



Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan

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Dear Friends,

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“Where is Daniel?”

What an exciting summer! Over 3200 children came to 5-Day Clubs all over this province. Almost 200 children made decisions for Christ in these clubs and over 6,000 lessons have been sent in as the children learn more about God and how they should live their lives. We continue to hear reports all over the province as churches and individuals phone, write, and thank us for coming to share the gospel with the children. There were almost 600 more children in these clubs this year than last year and we are already making plans to expand our outreach into the province next summer. Our desire is to reach over 4,000 boys and girls with the gospel next summer.

I wish you all could have heard the stories from each CYIA worker as they shared what God did this summer. It was so awesome as one by one they shared of the faithfulness of God and we heard story after story of what God did as they spread the gospel all across this province.

One such story came from Jonathan Kerr. He shared how God, through his devotions, during his second week of clubs, seemed to tell him to pray for a boy named Daniel. It seemed a little odd since he didn't have a boy named Daniel in any of his clubs, but he thought that maybe he would show up later in the week so he kept praying.

That week went by and there was no Daniel in any of his clubs, but God seemed to be telling him to keep praying for Daniel. The next week he left Estevan and went to Borden and Langham. He continued to pray for Daniel and still no Daniel came. Throughout the summer he moved from town to town. Waldheim, Laird, Rosthern, Duck Lake, and Biggar and still no Daniel attended any of his clubs. But it seemed so clear that God wanted him to pray for Daniel.

Jonathan started to teach his last week of clubs in Vonda, Prudhomme, and Saskatoon. **Where is Daniel?** Monday morning he taught clubs in Vonda and Prudhomme and then in the afternoon went in and taught two clubs in Saskatoon. One by one children came and still no Daniel. It seemed so hard to understand why God seemed so clearly to put a boy named Daniel on his heart and yet no Daniel came.

Jonathan started his final club of the summer and began to register the children one by one. They had all given Jonathan their names and addresses and there was one boy left. “What is your name?” Jonathan asked. The eleven year old boy replied, “Daniel.” Jonathan looked up and said, “Are you sure?” I am sure that boy had never had anyone ask him if he was sure about what his name was, but this boy was different. He was the boy that God had placed on Jonathan's heart 5 weeks previously. This is the boy he had prayed for all summer.

Daniel learned all his verses and did 6 Bible lessons that week. Each day he heard the gospel as Jonathan shared the stories. Jonathan shared how Daniel had not made a decision for Christ that week but he followed Jonathan to his car after the last club. As Jonathan got into his car the tears began to run down his cheeks and little Daniel asked him if he was okay. Jonathan then told him that he had been praying for him all summer because God had put Daniel on his heart five weeks ago. Tears began to run down Daniel's cheeks as I am sure he began to realize what God had done and how God loved him.

To our knowledge Daniel has not accepted Christ yet, but there is no doubt that God has plans for this boy. Please join Jonathan and us as we pray for Daniel, that God would bring others across his path to lead him to Christ and that he would continue to do lessons through the mail. Please pray that the CYIA workers would continue to be used by God in their communities as they begin their school year or return to regular jobs.

Club DJ continues to move ahead as we have sent out over 45 information packets to churches all across this province and also from B.C. to Toronto and even Australia. Only God could do that! Many new churches have already started up and we continue to meet with others as we hold workshops to help them reach the children in their communities. It seems as though this ministry will double this fall as so many new churches join us in reaching and discipling children across this province and our nation. Our motto for **Club DJ** is **'Hearts ♥ That Desire to Please God!'** and our desire is to reach this generation, encourage them to come to Christ and then have **'Hearts ♥ That Desire to Please God!'** I believe more than ever that this is the key to turning our nation around. Please pray for us during this very busy time as we help churches get started this fall. We are so excited with all God is doing!

Sharon and I would also like to thank each one of you as you have prayed and supported this ministry this summer. I had a man at the cancer clinic ask me what I do for a living. I told him about our ministry to children and about the things God was doing. He replied, "That must be tough to make it go," referring to the finances. I told him that we only go where God opens doors and that God is in charge of the finances and He has always supplied! We want to thank you for your part in this ministry as we were able to finish the summer in the black. God is so good! Thanks again!

Sharon continues her treatments at the cancer clinic and has only 22 of the 52 herceptin treatments left. Her health continues to improve and God each week continues to give us opportunities to share of His faithfulness as I continue to hand out doughnuts. Thank you so much for your prayers for Sharon and our family during this time. Sharon has been totally overwhelmed as hundreds of people have shared with us that they are praying for her and our family during this time. As Sharon says, **"Many of these people I don't even know!"** Thanks again from the bottom of our hearts.

For the sake of the children,

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