



# Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan

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Dear Friends,

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## Messages from the Walls of Saskatchewan!

In my last letter I shared with you a little about our devotional times we had from the book of Nehemiah during our two weeks of training. For the past three weeks the CYIA have traveled across Saskatchewan spreading the gospel to boys and girls, but they have not traveled alone as God has gone with them along with His cavalry, who have provided lodging along the way, and/or opened their homes to help rebuild the spiritual walls in their communities. The praying grannies along with hundreds more of you have upheld them in prayer each day while still others have provided the resources to make it all possible and now we want to share with you some messages sent back to us, some **messages from the wall!**

**Jennifer in Lloydminster and Battleford** wrote: My second club didn't have any kids on the first day, and then on the second day, two came...and throughout the week they brought different friends everyday and today 3 gave their lives to Christ! I was so happy; I seriously had to hold back tears! I know that without God beside me the whole time, it never would have happened! I'm so happy with how much these kids are changing me as well; sometimes I wonder if they are making more of a difference in my life, than I am of theirs!!! Ah they are just so awesome! So my second week was awesome!! I enjoyed ever bit of it!! At first though I was still nervous, and I would always be saying to myself "Man, I wish we had partners"---But then on Tuesday, **I decided that Jesus was my partner!!!** And He never let me down!!! There was one little boy that came the second last day, and was saved!! When they came back for the last day, a lot of them told me that they had shared with their friends about Jesus!!!----their excitement for Jesus was so awesome!!!

**Kim** wrote from **Duck Lake**: I am teaching clubs back home where I grew up; many of these kids are children of friends that I knew when I was in high school. Pray that I will share the gospel as clear as possible so that the kids will understand and that their hearts will be open to hearing the gospel.

**Darren** wrote from **Osler, Hague and Neuanlage**: This week God sent me over 100 kids and 7 of them made decisions!

**Tim** reported from **Moose Jaw, Caronport and Bushell Park**: In the club I had in Caronport there was a boy who was falling asleep during the story on the first day, but towards the end of the week, he was the most excited one in the club. At one point, when we were singing "Do You Believe", he shouted out, right before the key change to second chorus: "Yes, we believe" part, "Oh, here comes the great part!" I loved it! In my second club, I had three kids say in their lessons that they had accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior on the first day. That encouraged me a lot, that even one day, one hour, might make all the difference in a child's life.

**Karla** wrote us from **Martensville and Dalmeny**: God showed me that I need to be more concerned about sharing Christ with the children than entertaining them. Once I realized that, the clubs went smoother and the kids listened better. It was a very good week. I was so excited to see how the children at my 3<sup>rd</sup> club got into the verses. They loved memorizing them. I told them about quizzing and they thought it sounded awesome. I was encouraged to see how much they enjoyed memorizing God's Word. (They also loved the Bible stories.)

**Meagan** has been teaching in **Saskatoon**: This week God reminded me about how it doesn't matter if there is just one kid or if there are 21 kids in my club, I should always just keep teaching and not get discouraged, because God has a plan for all of my clubs.

**Jonathan** was up north at **Big River, Debden, Sandy Lake, and Victoire**. The club in Victoire, which is actually on the Whitefish reserve, kept on growing everyday! The kids would, for the most part, come back! So I've gotten so many more kids this week!

**Tyler** wrote from **Regina and Warman**: This week God brought the children! On the first day I only had 9 kids in total. Then on the last day I had 47 kids in total. Please pray that I will not be nervous when adults are sitting in on my clubs. But the most encouraging thing that happened was when one of the kids accepted Christ as his Saviour this week

**Josh** was in **Indian Head, Wolseley, Rose Valley and Marine Lake**. God made it possible for 54 kids to hear the gospel in Indian Head and Wolseley while 3 children accepted Christ in Rose Valley and Marine Lake!

**Amy** was in **Consul, Maple Creek and Piapot** There were a lot of kids this week which is awesome for an area we haven't been in before. The kids seemed to really enjoy it and were asking about next year already. It was so encouraging having club hostesses so excited about having clubs that the kids couldn't help but get excited too. Please pray for strength.

**Christa** wrote from **Swift Current**: It was encouraging to see how interested the kids were in trying to get the devotional book. Today, something completely fantastic happened! 10 kids from club accepted Jesus in their heart!!! They all seemed so sincere and eager, that it was absolutely awesome!!! I think it's wonderful that God used me to save these kids!

**Jordan** has been in **Regina**. The most encouraging thing that happened this week was when two children accepted Jesus in one of my clubs. It encouraged me a lot and I know God is making His Word heard. It was also encouraging to have a total enrollment of 57 children in the clubs. Pray that God would make my invitation more inviting.

**Laura** was in **Weyburn, White City and Regina**. God brought two kids who had never heard about Jesus before. They were excited to learn about God even though they had to do their lessons in the park with their grandma so their mom wouldn't stop them from coming to club. The most encouraging thing that happened this week was when we were talking about new life in Christ and when you have new life you will have a friendship with God. So a girl asked for a Bible so I gave her one. Then her grandma was excited and asked if she could also have a Bible!

**Lois** has been teaching in **Estevan**. Today in the grocery store I rounded a corner to meet one of the 4 or 5 yr old kids in a grocery cart that attended one of my clubs last week. It was his babysitter that brought the kids to club. He began talking to his mom about 'church', so I introduced myself as the teacher of the kids club. His mom responded, "He came home with things that blew his dad and me away." I was almost afraid to continue that conversation; I did get up the nerve to ask her, "In what way did he blow you away? Positive or negative?" Her response was, "Positive! He would go to his dad and say, do you believe in Jesus?" We have recently moved to this city, and haven't connected with a church, so he hasn't had any teaching about religious things. (We'll have to follow through on that.) I feel blessed to know someone is praying for me and what I'm doing each day. I really appreciate the ministry of the Saskatoon grannies. Prayer makes the difference. Please pray for me as each day is so full. Pray for strength for each day and ability to learn the children's names.

We continue to get other **messages from the walls of Saskatchewan** such as from Cindy Daae who helped line up clubs locations in the Estevan area. Here is that **message from the wall**:

I just wanted to share with you what an amazing club we had at Torquay this year ...29 kids registered in total. This is truly something for a town the size of Torquay. The really neat answer to prayer was the location. The week before Lois and I were almost thinking of canceling it due to a combination of Lois's work schedule and low attendance last year. Well, God had different plans! Even before I made any calls to see how much interest there was in the club this year, Tracy, a mother of three boys and one extra for the summer, phoned me and asked if the club was still on. Not only was she interested in sending her boys, but she volunteered to have it in her front yard and do the advertising. God took it right out of my hands this year and put it in the hands of Tracy. Tracy married into a Catholic family and attends the Catholic Church and through her influence she was able to get more of the Catholic families coming out to the club. Tracy shared with me that she recently gave her life back over to God as she was raised in a Christian home. The neat thing was that while Lois was teaching, Tracy was opening her home to ladies from the community. It was exciting for me to either sit in on the club or visit with the ladies inside. We may even start a ladies Bible study this year in Torquay. It was a very exciting week!

This is only a handful of the **messages from the wall** but as you can see God has already done so much. I am still waiting for most of the reports to come in from the third week of clubs but to date we have had **1,575 children** in the **5-Day Clubs** this summer with over **38% of the children** saying they do not attend church or Sunday School. We have received over **3,000 lessons** since the first of July, and most exciting of all, there have been **88 children accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour** so far this summer who can now sing as the little boy in Caronport said, the 'great part' of the 'Do you Believe' song, **"Yes we believe!"**

Please continue to pray for the Christian Youth in Action as they travel across Saskatchewan sharing the gospel with the children. Pray for safety on the road as well as strength for the journey. Please pray for the thousands of children who will hear the gospel message in the month of August. Please pray for the needed finances for the end of the summer. Thank you so much for joining us this summer as we seek to rebuild the spiritual walls of Saskatchewan with the gospel message. Together we will continue to give God all the honour and all the glory for all He has done as we rejoice in the **messages from the walls of Saskatchewan**.

On **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** the CYIA will be returning to Regina and we would love to have you join us at **Bethany Gospel Chapel, 1850 Parker Ave., in Regina** at **6:30 p.m.** for our **'Welcome Home'** where we will hear many more **messages from the walls of Saskatchewan!** May God bless you for all you have done. We are so thankful for each one of you and your part in this ministry to children.

For the sake of the children,

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