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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU

As we launch into a new year, we are excited about the opportunities God will give us to tell boys and girls about His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. If you have ever taught a group of elementary school children and stand there looking into their eyes, you sense a tremendous amount of responsibility to be prepared to communicate the truth of God's Word clearly and understandably. So, our prayer is for all of our teachers and helpers to allow the Holy Spirit to dwell within each of their hearts as they prepare for each Bible Lesson, Memory Verse, Songs, and Missions Story. Will you be a Prayer Warrior and lift them up before the Lord every week? In order for them to be effective ambassadors for Christ, your prayers will be the catalyst to positively impact their lives and encourage them in the work they do faithfully every week. Clubs are ongoing every day of the week, including Saturday, so prayers are needed for helpers and teachers on a continuous basis.

OPEN HOUSE MOVED TO MARCH

The original Martindale Building open house date of January 26, 2009 had to be changed to allow additional work to be done on the interior of the building. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments on March 23rd from 7 - 9 PM.

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Teaching Children Effectively™ #1 will be taught at our new Training Center and Office Facility in Martindale (near San Marcos). It will begin on January 31st and on February 7th, 21st, and 28th. Each session will be from 8AM to 4PM and will total 30 hours of thorough training for those who want to be equipped to teach Good News Clubs® or improve their teaching skills in their church children's ministries. The cost is \$65 and this includes a manual, lesson curriculum, music cd, snacks, and beverages throughout the day. You will need to bring a sack lunch each Saturday. A limited mailing was sent out on Dec. 30 about this training; if you did not receive it and would like a copy, please call 512-332-1584 or 512-357-1272.

We can only register 14 students and registrations must be in by January 23rd with a \$25 deposit.

NEW CEF® SIGN AT MARTINDALE



Check out this addition to advertise our new Training Facility & Office. In the two photos shown, the first one shows the lady who produced the sign, Mindy Graber, and the second one shows Donna (left) and Erin (right) holding the sign in front of the building.



QUICK START TRAINING

Two students, along with two CEF® teachers from Austin Bible Church, attended a Saturday training session at Grace Bible Fellowship on December 20, 2008. Those that attended were Falon Williams, Dan Krah, Michelle Perry, and Cyd Anderson. Dan is already helping out at Brentwood Elementary School and Michelle wanted to take the training to equip her in a ministry she is involved with.

CAPITAL COUNTRY KIDS WEB PAGE MORE INTERACTIVE

Our WEB page is gradually taking on a more informative appearance for your review. One feature is a link to Calendar of Events. Once you click on this link, a calendar for any month you are interested in will be displayed. Click on any abbreviated description for any day, and a full description of what that day's event is all about will be displayed. Your feed back on our WEB page content would be appreciated.

BENEVOLENCE CONFERENCE AT HORSESHOE BAY

It was a real pleasure to be a part of a conference on December 7th with a focus on missions. The Church at Horseshoe Bay hosted this event and the meeting room had numerous missions organizations represented with staff to explain their displays and literature. It was refreshing to see so many missions organizations partnering with this church which truly has a heart for missions. It was encouraging to meet and talk with several members who wanted to learn more about CEF®. We also got together with some long-time friends, Bill and Sue Stacy, for a meal before heading back to home base.

THE GLOBAL CEF® IMPACT

Because of all the CEF® staff and volunteers world-wide being used of the Lord, last year the number of children who came to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior was 3,395,945. Praise the Lord!

PARTY CLUBS FOR JESUS

Many of our Good News Clubs® and After School Good News Clubs® conducted birthday parties for Jesus in December. Special focus was given to the Reason for the Season plus other special reminders were given to each child to take home.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS (FROM ERIN'S DESK)

There is one place, one time a year where everyone in the city of San Marcos is sure to be... Sights and Sounds of Christmas! This annual event is a huge set-up of booths, stages, and carnival rides. Added to this is a section set up as "Old Bethlehem: put together by local churches. This event is an incredible opportunity to tell of the Savior!

A booth was set up to tell The Story of the Candy Cane. Using the candy cane, the gospel was presented every five minutes for four hours three nights in a row! Group after group of adults and children sat on bales of hay and listened intently about why Jesus came.

Those who listened and those passing by received a candy cane...with the story stapled to it! There were nearly 12,000 handed out in all!!!

We praise the Lord Jesus for knowing every heart, every face and life that passed through each night and for the chance to get His story out to so many!

Many thanks goes to Sharon Hock, her husband Bill and daughter Kara, for all their work and love for Jesus.

Thanks also to the many volunteers who labored joyfully in the cold to tell those they met about the Savior. Please pray that this opportunity will come again next year so we can give Him the glory for the great things he has done.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

It was a crisp, sunny Saturday in Smithville on December 6th. We had two CEF® booths set up this year for boys and girls to come by and make a free Wordless Book bead bracelet. In addition to making the bracelet, each boy and girl had the color of each bead explained to them with an invitation to receive Christ at the conclusion of the presentation. There were over 100 children who stopped and made a bracelet. Several of these children made a profession of faith and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Manning one of the booths were Jim and Louise Walker, Mike Kelly, Pastor Dennis Keen, Karole Federick, and Martha Knobelsdorf. The second booth was manned by Bob and Bev Hanson and Ken and Donna.

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