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Please pray for the children in the Mid-Columbia area where our Chapter covers:

Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, and Gilliam Counties in Oregon

Skamania and Klickitat Counties in Washington



Every Child.
Every Nation.
Every Day.

Good News Review

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
James 2:26

CYIA Pre-Training at Camp Morrow

I love how God can speak to you at any time if you are listening. I was working on some homework this weekend that was talking about authentic learning and how students need to learn content with purpose that can be applied into their lives. Otherwise, content without purpose is just trivia. It is those real-world experiences that show students why what they are learning matters. That struck a cord in my heart. I think we have all met people who can give you lots of Bible or Christian trivia, but sadly don't live in a way that shows it matters to them. In fact, my pastor recently shared with me that only 10% of self-professing Christians have read their Bible cover to cover, and only 4% have ever shared their faith with someone else. That breaks my heart. That's not living as a Christ follower.

At the same time, that is why I love Christian Youth In Action (CYIA) so much. Young teens have made their faith their own and realize that they have to get out there and share the good news with others. So they spend a weekend in April learning how to do just that! Later this summer, they will undergo more training and commit to sharing the Gospel through 5-Day Clubs in their area. Praise the Lord for 26 teens who were able to attend Pre-training. We are so thankful to have been able to be back at Camp Morrow following strict COVID-19 guidelines. I got to train Level Blue students and take pictures throughout the weekend. What a blessing to see so many teens growing and wanting to serve God. I think we can all agree that the past year has been a difficult one. So many teens shared with me the reason they chose to do CYIA this year is because over the pandemic year they have seen so many people searching for God through the difficulties. They have realized that God truly is the most important, and they want to be able to share that clearly with others. Praise God!

Below on the left is a group picture of staff and students from the Mid-Columbia, Ponderosa, and Umatilla Chapters. On the right is a Mid-Columbia Chapter Picture.

Blessings,
 Jessica



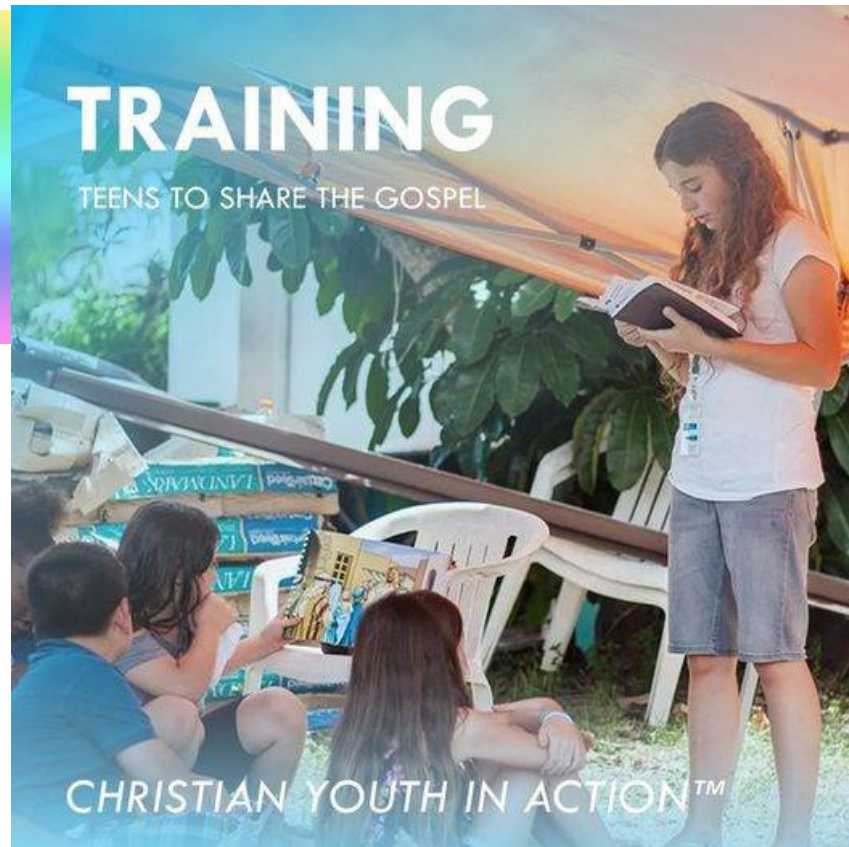
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Things have been hopping around the CEF office. Some of our clubs are winding down, but several will continue through May. We had a great CYIA Pre-Training and are interviewing and registering teens for our CYIA State Training being held at Horizon Christian June 19th-25th. Included with this process is setting up five to six 5-Day Clubs for the teens to teach at that week in Hood River. When we interview the teens we also give them a calendar so they can sign up for clubs they will be working in during the summer. So we are working on getting that done as we plan our summer. Thank goodness God is in control and He brings all this planning together for His good.

And next week is the International Conference! I will be in the office, but participating in the International Conference as well since it is online. If you are in The Dalles, stop by and join me as I am encouraged by some great Bible teachers, learning through the classes that are taught, and fellowshiping with other CEF workers from all over the world!

Next month I will introduce you to all of our CYIA summer missionaries. I am excited to see what God does in their lives this summer. We have several new teens who will be learning MUCH! The veterans who are coming back are stepping into roles of leadership as they encourage and build up the teams who go out to reach the kids. We also have at least three new locations where we have never had 5-Day Clubs before. I am anxious to see what God is going to do in those communities.

For the children,
Julie



How are you
Reaching the children
In your town this summer
For Jesus?

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Ever heard the saying that so much can happen in a year! Boy, is that the truth! This time last year, I got a call from Julie and agreed to serve as Children’s Ministry Specialist through the end of school year ministry. Believe it or not, here we are as Good News Clubs end the last week of April. I will be transitioning from this position on May 14, which will allow me to tie up any loose ends after clubs end.

It has been a joy to serve as Children’s Ministry Specialist with Mid-Columbia CEF over the past year. I feel like I have just about come full circle as I started in time for pre-training last year. I have been blessed to mentor CYIA teens, teach kids at 5-Day Clubs and Good News Clubs, and help kids with their homework at Homework Club. I have also been blessed to make connections with kids at youth group and encourage them to read their Bible and answer questions they have. It has been fun getting to know them—even if they laugh at me when I fall on skis.

We have a saying around the office that prayer is better than gold. I can honestly tell you that is so true! Everything that happened this year was a result of God’s faithfulness and answered prayers. Thank you so much for reading the newsletter each month and praying alongside us. Please continue to pray for the future of the ministry, the teens who are growing in their faith and planning to serve this summer. Especially the CYIAers I challenged to read their Bible in a year. Many of them are reading the Bible in its entirety for the first time. If they stay on track, they should be finishing the end of August/beginning of September. Lastly, please pray for me as I wait for God’s direction on what I will be doing next.

Blessings,

Jessica Stinson

Trial at JYC

Last week at JYC we had a trial to see if there was enough evidence to prove that we were Christians. The two people of trial was Jessica and Hunter. David was the Prosecuting Attorney and Jessica’s Defense Attorney was Addison Smith. Hunter’s Defense Attorney was Gage Wilson. The Jury found both “Guilty” as Christians.

