



Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan

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Dear Friends,

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“What the Children Said!”

As the summer is over half gone I have caught myself reflecting on **what the children said!** I have been overwhelmed by their response, their honesty, and even more overwhelmed by their lack of knowledge of God. As Angela Hutchison, one of the CYIA workers said, “We now live in a pagan nation!” which is evident in the lives of the children. Children all over the province do not even know what a Bible is, never mind what it says.

Angela shared the story in one of her reports of two little girls who had never heard about Jesus, never seen a Bible, and had never been taught to pray. One of the girls was handicapped. “They sat in front of me and listened quietly while I shared the Good News with them! What an experience. When we finished praying the older sister asked, “**What did God say?**” I explained that all His words to us are written in a book called the Bible. She said eagerly, “**Will you read it to me?**” I had already done my lesson, so I asked if she wanted to hear what Jesus said about little children and then I read to her from the Gospels. The girls were starving spiritually. They were never able to come back, but I gave them each their first Bible. Please pray that they will come to know Christ and that young hearts would be open to the Gospel!”

It would seem that most children come from broken homes and know nothing about what God intended a family to be; children who, as the opportunity is given to respond to the gospel message, willingly give their hearts to Jesus as they ask for His forgiveness for their sins.

Karla Ens shared a story from one club in Prince Albert where a little girl named Kristen asked Jesus into her heart! Karla wrote, “It was sooo awesome. She had never heard of Jesus or God so everything I was teaching was new to her. But when I talked to her she totally understood what she was doing and she really wanted to become a Christian. At first I was scared I wouldn't know what to say to her but it turned out great and I was so excited to go back the next night and teach her more about God. On Tuesday Kristen's brother and cousin also became Christians. It was amazing. They were so sincere and they really wanted God to save them; it was actually quite humbling to hear them pray. I was just so excited. This club has been by far my favorite; they listen amazingly well and just love every minute of it. I was talking with Pastor Willie and he said their parents don't want to have anything to do with God so pray that maybe this would be a way to change that.”

Laura Achtymichuk shared about a girl named Brooklyn in one of her clubs that came up to her after club and said she wanted to ask Jesus into her heart. After they prayed Brooklyn turned to Laura and said “**My heart feels better now!**”

Jennifer Squires wrote about a club up in North Battleford, “I never expect much from my evening clubs. I don't know why. I suppose it's just me. I'm tired from a long day... But last night as I pulled up at my third club, something was different. Everyone in this club, even though there were only six, did their lessons and said their verses. The ages of the kids in this club range from 4 to 12 and all the boys wanted to sing. This club was different. And it wasn't until the end until I realized just how different this club was. Five of the six kids wanted to accept Christ that night.”

There are so many more stories I could share as the CYIA report on what God is doing in the 5-Day Clubs all over the province. This year we are in **23 new towns** that we were not in last year and in the month of July over **1700 children** came to the 5-Day Clubs with **73 children** accepting Jesus as their Saviour along with many more that said they did so through the UB David and I'll B Jonathan lessons. Only time will tell what God will do through these children as they grow in their new-found faith. Our theme this year is 'Do What's Right' and our Bible lessons have not only provided an opportunity for the children to respond to the gospel but also challenged the children who have already accepted Christ to make right choices about the friends they choose, the things they say, their example to others, what they do with their bodies, and being able to stand alone and do what's right even when their friends might not be.

During the month of August we are looking forward to hundreds more children who will hear the gospel and believe many will respond as they are given the opportunity to do so. Please pray for the children that have already responded that they will continue to grow as they continue with the lessons through the mail. Pray that they would be able to get connected into a Bible-believing church and that they would find those who will help them to grow in their new-found faith.

Sharon is doing well and we are so thankful for God's undertaking and your faithful prayers during the time of the blood clots in her lungs. She continues to be on warfarin to keep her blood thin and will probably be for at least 6 months. We would appreciate your prayers for her as God continues to show His faithfulness. We are truly blessed to be able to share the stories of His faithfulness. We serve an awesome God!

Club DJ preparations are in full swing as many new churches are making plans to get started this fall. It is truly exciting to see all God is doing. We even heard of a church in Calgary that is starting another church plant by using the **Club DJ** program to first reach the children and then start a church from that outreach. It is truly hard to keep up to all God is doing. Please pray for Sharon and I as we continue to follow God's leading in this exciting ministry. I was reminded the other day of the story of Abraham and how God told him that He would take him to a land that He would show him. Abraham did not know where he was going but was willing to follow. In many ways that is the way it is with **Club DJ**. We never know where God will take it next but we continue to follow and give Him all the glory for the things He has done.

As the CYIA complete the last couple of weeks of 5-Day Clubs we **believe** that many more children will accept Christ as their Savior. We are trusting God to provide the needed finances to pay each of the workers, along with the gas bills for the cars, and postage costs as we mail out thousands of lessons to the children who attended the 5-Day Clubs. Sharon and I are so thankful for the part each of you have had in this ministry this summer and trust that you too are encouraged in all God is doing. May God bless you for your faithfulness.

We would like to invite you to come hear many more stories of the things that God has done this summer at the **CYIA Welcome Home** on **Saturday, August 20th at 7:00 p.m.** It will be held at **Bethany Gospel Chapel** 1850 Parker Ave., Regina, Saskatchewan. We will rejoice together in the things God has done. Afterwards there will be coffee and doughnuts served. We would love to see you there!

For the sake of the children,

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