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God Is Doing A New Thing

Have you ever felt stuck in a time of waiting and longed to see God move? Here at CEF Central Coast we can empathize. After what has seemed like a long season of waiting on God in prayer, **we now see God moving in mighty ways!**

The first way He moved was by **providing us with an amazing new office.** First Baptist Salinas was gracious to us over the past few years by donating an office. It became evident that in order to respond to new Club opportunities, we needed to expand our space. This office will enable us to increase our staff, train more volunteers and hold meetings. We praise God for our new location!

Another way God has blessed us is by **providing three new local board members** who responded to our vision at the October Banquet and went through the process of joining our team. They represent Carmel Pres, Heritage Free Will Baptist in Greenfield and Compass Church in Salinas. **Welcome to our ministry, ladies!**



From left to right:
Kris Diaz,
April Kobayashi &
Sally Boden



Good News Club team members at the New Year Rally.

“Effective [child] evangelism depends on faithful proclamation of the Word. God will prepare the soil and bring forth the fruit. We must be faithful to plant the seed.”

-John MacArthur

Save the Date

You are invited to an Open House at our new office location on Sunday afternoon, February 23rd.

See inside for a postcard invitation and details.

We hope to see you and your family there!

"Start children off in the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it." ~Proverbs 22:6

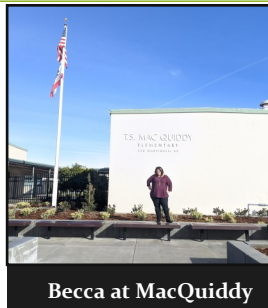
From the Director's Desk

After much prayer, effort and determination, **God has opened and re-opened doors in the Pajaro Valley School District (Watsonville)**!

The first door was at MacQuiddy Elementary, which is lead by CEF all-star, Lori Marzolf. This Club had been functioning for 8 years until we ran into some major roadblocks back in August. Two Christian teachers and I were able to speak about the need for a Good News Club at the mid-December school board meeting. **God swiftly moved hearts and minds which enabled us to start up the MacQuiddy Club in January.**

And because He is a God of all good things, He also opened a door through a young teacher who *just happened to be at the school board meeting that night*. She approached me and asked if we had more people to facilitate a second Club in their district and I said "Yes! We absolutely do!" **We are now working with her elementary school principal to start a Club there for the first time.**

We give God all the glory for how He moved in Watsonville! **May many children and families hear the Good News and come to know Him in that community.** "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good." Romans 8:28



The Battle Belongs to the Lord!

God is moving! Please join us in giving Him praise & asking Him to consider these requests:

PRAISES:

- We started back at our Club at MacQuiddy Elem in Watsonville where 9 kids came the first week!
- God has given us more board members for our team!
- We have a new office where we can continue to grow!

REQUESTS:

- For plans to finalize so we can start a Club at another school in Watsonville.
- We are still seeking to find a school in North Salinas to allow our team to start a new Club.
- More volunteers to be trained so we can open up more Clubs in the tri-county area.



Elizabeth Chavez

From the Assistant's Desk

My first few months with CEF have been amazing! Thank you to all who have made me feel so welcome. I have been able to visit a few schools since starting and each time I go, **I'm blown away by what God is doing in public school through Good News Clubs.** I love seeing the genuine hunger the kids have for the Lord!



A "snowball fight" at DLAMP in December

Ways To Get Involved

- Sunday 2/23
from 12-3pm:
OFFICE OPEN
HOUSE
@ new office

- Saturday 3/28
from 1-3pm:
SILENT AUCTION
& FAMILY FAIR
@ Cypress
Community
Church, Salinas

- Mondays 3/2 & 3/9
from 5-830pm
VOLUNTEER
TRAINING
@ new office

- Saturday 3/14
from 9am-4pm
VOLUNTEER
TRAINING
@ new office

Do you or someone you know want to share the Gospel of Christ in our public schools? Contact us for more info —
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Monte Vista GNC kids and leaders

Club Focus: Monte Vista Elementary

Monte Vista Elementary in Monterey has been hosting a Good News Club for over 10 years. We're thankful for Sylvie Mendes who has been the Club leader for the past 8 years. She and her team are seeing the Holy Spirit move in the lives of their kids in some amazing ways. Children love Club so much that they are bringing friends to join them. The team aptly calls this group "The Mighty Missionaries".

Here are some other ways that God is moving in the lives of these kids. In one instance, Lucy, a second grader, received Jesus as her personal Savior and started calling Good News Club "The Best News Club"! Another young girl, Analya, wrote on her quiet time sheet "God loves you, sin or no sin. I am forgiven!" Amen, Analya! The kids' enthusiasm is quite evident during worship time as they respond to Jesus's message of hope.

The team at Monte Vista covets your prayers for:

- Increased attendance due to a small drop in numbers because more after-school events are available to the kids this year.
- Encouragement and confidence for their two new team members.
- Continued responses from the children to the gospel message.

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Christmas @ Good News Clubs

We visited two of our Clubs over the Christmas season: Dual Language Academy in Seaside and Gault Elementary in Santa Cruz.

At DLAMP, things started with a bang by holding a “California snowball fight” (using crumpled recycled paper). The kids learned about Jesus’ birth, sang carols and received an ornament made by one of the Club’s volunteers.



Students at Gault Elementary creating Christmas cards

Gault Elem had Becca read the Christmas story in Spanish to the students.

They also wrote cards to family or local shut-ins and ended with a rousing version of “The Little Drummer Boy.”

It was exciting to see the miracle of Christ’s birth through their eyes!

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