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Capital Clips March/April 2025

Good News Club[®]

We praise God for the 40+ volunteers who work in *Good News Club*[®] opportunities in our chapter each week. They are sharing the love of Jesus with over 230 children, many of whom do not get biblical teaching any other time during the week. Here are a few testimonies from GNC[™] workers:

God has helped another boy, who normally has behavioral issues, make a noticeably good choice and earn the good behavior balloon. His mother even texted in excitement & thanks. Praise God!

A child who previously made the decision to trust Christ as her Savior came back to the counseling table. She said, "I just wanted to tell you that this week I sinned. But then I did it. I asked Jesus to forgive me and He did!"

A first-grade girl told the club teacher that she prayed to receive Jesus as her Savior as she was leaving club for the day. Another girl was counseled for salvation a few weeks after responding to the invitation just to be sure she truly is saved.



A boy used to come in angry with behavioral problems. Through God's work, prayer, and extra attention, he's been coming in sweet & happy to be at club. He's even asked some really good questions & gave me a hug goodbye! Praise God!

GNC Stats: 14 clubs, 237 enrolled, 14 salvation decisions. Many of the school clubs will end either in March or April. Please pray as we near the end of the *Good News Club* season, that children will remember what they have learned and they will continue to grow in their faith in Christ Jesus.



Looking Ahead to Summer 2025:

We are recruiting teens to attend *Christian Youth In Action*[®] (CYIA[™]) training this summer, then work with us teaching in *5-Day Club* ministry, VBS's, and helping in the fair ministry.

CYIA 2025 will be June 14-21 at The Springs Ministries in Gladwin, MI. June 23—27 will be a week for practice clubs in the local chapters. Cost is \$400 per student. Go to cyiami.com for more information or to apply. If you want us to come and share about CYIA to your youth group, please contact our office.

5-Day Club: You can host a club in your home, mobile home community center, nearby park, church, or other place where children can gather together. You provide the spot for the children to gather, blankets, chairs, or tarps for them to sit on, and a snack. *CEF*[®] provides the summer missionaries who have been trained at *Christian Youth In Action*, prizes, teaching materials, and transportation for the teens to and from your location.



Dates available:

June 23—27 1:30—3:00 pm (CYIA Practice Clubs)

July 14-18

July 21-25

August 4—8

August 11—15

Suggested times for clubs starting July 14: 10:30 a.m. — 12:00 noon; 1:00—2:30 p.m.; 3:00—4:30 p.m. Times may be adjusted according to other clubs scheduled that week.

You can sign up for a club at capareacef.org under the “forms” tab or call our office to schedule your club.

Fair Ministry: We are always looking for volunteers who would like to help tell Bible lessons, do face painting, or distribute tickets to the *CEF* Story Tent at the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival, and Eaton County and Ingham County Fairs. Contact our office if you are interested in helping. All volunteers must complete the *CEF* Child Protection Policy before helping at any *CEF* event.

Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival: Friday, April 25 (Set up around noon till 7:00 p.m.); Saturday, April 26, 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. tear down.

Eaton County Fair: July 7—12 (We are usually at the fair 12:00 noon—7:00 p.m.)

Ingham County Fair: July 28—August 2 (Usually 12:00 noon—7:00 p.m.)

Please pray for God to provide volunteers and funds for summer ministry.

Financial News:

God continues to provide for this ministry and we are so grateful to each one that He has used to help boys and girls hear the life-changing message of salvation. We praise God that a church just voted to add Vivian Yoder as a *CEF* missionary to their missions budget. That will help immensely.

In order to meet the needs of the 2025 budget, the total needed per month is \$12,357. In January, we had \$10,483 come in, so that means we were \$1,874 short for the month.

Ways to donate:

Online: Go to capareacef.org/donate. There are three ways to give: PayPal (they take three percent out for fees), Venmo, or *Zeffy. On any of these platforms, you can indicate where you want your donation to be used.

You can also send a check to: *CEF* of MI, Capital Area Chapter, 4215 W. Mt. Hope Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917. Please use the reply slip to indicate where you want your donation to be used.

Child Evangelism Fellowship[®] will make every effort to honor the contribution designation of the donor, yet contributions must be under the direction and control of *CEF*. *CEF* has the discretion to determine how to best use contributions to carry out its functions and purposes. Such control of the funds by *CEF* is required to ensure the donor’s contributions satisfy requirements for tax-deductibility.

Staff News



Doug & Maryann: We have been busy with teaching Good News Clubs, Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1, planning for events, promoting CYIA and all the other jobs that need to be done as part of the ministry. Of course, we try to take time for our children and grandchildren each week.

The CEF® International Conference is May 19—24 in North Carolina. We will be taking a few days off to travel and visit some of Maryann's family in NC before the conference.



The cost of the conference is \$800 for lodging, food, and Conference fees per person. So far, \$350 has come in to help us with these expenses. We have paid \$500 to register for the conference and the remainder of the fee is due May 1. Please pray for God to provide for this need. If you would like to help us with this expense, we would appreciate it greatly. You can send your gift to help with this conference to: CEF of MI, Capital Area Chapter, 4215 W. Mt. Hope Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917. Please indicate it is to help with conference expenses. Thank you!

Pray for Doug as he continues physical therapy on his shoulder and for Maryann as she has cataract surgery April 2 and 16.



Elias: Congratulations to Elias and Bezawit on the birth of El Hanna on February 10, 2025. El Hanna is doing well after a bout of jaundice. Bezawit continues to recover from the birth and receiving care for a thyroid issue and a myoma (non-cancerous cyst). Bezawit was also granted her immigration visa on January 30.

Pray for them as they work to get a passport and travel documents for El Hanna. Bezawit's visa expires the end of May so they have a limited time to get things in order and leave for the USA.

If you would like to give a gift for the baby, we will have a table at our Spring Fellowship on May 1 at Maranatha Baptist Church in Lansing (more information on page 4). You can also bring items to the CEF office or send gift cards or monetary gifts to the office. Please make checks out to Elias Abdi, not to CEF.



Vivian: These past couple of months have been quite busy both in my personal life and at the office. I had the opportunity to help get a *Good News Club* in Eaton Rapids started. I am very thankful for all the volunteers from my church who are working hard to reach the children of Eaton Rapids with the Good News of Jesus. Please pray with me that more children will begin to attend in the coming weeks.

Teaching Children Effectively™ (TCE™) 2 is going well, and I am looking forward to completing the curriculum this week. I have enjoyed meeting with two youths, along with the Hammars to share about CYIA and encourage them to attend this coming summer. I pray that several teens will be motivated to attend.

In February, LaVern and I celebrated six months of marriage! What a wonderful six months it has been. We also were able to attend a Biblical Counseling conference over Valentine's Day. I look forward to seeing how the training I received will benefit the ministry the Lord has given me.

Counting down the days until the first blooms of spring!



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Every Child,
Every Nation,
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Annual Spring Fellowship

“Discovering Jesus -It shouldn't be top secret”

Thursday, May 1

7:00 - 8:30 PM



Maranatha Baptist Church

2300 N Waverly Rd, Lansing, MI 48906

Sing-a-long led by our teens • Testimonies • Special Speaker

•Offering will be taken to help with summer ministries (Total needed is \$11,000)

CYIA student scholarships • CYIA Staff Fees • 5-Day Clubs • Fair ministry • Summer missionary wages

Light refreshments (including Gluten Free food) will be served after the program.



Cost: Free

Please RSVP by April 24

call or text: 517-322-0001

email: capareacef@gmail.com

Online: Scan the QR code or go to capareacef.org



CACEF Spring “Banquet”

We will also have a table for gifts for Elias, Bezawit, and El-Hanna. They plan to arrive in Lansing around May

4. El-Hanna will be about three months old, so clothing items and diapers should be for at least that age.

Suggested items would be diapers, clothes, baby bottles, diaper rash cream, baby wipes, etc. For larger

items, please contact Maryann Hammar to find out what is needed. (517-331-5525)

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