 16 years and also has been a Good News Club teacher during that same time. Before that she was on the Chapter Board for 8 years. Julie has served Christ through CEF Mid-Columbia for 24 years. But we will continue to see Julie in Good News Club and with TCE training and other continued services. What a blessing!

As of the first of January, I have assumed Julies position as Director of CEF Mid-

Columbia Chapter. I have so appreciated the opportunity to have been in training during 2024. And I have Julie's assurance that I can call on her from time to time for those "Julie HELP" moments. The Board and I have had the chance to get to know each other, as well as with the State leadership. Most of all *YOUR* continued support for this ministry is so appreciated. Together we will reach children and families for Christ!

His Thoughts Toward Us...

"You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told." Psalms 40:5

As we are stepping into this new year, we contemplate what can be new or different in our life this year. Many of us are asking the Lord for his direction, wisdom, or even help for us, our families, and other loved ones. Contemplating problems or new resolutions are often on the list. But the above verse passionately describes God's amazing work and care for us. If He has such great love for us where He is constantly working on our behalf and always thinking of us, how could we be concerned. This verse should encourage our faith and compel us to tell others of His great deeds in our lives.

I recently read an article of a young man who described how he was imprisoned as a child for stealing. He was an orphan from Kenya, Africa, named Jey. He was so desperate to get out of prison and out of poverty. So he prayed "if you are there, if you exist, please take me out of prison. But most importantly, take me out of poverty." Someone whom he never met sponsored him through a Christian program, and now he says "I am free from poverty, from hunger, from prison, from hopelessness."

Like Jey we need to turn to the Lord for everything first. After all if His thoughts and deeds are for us, what more do we actually need? He IS the answer! Let's focus on Him and tell others of how wonderful God is. Tell them your story of what Jesus has done for you

Let the Children come to Him, John

How can I help out at Mid-Columbia CEF?

Update on the Snow Tires for the CEF Van...

After sale price change and \$500 in donations that has come in, we are in need of \$609 for class c studded tires at Point S Tires. The current price for the studded tires is \$1109, out the door. Please pray asking the Lord for what you can do to help.

We recently had some flooding inside our back store room and had costs incurred to abate the water. We are currently working with the city to devise a plan for the back hill erosion that is in part a cause to the flooding. Please pray for this situation. Also we may need help in the near future to remove soil that is currently up against the building.

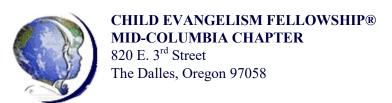
We always need volunteers to help us fold, tape, and address our monthly newsletter if you would like to help with that. We usually send out about 370 newsletters monthly. As you can see from the picture below, we take anyone (see cat in the box).

Thank you for your financial and prayer support in this ministry...



Julie Fritz





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