

CEF NORCAL CENTRAL COAST

Serving Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties since the 1960's

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Drive-Thru Outreach

We are excited about a brand new way of reaching kids and families in our communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ! Starting in early March, we will be hosting Drive Thru Outreaches based on the Wordless Book tool which lays out our need for a Savior in a succinct and loving way. Kids who attend will be reached through skits, crafts, prizes and free pizza. The hope is that this will also bridge kids and their families into attending that local church for continued gospel outreach and discipleship. **Will you pray that many families will come to this Covid-safe event and hear the Good News?**

We want to thank Cypress Church for being our pilot site for this new program. **Do you think your church would want to host an outreach in your community?** If so, please have them contact us so we can partner with them!



Snapshots of recent Good News Club ministry around the Central Coast

*“Children are not
 a distraction
 from more
 important work.
 They are the most
 important work.”*

-C. S. Lewis

Update Needed?

Did you know that when you receive a new credit card, your automatic giving does not continue with the new card number?

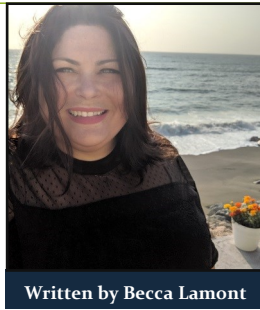
If you've had to get a new card for any reason — theft, expiration date, etc — please check that your auto payments are still going through. You should see the words *SSP*CEF Norcal*.

Need help getting it set up? Give us a call 831.975.6553.

"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

Don't you love that the Word of our God is active and alive? I thought of that as I re-read Deuteronomy 31:12 the other day. In this verse, Moses tells Joshua to "Assemble the people, men, women, and **the little ones... that they may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God.**" The fact that God includes children in this list of people who should hear and learn about Him shows His desire for us to come to Him at a young age. That's exactly what we purpose to do at Child Evangelism Fellowship: to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with kids. **We believe wholeheartedly that God can and will redeem children at a young age.** There are many amazing ministries out there who endeavor to share Jesus with adults who either never knew God or turned away from Him. These ministries do good work in bringing hope to hurting and broken adults. But that's where we differ — **we want to usher children into the Kingdom from early on so they can avoid all the hurt and pain that comes from living a life of rebellion.** We are honored to be a part of this life-altering, life-sustaining work here on the Central Coast.



Written by Becca Lamont

From the Assistant's Desk

Some exciting things are happening in this season of my life! I will be graduating from CSUMB, getting married, and moving to D.C. where my fiancée is stationed with the Coast Guard. **My last day working at CEF is April 1st.** I'm so thankful for all of the opportunities CEF has given me, and grateful for everyone I have met this past year. **I'm excited to see God continue the ministry to further His work on the Central Coast!**



Written by Elizabeth Chavez

The Battle Belongs to the Lord!

God is moving in amazing ways! Please join us in giving the Lord praise & praying for our ministry

PRAISES:

- The implementation of our first youth event where twenty 12-22 year olds will learn how to share the gospel with others!
- Two more children have come to Christ for the first time via our Clubs!

REQUESTS:

- For more local board members who can supply vision and ideas to move the ministry forward.
- For our upcoming drive-thru outreach event on Saturday, March 6. Please pray for many children to come and hear about Jesus via the Wordless Book.



Matchy matchy: kids love their GNC shirts!

Meet Hailee Kile

We are pleased to introduce Hailee Kile as CEF Central Coast's newest board member!

Hailee and her husband Ian live in Salinas; he serves as a police officer and she works at Cypress Community Church. They have a beloved dog named Xena.

When asked why she wanted to join our local board she said "I wanted to join the CEF Board because I'm passionate about non-profits and about kids learning about Jesus."

We are so excited to have her as a part of this pivotal part of our ministry. Welcome to the team, Hailee!



Hailee & Ian Kile



Onward Christian Soldiers

As a military wife, I want to see our Good News Clubs made available to military kids in our area. And trust me, there are a lot of kids! My prayer is that they would come to know and love Jesus. Our **Central Coast chapter is the only area in all of CEF NorCal that has a military presence.** What an awesome mission field God has brought us!

But how was I supposed to get the word out about our Clubs? After months of trying to get in touch with chaplains, I was inspired to create flyers about Good News Clubs that could be used on social media. I asked permission to post the flyer on military Facebook groups; we even had help from a local military mom to get access. Pretty soon, military kids started registering for our Clubs!

As of the end of January, we have 12 military kids registered for Good News Clubs. It is a small start, but it is an important one.

Praise the Lord with us that **one of these children has already received Christ as his Savior!** These kids are hearing that even though their lives are filled with many changes, our God is constant and faithful. Please keep this special group of children in your prayers.



Written by Christy Candelario

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Marching On: Central Coast's Virtual Banquet

Please mark your calendars for **Friday, March 26th at 7pm** for our annual banquet fundraiser and ministry update. This year will be a bit different in that you can stay in the comfort of your own home and watch the banquet **virtually from your computer.**

Consider inviting 6+ people into your home and receive a free dessert to serve to your guests. If needed, we will even deliver the pie to you the day of the event!

Please be sure to **hang the enclosed Save the Date on your fridge** and be looking in your mailbox for the event invitation with more details that will be sent your way soon!



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