

## Capital Clips

July/August 2025

**Christian Youth in Action™** took place at The Springs Ministries in Gladwin, MI June 14-21. There were 48 students and 30 staff. Students had classes in the morning, saw a *5-Day Club®* demonstration right after lunch, then had time to study their lessons, practice out loud, and be evaluated after supper. This year for the first time I can remember, we had a live praise team lead our evening chapels. It was wonderful. During free time the students and staff were able to participate in activities like the climbing wall and the zipline, swimming, archery tag, gaga ball, and paint ball.



Every year, Satan tries to distract and discourage those at CYIA™ and this year was not different. Despite difficult situations arising, God gave the wisdom, discernment, and strength to keep moving forward and finish training strong.

Week 2 of CYIA was June 23-27 in the local chapters around the state. There were 9 students (Zach, CC, Honorlyn, William, Axel, Asa, Elijah, Stephen, Lily), Mary and Leona (our paid summer workers), Mrs. Frazee and the CEF staff working together this week to teach 3 clubs. There were 34 children enrolled in the three clubs during the week. The children brought \$82.56 for our missionary, Mike Petkof.

Please pray for these young people as they share the message of salvation with children in 5-Day Clubs and at the fair this summer.



**5-Day Club®** There are many available spots for 5-Day Clubs this summer. 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:

July 14-18

July 21-25

August 4—8

August 11—15

Suggested times for clubs

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00—2:30 PM

3:00—4:30 PM

6:00—7:30 PM

You can sign up for a club at

[capareacef.org](http://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 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.

Eaton County Fair: July 7 - 12

(We are usually at the fair 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM)

Ingham County Fair: July 28 - August 2

(Usually 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM)



### Staff News:

**Elias:** Bezawit, ElHanna and I were blessed to be able to be at CYIA at The Springs Ministries, June 14-21. Everyone enjoyed ElHanna and we were able to be a part of the Spiritual Life team during training. On Saturday, June 28 we had a special baptismal service for ElHanna at our church.

**Doug and Maryann:** The plans for us to attend the CEF International Conference May 19-24 were changed when Doug developed some health issues that made it necessary to return home before the conference began. He is doing much better now. God allowed both of us to serve at Christian Youth In Action again this year. On June 23, we celebrated our 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. On that same day, My sister-in-law, Sheri, passed away, just 2 ½ months after her husband, Rick died. We praise God that they are rejoicing with Jesus together.

**Vivian:** In June, I began working with CEF in Jackson County for two days a week in addition to working in the Capital Area Chapter three days a week. I served as the Social Life Coordinator at CYIA training and hosted a club at my house during the week of practice clubs in the local chapters. My husband, LaVern and I are looking forward to the birth of our first child sometime in January. We would appreciate you praying for us.

Both Leona and Mary began their summer of work with us on June 23. We are so thankful to have their help this summer.

### Financial News:

God is FAITHFUL! Through many generous people, He has provided all the funds to pay for our summer intern, Leona and paid summer missionary, Mary.

The biggest on-going need financially is staff support. Each staff member must work to raise funds to cover wages, payroll services, and retirement. Donations for staff support are behind about \$2,000 per month.

Please pray that God will continue to provide for the financial needs of this ministry.

Ways to donate:

Online: Go to [capareacef.org/donate](http://capareacef.org/donate). There are three ways to give: PayPal (3% 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.

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### Upcoming Events:

July 7 – 12	Eaton County Fair – Charlotte, MI
July 14 – 25	5-Day Clubs
July 28 – Aug 2	Ingham County Fair – Mason, MI
Aug 4 -15	5-Day Clubs
Aug 23	End of the Summer picnic
Sept 13	Good News Club Kickoff Training



We are grateful for the donations that we have received in memory of Bette Doerr who passed away May 8, 2025.