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Capital Clips Newsletter

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GOOD NEWS CLUB[®]

God is working in the lives of the children in *Good News Club*. At the end of December, we had 180 children enrolled in 14 clubs and 13 children that have trusted Christ as their Savior this fall.

Clubs:

Monday: Attwood School, Lansing

Tuesday: Bath Elementary; Cole Academy, North School, Lansing; Wilcox Elementary, Holt; Steele, Mason

Wednesday: North Aurelius, Mason

Thursday: Alaiedon, Mason; Riddle, Lansing; Webberville

There is one Junior Youth Challenge (JYC[™]) club that meets on Sunday evenings at Columbia Rd. Baptist Church in Mason. We are thankful for young people that attend this club each week.

We praise God for the team from New Hope Church in East Lansing. They have gathered a large team to work together in the club at Bath Elementary School. In spite of not being able to hand out the permission slips in the school, God has brought 17 children to that club, and several have put their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior this fall.

Good News Clubs resume the week of January 5.

Please pray for the Good News Clubs:

- The club in Holt at Wilcox Elementary needs more workers.
- The club at Steele School in Mason begins in January. The school district does not send flyers home with the children so the club is advertised by word of mouth. Pray for more churches to adopt a school and form a team to take the *Good News Club* into more schools.
- Pray for a local church that is working with Waverly Community Schools to provide books and sensory items for the children that need them. This may lead to a *Good News Club* in one of the schools there.



Permission was received to use this photo. CPC at Release Time Club in Pottsville.



The Christmas Party Club (CPC[™]) takes place in established Good News Club but is also designed to be a one-time event to share the true reason we celebrate Christmas. This December, we have been able to conduct eight of these one-time event Christmas Party Clubs taught by a variety of individuals and teaching teams in St. Johns, Lansing, Mason, Perry, Holt, and via Zoom.

In all, there were 42 children enrolled in these party clubs.

Please pray that these Christmas Party Clubs will lead to weekly Good News Clubs in those locations.



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Staff News:

Doug & Maryann Hammar:

We praise God for the time we were able to spend with family and friends over the holiday season. God is so faithful and good! The most exciting news we have to share is that we have another grandchild on the way. Bethany and Kirk are expecting their little one to be born sometime in June.



Maryann has been working on losing weight in order to have knee replacement surgery. She is 20 pounds away from reaching her goal. Pray that this surgery can be scheduled soon.

In December, Doug had his 1 year post op check up concerning his shoulder replacement surgery. He is doing well and does no longer need to see the surgeon for check ups.

Vivian Yoder:

My pregnancy continues to go well without any complications. I am currently 5 weeks away from my due date, she is in the 55th percentile and weighs approximately 5lbs 4oz. By the time you receive this newsletter she may have already arrived! A few weeks ago, LaVern finished the mini barn he was building for our church, which is such a blessing. At the end of October my vehicle blew a head gasket. Thankfully a family member is helping to do the repair so hopefully that will be fixed soon. We are looking forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord with family and friends and welcoming our sweet baby not too long after that.



Elias and Bezawit: Happy New Year 2026! This season has been filled with many ministry opportunities, including Teaching Children Effectively™ 1 training, *Good News Club* teacher training, and promotions for CEF ministries in the churches and schools. Cole Academy *Good News Club* is doing great. Twelve children were enrolled in the club, and we praise God that two of them came to know the Lord, while others are seeking assurance of salvation.

On a personal note, Bezawit and Elhanna are doing very well. Bezawit experienced snow for the first time and had mixed feelings—especially seeing how people faithfully go to church even when it is snowing. Elhanna is getting close to celebrating her first birthday on February 9. We thank God that this is the first Christmas we are able to celebrate together as a family.



Teaching Children Effectively™ 2 will be offered on Thursday evenings, in person (and on Zoom if needed) starting February 5. Please go to capareacef.org and click on “forms” to download the flyer and to register for this class. You must have completed TCE 1 and have your TCE 1 certificate to take this course.

Financial News:

We are so grateful to God for His faithful provision in 2025. Thank you to those of you who faithfully pray for and financially support this ministry.

The budget for 2026 reflects a raise for the staff and increased hours for Elias, as well an increase for summer missionary wages because of the higher minimum wage for 2026. The monthly contributions will need to be \$14,379 in order to meet the needs of this budget. That is an increase of about \$2,000 more per month than the 2025 budget.

Please pray with us that God will provide the funds needed to continue this ministry of reaching boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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