Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan

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Reaching, Winning, and Discipling Children!

Dear Friends, April 2010

It seems like ages since I last wrote you to share about the things God has been doing and so much has happened, including becoming grandparents on March 17th. Sheena and Jeremy Johnsrude had a baby girl who they named **Marlee Rae Johnsrude**. Praise God for her safe arrival. I want to thank each of you who were able to come to one of the banquets around Saskatchewan; the attendance at the banquets was up this year and it was so encouraging to see so many of the faithful supporters of this ministry to children as well as many new faces all across Saskatchewan who came for the very first time. The banquets are a highlight each year as it is not only an opportunity to share what God is doing but also to see so many of the CEF family who are part of this ministry through your prayers, opening of your homes, as well as your financial support.

Club DJ 's are wrapping up again all across Canada and it is exciting to hear the reports of the boys and girls who have made decisions for Christ as we partner with local churches through this ministry. One church here in Saskatchewan that started Club DJ this past fall began with 18 children on their first night. They are now planning their final night, a Club DJ Car Rally, with approximately 75 children. As exciting as that is, the most exciting part of all is that I have heard of at least 9 children who have accepted Jesus as their Saviour in this church alone.

In Club DJ our motto is '**Hearts ❤ That Desire to Please God**'. Our desire has been to partner with local churches and reach the children, win them for Christ, and disciple them to have '**Hearts ❤ That Desire to Please God**'. A fundamental part of Club DJ is memorizing God's Word. Often children reached through children's ministries do not make it to the next level of youth ministries in the churches. It is for this reason we developed Club DJ Connextion which blends Club DJ with Bible Quizzing as the children head into grades 7&8. Approximately 90 - 95% of the children reached in Club DJ go on into Bible Quizzing and continue to grow in their faith. The following is one such testimony from a young lady who was baptized in our church just a few weeks ago:

"Hello, my name is K. I became a Christian when I was eight. I went to Club DJ when I was younger, all the way through grade 6. It was a lot of fun. I came to know the Lord and love him through Club DJ. After Club DJ came Bible Quizzing. At first it sounded boring and 145 verses sounded very hard to learn. I thought I could never learn that many verses. But my mom told me to go to quizzing and if I didn't like it I could quit. So I went for the first week, and the second week, and the third week. And here I am in my third year in Bible Quizzing. It is amazing. I've met so many friends. They've had a large impact on me. That year instead of memorizing 145 verses, I memorized 293. Bible Quizzing has really strengthened my relationship with Christ. In closing I would like to thank S & C and their family for being so kind and always believing in me. They are the ones that first introduced me to Club DJ and church. They have done so much for me and no amount of words can express how thankful I am that they are in my life."

The other day Sharon came across this quote from a denomination in the states regarding Bible Quizzing, we thought it was quite interesting.

"Statistics reveal that, of those who spend at least three consecutive years in a quizzing program, 90% never leave the church, and 70% of the small minority who do leave eventually return." A Handbook for New Coaches produced by the Texas District Sunday School Committee, page 7

Our prayer is that many of these children reached in Club DJ will continue on in Club DJ **Connextion** and **Bible Quizzing** and then help us reach more children for Christ by becoming CYIA workers and share the very same gospel that saved them with boys and girls across Saskatchewan. This year I believe we will begin to see the completion of this cycle for the very first time as some of these young people who were reached as children are trained to go out and reach children themselves.

Every year as we begin to prepare for the 5-Day Club ministry I am always encouraged by the many communities who contact us and wonder if we would be willing to come if they would open a door in their community for the children to hear the gospel. Already several churches across Saskatchewan have asked if we would come back as they would like to host a 5-Day Club/VBS in their community. Last summer we partnered with 41 different churches across Saskatchewan with a 5-Day Club/VBS. It is always encouraging to hear from communities which we were not in last summer. Some of these who have contacted us already are: Beechy, Milestone, Silver Lake, even a club in Marwayne, Alberta 30 km north-east of Lloydminster, as well as several reserves in the southern half of the province. We will be hosting our Coordinator Retreat in Moose Jaw on April 16-18 where the coordinators all across Saskatchewan will meet to celebrate what God has done this past year. We will also prepare for the opportunities that God will provide all across Saskatchewan to take the gospel from community to community so that boys and girls will have an opportunity to hear about Jesus and God's love for them

Our theme this year in the 5-Day Clubs is "**Whiter than Snow**" and we are excited about the message we will be taking to boys and girls all across Saskatchewan. We are already planning to produce another 5,500 music CD's with the music the children will be singing in the 5-Day Clubs. Every child who attends will receive one of these on their first day of club. We are also planning to produce 5,500 "**Whiter than Snow**" DVD's which we will give to every child. These videos were produced by my uncle, Al Buhler, and just before he passed away last spring he gave us permission to reproduce them and give them to the boys and girls who attend the 5-Day Clubs. These videos clearly present the gospel and will be given to every child who attends a 5-Day Club. As these are taken home, many parents will also hear the gospel as they watch this exciting video with their children.

I want to thank each of you for your part in this ministry to children and value your prayers as we seek to take the gospel to the boys and girls across Saskatchewan. As I shared at the banquets, we in Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan are committed to the absolute truths in God's Word and are equally committed to sharing these truths with the boys and girls of Saskatchewan. I believe as we share these truths across Saskatchewan with 1,000's of boys and girls this summer that 100's of children will respond to the gospel message, accepting Jesus as their Saviour. I have enclosed a response form for you and your family to consider different ways in which you may be a part of this ministry to children. We look forward to hearing from you and may God bless each of you for your faithful prayers and financial support as you help make all this possible for His honor and glory!

For the sake of the children,

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CEF Dessert Night

Sunday, May 16, 2010 7:00 pm

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