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Two Farmers Prayed for Rain!

Dear Friends,

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It seems like awhile since I last talked to you. It is a busy month both in what has already happened but also in what lies ahead. A little while ago I heard a story about two farmers that desperately needed rain. They both prayed to God that rain may fall onto the earth. Although they both prayed, only one of them went out to their fields and prepared their fields for rain. I would like to ask, "Which of the two farmers trusted God?"

Often I think we might be like the farmer who prayed for rain but did not go out and prepare the field and then wonder why God did not send the rain. Other times I think we decide we are going to do something whether God sends the rain or not. As I have shared with you before, I believe God can do anything but if we are going to make it happen on our own then He is more than willing to let us try. On the other hand, if we pray and ask God to send the rain but do not do our part that too is wrong. But if we seek God's leading and prepare the field, which I believe must start with **our own heart that must be wholly committed to Him**, then I do believe with all my heart that **He will send the rain!**

I want to thank each of you who were able to attend one of the Spring Banquets. There have already been over **100 more people** at the banquets this year than last year and what a blessing to see so many of the CEF family again. It seemed like we went to 5 family reunions as we traveled from banquet to banquet and met people who have been part of this ministry for 50 years as well as many others who attended a CEF Banquet for the first time. **On April 29th at 7:00 p.m. we will be having a CEF Dessert Night in Weyburn at Silver Heights AGC** and would love to see any of you who are able to come. It will be a night very much like the other banquets as we share of God's faithfulness over the years. **If you would like more information you can email me or call the office at 584-9622.**

God gave us a special gift on the night of our first banquet as I went to thank the church secretary for her help in booking the church in Saskatoon but found out it was actually one of the other secretaries that had helped me. Before I could leave she said she would like to tell me her story. She then proceeded to tell me that 41 years ago she had been in a Good News Club after school and though she did not come from a Christian home, when she was in grade 2 she accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour in one of the clubs. In grade four we sent her a Bible which she still has today. She said, "It is because of this ministry that I am saved, and not just me but my children too. Thank you for what you have done for me."

It has been such an encouraging month as we have **already received 6 applications** from young people who have taught 5-Day Clubs in the past. **Collectively they have 18 years of experience** in teaching the 5-Day Clubs and what a blessing it is to have each one of them committed to returning this summer. We have heard from many others who have taught in the past that say they too are interested in teaching again this summer. Please continue to pray for the CYIA of God's choosing! We are seeking to have about **14 more this summer but believe God could send even more!**

We have already begun preparations for the 5-Day Clubs this summer and have committed to once again give every child who attends a CD of the music sung in 5-Day Club which will be about **5,000 CD's**. I realized this past weekend the impact these CD's are having when our family was asked to minister to the children of the parents at the Good Friday service here in Regina. We had about **75 children attend**

and we sang our theme song from last summer, 'Do You Believe?' What a blessing to hear the children sing this song and tell us that they knew it from the 5-Day Clubs last summer. That morning about **20 children made decisions for Christ** as we shared the gospel and the Easter story with them.

We are also seeking to give each child who comes to the 5-Day Clubs a 'Wordless Book' as we will give the children the gospel through the 'Wordless Book' this summer. I believe that the impact of this Wordless Book will be greater than we could imagine as children share the story of the Wordless Book with their family and friends. We have ordered **5,000 of these Wordless Books** to give to the children. Please pray that God would prepare the hearts of the children for the gospel this summer.

We have also bought **2500 of the '60 Day Devotional' books** which we are seeking to have at least one in every home so that the children can continue to learn about God and His love for them.

It has been so encouraging as we have already been hearing from many of the churches that we worked with last year wanting to make sure we could come back. It is such a privilege to work with so many churches in so many communities across our province. It has also been encouraging as individuals from new towns have phoned us wanting to host a 5-Day Club and work with the local church or a Christian family in their community. New towns we have already heard from are **Drake, Maryfield, and Nokomis**. Last summer we were in **130 cities and towns including many reserves**; please pray that the door would remain open in these communities and that God would open up many more.

As things are in full swing preparing for the summer, it has been an absolute blessing to begin hearing from the churches as they are wrapping up another year of **Club DJ**. One church has had **22 children accept Christ** this year through **Club DJ**, while another wrote about the outreach they are having to the unchurched children in their community as well as their parents. We have already begun having workshops for new churches wanting to start up **Club DJ** in the fall and on April 24 – 27 I will be at the CEF National meetings in Abbotsford and will be having a workshop there also as **Club DJ** begins to partner with Child Evangelism Fellowship across Canada. Please continue to pray for the children reached through **Club DJ** this winter as well as the meetings in Abbotsford as we seek to work together to reach the children of our nation.

All year long we seek to continue to teach each child who has attended **Club DJ** and the 5-Day Clubs through the **David and Jonathan Program** offering Mailbox Club lessons and free Christian books. About a month ago we had an opportunity to buy almost 3,000 books for about \$1.00 each. These are Christian biographies on people like David Livingstone, William Carey, John Newton, as well as 13 other 'Heroes of the Faith'. Along with these, we bought 4 different Bible story books for younger children in full color. **The total retail value of these books was over \$22,000.00 and we were able to purchase them for \$3,100.00.** What a blessing to see what God had graciously provided to give the children. Each child will read through the book, answer a questionnaire and mail it in, and the book is theirs to keep! Then we will send them another. I know the impact that Christian biographies have had on our own children and know that the children's lives will be impacted as they read about these 'Heroes of the Faith'.

On April 20 – 22 we will be meeting with individuals and couples from around the province who will be helping to line-up the 5-Day Clubs this summer. I want to thank you once again for your faithful prayers for this ministry. Our province and our nation desperately needs the gospel and together as we each do our part to prepare the fields, I believe with all my heart that God will send the rain. We would value your continued prayers as we seek to follow God's leading for this ministry. I have enclosed a response form this time with several different areas of involvement with this ministry. If you are able to help prepare the fields in any of these areas please send in this form in the envelope provided. Together we will rejoice as God sends the rain upon the fields of this province and nation!

For the sake of the children,



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