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*"...Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."  
Mark 10:14*

## Why I like *Good News Club*<sup>®</sup>.

I can list nine reasons why I like *Good News Club*<sup>®</sup> and they are Kati, Lorien, Fiona, Annie, Evan, Emma, Olivia, Kobe, and Naomi. I have been with these same children for three years. It has been thrilling to watch them grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. They have also grown in their desire to participate in class. I don't have to ask my students to read. I just have to decide which one will read next. I wish you could see the gleam in their eye when they finally grasp a truth from the Word of God. Two of my older students, Emma and Naomi are now telling the weekly missionary lesson. A few weeks ago I gave them a few story telling techniques and right away they put them into practice.

When I arrive at club two of the children from my class run up to my car shouting, "I know my verse!, I know my verse." Over 90% of the children in my class memorize their verse every week. I don't even need to challenge them. One week I forgot to give them memory verse tokens to take home so the following week one of my girls said, "You didn't give us a memory verse token, so I memorized a different verse. Do I get points?" I gave

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her the points.

One of my burdens for my club is that the children will develop a passion for God. When I asked the class to define the word passion one girl said, "Doing something without being asked." I think she hit the nail on the head.

I asked both classes to write me a note explaining what they liked about *Good News Club*. Here are the comments I have received so far.

► I like *Good News Club* because I get to have snack and most of all you get to learn about God and Jesus. **Fiona**

► I like *Good News Club* because we get to play fun games and do crafts, but my most favorite thing is learning about God and the missions stories.

**Katie**

PS. I also like to memorize scripture.

► I like *Good News Club* because you do good stuff. **Evan**

► I like *Good News Club* because I like learning about God. **Bella**

We appreciate all that you give through your prayers and your gifts to help us reach the children of Maine.



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# C.Y.I.A. REUNION 2011



*Christian Youth In Action*<sup>™</sup> is the most effective discipleship program of CEF for our teens in southern Maine. The *CYIA*<sup>®</sup> reunion was attended by former and perspective *CYIA*ers. The entire program was organized by Kevin Lambertson, Jenny Herbert, Rebecca and Riley Samson and supervised by Deb and me. We were thrilled when we pulled into the church driveway to see Riley's handy work. After eats and a few games, Devin shared about a program called *CollegePlus*. This program is designed to help high school students earn a college degree while still in high school. Kevin then shared a message entitled, "Don't Waste Your Life" encouraging the young people not to be distracted by the world but to keep God and His plan for them in first place.



Kevin

These past several months have been stretching months. Doing ministry and taking a full load of college credits have been a lesson on trusting God with my time; everything gets done in His timing, not mine. But, as always, God has been faithful. I have been helping with the *Good News Club* at the Lyman Elementary School. The club has been going great! It is exciting to see the kids learning the lessons and songs. One boy, Damian, has really touched my heart. He needs one on one attention for most of club time. Although he has problems paying attention and following club rules, his biggest problem is his heart. Pray that God will break through Damian's hard exterior and show him that someone does care about him and that he makes a decision to receive Jesus.

*Kevin Lambertson*



Jenny

Hello everyone!  
Work is going great, I'm definitely learning a lot! My greatest challenge in the office so far has been mastering the books! Mrs. Porter and I have had several interesting adventures, I'm sure there are more to come. Several weeks ago, Kevin and I were able to reconnect with some of our VBS kids at Good Shepherd's Cove for a Thanksgiving club. It was a blast, and great to see what had changed with the kids in just several months, especially the little ones. Currently, I am busy with school and with helping out at small club at Lyman Elementary School. I have formed a friendship with one of the little girls at that club. She comes from a rather unstable family background, but sits and soaks up the stories at *Good News Club* like a sponge. She knows about Jesus and what He has done, but I can't tell if she's made a personal decision to accept Him as her Savior. Please pray with me that I will have the chance in the next few weeks to speak with her about Him! Thanks again for your prayers and your support!

*Jennifer Herbert*

Did you know that;

- ▶ 23% of today's young people in grades 8-12 are using some form of recreational drug?
- ▶ 1 out of three children will be end up in prison in after reaching adulthood?
- ▶ Teens are trashing stores while filming themselves and then posting the event on Facebook?
- ▶ *Child Evangelism Fellowship* staff and volunteers reached over 1 million children with the gospel in 2010?



### Rolled Sugar Holiday Cookies

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 c Butter
- 1/2 c Sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 1 Egg
- 2 c Flour
- 2 tsp Baking Powder

#### Method

Cream together the margarine, sugar, vanilla and egg until light and fluffy. Add the flour and baking powder. Blend until well mixed. Chill the dough for 2 hours (or overnight). Roll out on a lightly-floured surface until 1/8 inch thick. Cut with a cookie cutter. Place on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake in a 375 degree oven until lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Cool before storing.

## Teacher Training!



### Conference Training for Children's Workers March 10, 2011

**First Evangelical Free Church**  
**355 Bridgton Rd., Westbrook, ME**  
**Registration, Coffee & Book table**  
**8:00-9:00 AM**  
**9:00 AM - 2:30 PM**  
**Registration fee is \$5.00 per person**  
**Lunch will be provided.**

For more information call: 428-3102

What students are saying;

*"Now I can offer kids more than reading writing and math. I can help them know God." Lydia*  
*"I was excited to learn a dynamic approach to teaching today's child." Trevor*

*"Through TCE I got connected with others in children's ministry and can also earn college credit!"*  
*Patrick*

TCE, a 30 hour training course, is designed to offer a fresh approach to classroom learning. You will be equipped with basic skills and effective methods to evangelize children and immediately begin a neighborhood outreach ministry.

TCE will begin February 3, 2012 at Wayside Bible Church in Livermore. Call 428-3102 or 897-6800 for more information.



### Lesson Series Workshop

Every other month we get together with the volunteer teachers for a time of encouragement from the Word, prayer, sharing of new ideas and training. We would love to have you join us January 9 in Lisbon Falls or January 16 in Buxton. Call 428-3102.



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To this. ▼



WOW! This shed project has been a miracle in process and you have been a part of it all the way along.

Thank you.



### Good News Club® Winter Fun Day At Camp Good News®

A special time of fun in the snow for the children and their friends. They are served a warm meal and special message from God's Word.



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*Matthew 18:14 Even so it is not the will of your father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.*

## PRAYER

"This perpetual hurry of business and company ruins me in soul if not in body. More solitude and earlier hours! I suspect I have been allotting habitually too little time to religious exercises, as private devotion and religious meditation, Scripture-reading, etc. Hence I am lean and cold and hard. I had better allot two hours or an hour and a half daily. I have been keeping too late hours, and hence have had but a hurried half hour in a morning to myself. Surely the experience of all good men confirms the proposition that without a due measure of private devotions the soul will grow lean. But all may be done through prayer -- almighty prayer, I am ready to say -- and why not? For that it is almighty is only through the gracious ordination of the God of love and truth. O then, pray, pray, pray!" - *William Wilberforce*

- Pray for Larry and Debbie for health, strength and wisdom as they direct the work.
- Pray for Kevin and Jennifer as they continue their studies, teach *Good News Club* and learn the ministry of *CEF*.
- Pray for the local committee for wisdom and vision for the future of the ministry.
- Pray for the many volunteers as they minister to the children through *Good News Clubs*.
- Pray for the salvation of children in clubs.
- Pray that the saved children would love God and His Word.
- Pray that God would raise up additional workers to reach the children in southern Maine.
- Pray for the instructors as they prepare for *TCE* level 1.
- Pray for the students of *TCE* as they study and prepare their homework and practicum's. To begin February 3 for 5 classes, ending March 3.
- Pray for the Kids Can Know God Conference March 10
- Pray for the children attending *Good News Club* Winter fun days at *Camp Good News*<sup>®</sup>, January 28

### Coming Events

- Lesson series workshop January 9, Lisbon Falls
- Lesson series workshop January 16, Buxton
- March 16th, Senior Luncheon, South Waterboro
- Pray, Pray, Pray!