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# Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan

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## I'd Like to Be Like Jesus!

Dear Friends,

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The other day Levi overheard Luke (7) talking to one of his friends out on the trampoline. Luke's friend has been coming to **Club DJ** and accepted Jesus as his Saviour. Luke's friend said, "Luke wouldn't you like to be Jesus?" To which Luke replied, "**Well, we can't be Jesus, but I'd like to be like Him!**" Later, Levi told us what he had heard and remarked, "I didn't even have to cut in on this conversation!"

In this ministry to children it is our desire that the children we reach would seek to '**be like Jesus**'. It has been exciting to hear the reports from the **Club DJ**'s as they have been coming in with many of them reporting that their clubs have doubled and even tripled in size. It is also encouraging to hear of the many children who have accepted Jesus as their Saviour throughout the year. Our motto in **Club DJ** is "**Hearts ♥ That Desire to Please God**" and it is exciting to hear reports of children who are being changed by the gospel and seeking to '**be like Jesus**'.

In the past couple of weeks we have had several more inquires about **Club DJ** and requests for presentations in their church. It is exciting to see so much interest in **Club DJ** as I believe churches are catching the vision for reaching the children in their communities with the gospel. We cannot begin to measure the impact that reaching a generation of children with the gospel will have as they accept Jesus as their Saviour and seek to be like Him with "**Hearts ♥ That Desire to Please God**".

As **Club DJ**'s are wrapping up, preparations for the 5-Day Club ministry is gearing up. Last summer we were in 149 communities including 18 reserves across the province. Many new communities have already contacted us hoping we will come to their community; places like Cut Knife, Frontier, Atton's Lake, Southey, and Qu'Appelle are all new locations for this summer and are already booked. Many other new communities have already asked if we would come. I believe that God could open up many new doors this summer across this province and that it is possible for us to be in over 200 communities this summer. In Matthew 9:35 "**Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom.**" My prayer is that this summer the doors will open in one community after another as we seek to take the "**good news of the kingdom**" throughout this province. I believe that reaching the children of our province with the gospel will have an impact in the years to come as they grow to have **Hearts ♥ That Desire to Please God** and desire to '**be like Jesus**'.

This past weekend we had our Coordinator Retreat in Moose Jaw with 20 of the coordinators and many of their spouses in attendance. It was so encouraging to see the 5-Day Club Coordinators gathered together from all over the province including: Estevan, La Ronge, North Battleford, Shell Lake, Whitewood, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Weyburn, Yorkton, Tisdale, Osler, and Prince Albert. It was exciting as we prepared for the summer ahead, to see the relationships between the coordinators grow as they spent time together. Many of the coordinators told me it was the best

Coordinator Retreat yet and the blessing it was to meet all those who came, working towards the same goal of reaching children for Christ. Please continue to pray for the coordinators as they line up the 5-Day Clubs in their area all across the province.

With this mailing I have included our 5-Day Club Report brochure which gives you the report from last summer and also the list of communities where we are seeking to take the good news of the kingdom. If you are living in or around these communities and would be willing to host a 5-Day Club we would love to send our 'Summer Missionary' to your community. Please just fill out the form and mail it in and we will pass the information on to the 5-Day Club coordinator in your area. Last summer we worked alongside 37 churches with a 5-Day Club/VBS and many of them have already booked again with us for the coming summer, as well as several new churches who have heard about what God is doing.

As we prepare for the summer ahead we are trusting God to provide the needed 'Summer Missionaries' for the 5-Day Club ministry. There are several workers who are planning to come back as well as others who will be teaching for the very first time. It is always exciting to see God bring them in one at a time and we would value your prayers for the 28 'Summer Missionaries' needed for this summer.

As we prepare for the 5-Day Club program for the summer ahead there is much to do. Our theme this summer is '**Be a Champion**' and includes stories on Rahab (Champions trust God), Gideon (Champions have faith), Job (Champions have joy), the Shunnamite Woman (Champions are diligent), and Nehemiah (Champions have hope). Our continued story this year will be on Hudson Taylor and once again we are planning to give every child who attends a CD of the music that was sung in 5-Day Club.



This year we are adding something new to our 5-Day Clubs and will be giving every child a DVD which was produced by my Uncle Al Buhler who was with CEM in Indiana. There are a total of 13 different DVD's and we are hoping to be able to give a new one out each summer as we seek to further develop this ministry to children. We have been given permission to reproduce them here which enables us to distribute them at a very low cost. The DVD's have an awesome message along with the story and a clear presentation of the gospel that will go into every home of every child that attends the 5-Day Clubs this summer. This will be another step of faith to cover the costs but I am so excited about what God will do through this opportunity. Last week we showed the DVD we are considering giving out this summer, "**Two Thieves**" at **Club DJ** in our church and there were 2 girls that accepted Jesus as their Saviour. Our pray is that they would grow to '**be like Jesus**' I believe that this could be happening all across our province not just in the lives of the children but with parents as well who watch the DVD with their children.

We are truly encouraged in all God is doing and would value your prayers in the days ahead for 5-Day Club locations, Summer Missionaries, and the coordinators as we prepare for the 5-Day Club ministry this summer. I want to thank you once again for your part in this ministry and trust you are encouraged in all God is doing. May God bless you for your part!

For the sake of the children,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Durston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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