



# Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan

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Dear Friends,

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## Faith is the Victory!

As the summer draws near I am reminded of those who have gone on before. Their faith was not in themselves; it was in their God and there in lies the secret. David ran to the giant; was it because of his confidence in his own ability or was his confidence in his God? Daniel before he was thrown into the lions' den told the king "my God is able to deliver me;" was it confidence in the hope that the lions were well-fed or was it confidence in his God regardless of how hungry the lions were? Probably the greatest enemy of faith is fear. How many give up just before the victory? How many look at the task and turn away? **How many victories are lost through fear rather than won through faith?** My desire is that we would keep our eyes focused on Him, place our faith in our all-powerful God and give Him all the glory for the victories won!

As a young boy I grew up in a little country church and each Sunday you would hear, "Please turn in your hymnals to page \_ \_ \_." Every once in awhile the hymn we would turn to was, '**Faith is the Victory**'. It was quite something for a young boy to hear all the adults singing at the top of their lungs "**Oh, glorious victory that overcomes the world.**" I am sure if you traveled down that country road at the right time during a hot summer Sunday in July you would have been able to hear us sing from a long way away, "**Oh, glorious victory that overcomes the world.**" My prayer is that we will be singing it all over the province as we place our faith and trust in the same God that David and Daniel did a long time ago for with Him everything is possible.

The battle for the hearts of the children is real and if we fail to reach them, the world will. As we continue to prepare for the summer ahead the past 6 weeks have been busy lining up club locations. Calls come in and calls go out and club numbers continue to climb. Each year as preparations are made I come to realize that this ministry is only possible if God is in it and there is no way to do it alone. Is there evidence of God's faithfulness? Yes, there is! Everywhere I look! So far the number of new cities, towns and reserves that we were not in last year are beyond our expectations. Here are the names of a few: **Lloydminster, La Ronge, Consul, Hazlet, Frontier, Leader, Bushell Park, Esterhazy, Broadview, Parkside, Mistawasis Reserve, Blain Lake, Ormiston, Balcarres, Piapot, Coronach, Grand Coulee, Porcupine Plain, Rosetown, Kindersley, Humboldt, Lanigan, Janzen, Naicam, and Maple Creek.** As well there is word of many reserves opening up for 5-Day Clubs this summer of which I will include the names of them in our next letter. We are waiting to receive most of the itineraries in the next 10 days but these are some of the new places that have been confirmed. Please pray for the coordinators as they seek to complete the itineraries in their areas. They have done an awesome job and it represents hundreds of hours on the phone across the province. Please pray for the thousands of children who will attend these clubs all over Saskatchewan.

This summer each boy and girl will receive a music CD with the songs from 5-Day Club. Songs like '**Do You Believe?**', '**Jesus Loves Me**', and '**Turn Your Eyes to Jesus**'. We are also sending home with the children over **20,000 lessons** where they will learn more about Jesus and their need for forgiveness for their sin. Often these lessons are read together with their mom and dad and once again the gospel message is spread beyond the 5-Day Club. When they complete 7 lessons they will receive a 60 Day Devotional book so that they can continue to learn about God after the 5-Day Club. Please pray for the children that as they hear the lessons at club and complete the lessons at home, they will respond to the gospel message this summer.

With all these new locations the need for the CYIA workers is great. We have received **11 applications so far**, and have heard from **3 more young people that are very interested in teaching**. There are many applications that have been handed out all over the province. (Three more applications went out today!) **Please pray that 7 more young people of God's choice** will hear God's call, step forward in faith, and be willing to go and share the gospel this summer with the boys and girls all over Saskatchewan.

Our desire is that the children reached in the 5-Day Clubs would be drawn into the local church. This continues to happen through **Club DJ** and we are beginning preparations for the fall. In the last 24 hours I received inquiries from three different churches; one from Saskatoon, one from Calgary, and another one from Jamestown, North Dakota. We never know where the next phone call or email will come from but it is exciting to see all God is doing.

Reports continue to come in and it is encouraging to hear about the many children who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour as well as the stories that have been shared as children make decisions and choices which reveal **“Hearts ♥ That Desire to Please God”**. I would like to share one report with you that came in from southern Manitoba:

*“Hi, we have finished our first year of **Club DJ**. We have been amazed at the response. We had sort of hoped for 10 children the first year and we had 40. Our windup consisted of singing some songs for the parents and awards and some fellowship with parents and the children. They all want to come back next season.*

*We did have a family, where the daughter had wanted to come, but the dad would not allow her. We prayed and the friend to this girl was so sad that she was not allowed to bring her. One morning I spoke to the friend’s mother, and she says her daughter is so sad, but they sort of would maybe just have to give up on that situation. That same day the mother of this girl who wanted to come so badly, phoned just before supper and said they would let her come. You should have seen this little girl’s face when she came into church with her friend, she was just beaming. I had a teacher come to me when she saw this child at **Club DJ**. With tears in her eyes she informed me that a lot of people have been praying for this family. They want nothing to do with Christ. We thought we had a crack in the door, but when this girl wanted a tract to take home how to become a Christian we blew it, she was not allowed to come anymore. Please pray for this family!”*

*Grace*

Would you pray for this little girl and her family? There are hundreds of other children who come from non-Christian homes just like this one who from time to time are hindered from coming to **Club DJ** and learning about Jesus. Pray that God would soften the hearts of those who hinder these children from being able to come. We are so thankful for the hundreds of children who have come this past year and the many children who have accepted Jesus as their Saviour. As **Club DJ** continues to reach into many homes throughout our country as we partner together with many different churches from many different denominations we will rejoice in all God is doing and give Him all the glory for the things He has done.

I trust you are finding the “Prayer List” in last month’s mailing helpful in upholding this ministry in prayer. I truly believe God has honored your prayers and many times this past month have sensed the faithful prayers of God’s people. We would ask that you would pray for us as a family that we would experience God’s protection, as each summer seems to come with its attacks from the evil one, as we are busy with preparations for the summer’s ministry. We value your prayers for this ministry and our family and know that they are the key to this ministry to children. Together we will give Him **ALL THE GLORY** for the things He has done!

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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