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# Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan

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## Whiter Than Snow in the Middle of Summer!

Dear Friends,

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The other day Sharon was reading a devotional with Luke and Danae and the question was asked, "What kind of birds used to fly but don't anymore?" Luke without hardly thinking said, "Dead birds!" We all laughed, but Luke was dead serious. The book was looking for the answer. "Penguins and ostriches." I think I am going to agree with Luke. I am not sure about the author's assertion that these birds have adapted over time but I am certain about what God's book, the Bible, says about what we need to do to have a relationship with Him.

Another summer is quickly approaching and once again we will be taking God's truth to the children of our province, seeking to clearly present the gospel everyday to every child, giving them an opportunity to respond and have their sins forgiven and be washed whiter than snow.

'Whiter Than Snow' seems to be a strange theme for a summer club but that is exactly what our theme is this summer. We are seeking to take this message to boys and girls all across Saskatchewan sharing with them how they can be **whiter than snow in the middle of summer!** Psalm 51:7 says, "Wash me and I will be whiter than snow."



From time to time some question the impact this ministry is having in the lives of children and ask where they are now. It is amazing how often we here from people who tell us they were saved in a Bible club many years ago. The other day I received an email from a young lady who is the missions director in her church. She started her email with this statement:

"To introduce myself, let me begin by sharing that I came to faith in Jesus through an after school club by Child Evangelism Fellowship in the '70s. My family didn't follow so I was "adopted" by the family and church of God. Today, I have the privilege of reaching children with the gospel at my church through Kids Klub after school on Thursdays."

How our nation needs to raise up a generation that would put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, believing as King David did when he wrote Psalm 51:7, "Wash me and I will be whiter than snow." David knew that God was able to wash him and cleanse his heart from sin. The message we will be taking to the boys and girls across Saskatchewan is that only Jesus is able to do this.

Every summer we are so encouraged as God opens new doors for the 5-Day Clubs and this summer is no exception. We have only just begun to receive the 5-Day Club bookings and already there are many new communities which did not have 5-Day Clubs last summer and that have opened up again or for the first time these communities include, Montmartre, Katepwa, Milestone, Love, Gronlid, Kyle, Beechy, Buena Vista, Lake Lenore, Silver Birch Lake, Loon Lake, and even Marwayne, Alberta!

We are always excited when we can work alongside local churches, partnering to reach boys and girls for Jesus Christ in communities across our province. I have been so encouraged as one church after another has emailed or phoned to ask if we would be willing to come back again this summer. What a

privilege it is to work together! It has also been exciting to have many new churches who have heard one way or another about the 5-Day Club/VBS and asked if we would come. From time to time churches ask what it will cost them. I always say the same thing "Nothing!" If a church wants to make a donation to CEF they can, but it is not about the money! If they are unable to donate we would still want to come back next year and work together to reach boys and girls for Jesus Christ. I want to thank each of you who have helped us be able to provide this ministry all across Saskatchewan in backyards, parks, reserves, and churches, anywhere that will open up for an opportunity to share the gospel with boys and girls.

We have approximately 10 young people so far who have committed to teaching 5-Day Clubs this summer. We are still in need of many more! **God has NEVER left us short**, and I believe that if God is opening up the doors across Saskatchewan for 5-Day Clubs then He will also call the workers! Pray that those He is talking to will obey the call and come! **Maybe there is someone you know who would be willing to teach this summer.**

The reports from **Club DJ** are beginning to come in to our office. So far we have had 6 reports come in and in those 6 churches alone there were 239 children registered and another 112 children that those children invited as friends this year. That is a total of 351 children in just 6 churches. There have been 9 decisions for Christ reported and reports of many more from the lessons in the **Club DJ** student books. Please continue to pray that the children reached through **Club DJ** this year would continue to grow to have hearts that desire to please God.

As we continue to seek opportunities to help disciple the children we are in the process of buying 25 electronic quizzing lights that will be used in the churches that are running a 5-Day Club/VBS. The children will be quizzed on the verses they are memorizing as well as the truths they have been learning from the Bible stories in club. This fall we will be providing all **Club DJ** churches with a set of quizzing equipment to use for one year so that the **Club DJ** churches will be able to run **Club DJ Quizzing** at clubs. Why are we doing this? Because we are seeking to take the children we are reaching in 5-Day Clubs and draw them into **Club DJ** in the local churches, then from **Club DJ** into **Club DJ Connexion** (grades 7&8) where they are introduced to **Bible Quizzing** and begin memorizing even more verses. By grade 9, they are hooked and continue on hiding God's Word in their hearts. **We have been so encouraged by the response of the children to memorizing God's Word through the use of this equipment that we are planning on using it as a common thread through each area of ministry as we seek to take these children from backyards to Bible School!** Last summer 18 of our 26 CYIA workers had a connection to **Bible Quizzing** and already this summer many of the young people who will be teaching are coming from **Bible Quizzing**! We believe the Word of God is essential to keep children, who have made a decision for Christ, strong in the faith through the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives!

If you would like to host a 5-Day Club this summer in your backyard or your church would be willing to let us partner with them to reach the children in your community, we would love to hear from you. May God bless each of you for your part in this ministry to children and young people. Please pray for the harvest this summer and the labourers to gather it in, as we seek to share with the children how they can be **whiter than snow in the middle of summer!**

For the sake of the children,



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