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# CEF NORCAL CENTRAL COAST

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

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## Community Outreaches

Can you imagine going on a drive on a sunny Saturday morning and seeing a sign held by some excitable young people that says “Free pizza! Free skits! Free prizes!” and *not* wanting to check it out? That’s how we’ve been drawing people in to our new outreach ministry these past couple months and we’ve had much success. The message we share is based on CEF’s Wordless Book tool. **Children and their parents are hearing the Gospel message in this new, engaging and exciting way** and we trust that lives are being changed for God’s glory!

150 parents and kids have attended and heard that **God loves them**, they are sinners, **Christ died and rose again** and they can repent and commit their lives to Him. They can also **grow in their faith** by getting involved in one of our Good News Clubs or attending the hosting church.

If you or your church would like to host one of these amazing, **Christ-centered events**, please contact Becca at [becca.lamont@cefnorcal.org](mailto:becca.lamont@cefnorcal.org). We’d love to partner with you and your church community for the sake of the Gospel!

*“The education of children for God is the most important business done on earth.”*

*-R.L Dabney*

*19th century theologian*

## Thanks for Tuning In

A huge *thank you* to many of you who watched our virtual banquet and ministry update. We are on our way to our goal of \$43,000 due to your generosity!

If you haven’t had the opportunity to watch yet, set aside 30 minutes of your time to see what God is doing through our ministry. Go to:

[www.cefnorcal.org/marchingon](http://www.cefnorcal.org/marchingon)



Children hearing the Gospel at a walk-thru outreach in May

*"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

On the wall in my office, I have black and white photos of Good News Clubs that were held on the Central Coast back in the 1950s and 60s. There, situated in living rooms with huge lamp shades and floral couches, I see kids who are learning about Jesus's love and redemption. I often wonder what became of those kids — are they pastors, missionaries, lawyers, doctors, teachers? I know His purposes were accomplished in their lives because He promises us that they were (Psalm 138:8).



Written by Becca Lamont

**God ordains all things.** This is something I believe with all my heart, but sometimes I don't rely on it when things get difficult. For instance, when we started the 2020-2021 school year, moving forward with our ministry was confusing. Could ministry even continue with COVID-19 restrictions?

### But, God.

He took all the challenges we were facing and used them for His glory. He stretched us and gave us creativity so that His purposes were accomplished; namely, **His gospel went forth!** Without these challenges, we would've never tried new things like Zoom & neighborhood Clubs, community outreaches and youth trainings. We are so glad that God stretched us to meet children where they're at so they can hear the Good News!



## 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:

- We are restarting ministry in Santa Cruz and are excited to see what God will do in that area through a Good News Club! Praise God with us!
- God is doing something *new!* We've had new volunteers (15 in 2021 so far), 2 new board members and are seeking new staff members; see next page for more.

### REQUESTS:

- Pray that schools will be open to our Clubs meeting on their campuses next year. If they are not, pray that we will be able to keep meeting in neighborhoods, via Zoom and at local churches so kids can continue to hear the Good News.



The verse review game included a bit of "dress up"

## Seeking New Team Members

We have been so blessed by the faithful service of two staff members, Lizzy Chavez & Christy Candelario. Both of these ladies will be leaving because Lizzy's fiancée and Christy's husband have each received cross-country military transfers. Please pray for them in this time of transition.

This has opened up two immediate part-time staff positions: *Administrative Assistant* and *Ministry Coordinator*. Both positions require people with experience with technology and strong, detailed organization abilities.

We seek your prayers as well as your help by sharing these jobs with Christian friends and family.

Job descriptions can be found at:

[www.cefnorcal.org/  
centralcoast/staffmembers](http://www.cefnorcal.org/centralcoast/staffmembers)

Send letter of introduction and resume' to:

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Social Emotional Learning at Good News Club

## Connecting With Emotions

Some of our Good News Clubs start with an “emoji check-in.” This is a way for our leaders to build relationships with the kids in the Club and know what is going on in their lives. How does it work? Each child chooses an emoji face that describes how he or she is feeling that day. Then everyone gets to share with the group which emoji they chose and why. This gives kids a chance to articulate how they are feeling and for our leaders to better know how to pray for them. Here are some of the things kids have shared with us:



*Bella* chose this emoji to show how she felt about going back to school. She said she's nervous about seeing her peers again and we prayed together for all of the kids' nerves.

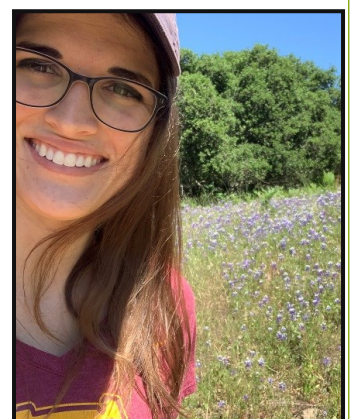


First grader, *Kiley*, chose the sad emoji and told us that her uncle died suddenly. This provided an opportunity for a GNC volunteer to minister to her broken heart and pray with her.



Lastly, *Mayah* chooses this emoji every week and explains that Thursdays are her favorite day of the week because she gets to come to Good News Club! We couldn't agree more.

We are honored that God allows us to minister to these little lives on His behalf.



Written by Christy Candelario



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## So Many Important Questions!

Have you ever prepared for something — a conversation, a presentation at work — and it doesn't go to plan because the Holy Spirit diverts the conversation? Well that's *exactly* what happened at a Club recently. When trying to explain that week's bible verse, it turned out our kids had questions about God, a lot of them! The team spent a solid 35 minutes talking through questions such as:

- What's going to happen when Jesus comes back?
- Is it okay to play with Ouija boards?
- How do we know that Jesus is real?
- If someone believes there's a God, is that enough to be saved?



We know that God invites us to learn more about Him and we were encouraged that the kids wanted to do just that. **Sometimes our plans go by the wayside so that we can help kids when they are confused.** Like Jeremiah 33.3 says, "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."

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