

## A Place Where Kids Can Know God

The Central Maine Committee has given us the green light to begin moving toward the next large development project in Hermon. Last summer we completed the pavilion, parking lot, and playground. It gave us great pleasure to have the children on the grounds making use of all God has given us. We were able to see the Lord at work; some campers came to know God for the very first time, others who already knew Him learned to trust Him in everyday struggles.



We are well equipped to do summer ministry now, but the vision has been to make full use of what God has given by having a more suitable office and by having an activity building which would enable children's events year round.

The office, as it is now, is convenient for most of the work being done by the staff. However, it is inadequate for meetings being held there and it does not meet required building codes.

To have an indoor activity space for children's events would enable opportunities with children on weekends and during school vacations. Karen has been doing some activities with her own clubs already in a small way. We would like to build on what she has begun and be able to influence even more children for the Lord.



We invite you to join us in laying this whole vision before the Lord. If the vision is from the Lord, He will lead us forward and provide in His time for its fulfillment. We have been discussing our ideas about the size, shape, and design for such a building. As our thoughts continue to take shape we will share them with you. We will not undertake this project without God's leading and providing.



In the spring we will be installing lights along the driveway into the office. The materials have been purchased and this project among others will be worked on during the workdays scheduled in May. Other projects will include developing a woodworking shop, cleaning up the grounds and setting up flag poles.

## Work Days



**Saturdays, May 1 and 29**

There will be plenty to do to clean up and move various projects forward this spring on the Hermon day camp site. Come join us. We'll have snacks and lunch for all.

Questions: call the CEF office at 848-7572

## Homegoing

During January, two of our good friends have gone to be with the Lord.

John Caswell served with us as CEF staff at the Neighborhood House in Belfast until he retired some four years ago. He and his wife Karen helped establish good outreach opportunities to the children. We will miss his friendly smile and his evident joy in taking part in the ministry.

Rev. Erle Morse stood behind CEF ministry for many years. Most recently he and his wife Charlotte served on our Central Maine committee until their move to Florida. He encouraged the churches he served to be involved in CEF and all his children took part with us in reaching the children. We are grateful for Pastor Morse and his influence in furthering evangelism among children. We also gratefully acknowledge gifts received in his memory.

We extend our sympathy to both the Caswell and Morse families. May each one know the comfort of the Lord during these days of painful loss.

## See Boston Kids Come to Know God

CEF trained volunteers and staff will be converging on Boston, July 19-31, 2010 - and *you* can be involved! This team will partner with the evangelical churches in the area to bring the hope of the Lord Jesus to children and their families.



Call for more information:  
848-7572

"Every movement for the advancement of the gospel must be created by and inspired by prayer. In all these movements of God, prayer precedes and attends as an invariable and necessary condition." - E.M. Bounds

## Prayer Day

**March 6, 1:00-4:00 pm**  
**CEF Office, 2806 Rt. 2, Hermon**

Our mission is the advancement of the Gospel among the boys and girls...and it is a spiritual battle. In order to see victories won in our own lives and in the lives of the children, we must take time before God in prayer. It encourages us to have people join us for this time. Please do come, even for part of the time if you are able.

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## Staff Update

Last summer we were blessed with the help of John Partridge during the day camps held in Hermon. Our thoughts at the time were, "Sure hope we can have the help of this man often". We are delighted to announce that we will be having his help because...



John Partridge and Karen Towle have announced their engagement to be married on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. John plans to continue his teaching at Hermon high school and Karen will continue working with CEF full time.

## Kids can know God...WHEN?



Even on Halloween night! Yes, kids had an opportunity to know God when the Wynn Wagon was taken to a neighborhood in Hampden on Halloween night. As children filled their sacks with candy when they visited homes, they also came by the wagon. Karen and Brad, with several volunteers, were on duty to greet the children. They

gave out 400 treat bags which included Gospel tracts and Mailbox Club starter lessons along with the expected candy. Some eighty children stayed in the wagon to listen as Brad told a story explaining how to receive the treat of all treats, the forgiveness of sin through faith in the Lord Jesus.

## IN APPRECIATION

At a parade, kids can know God!



Larry Pierce has served as our Property Manager almost since the time of our owning the Hermon property. His help has been invaluable. Both Larry and his wife Mary are experiencing physical limitations which have made it necessary for Larry to step aside. We miss him greatly and wish to express our appreciation for all he has done.

The first Saturday of December by tradition the Festival of Lights parade is held in Bangor. For some time now we have partnered with Columbia Street Baptist Church in an outreach effort. During the parade 15 to 20 volunteers joined us in distributing Christmas treat bags among the children watching the parade, as well as children in the parade. This year nearly 1,500 bags were given out. Thousands more could have been given if we had had them available. Along with the treats, an invitation was extended to come to the church for hot chocolate and goodies with an opportunity to hear the Christmas Story. The story was told a number of times to groups of children and parents who stopped in to visit.

## Good News Clubs 2009-2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bangor Belfast	Hampden Moscow Orrington	Kenduskeag Albion Morrill Skowhegan Harmony Thorndike Lincolnvillle Spruce Head Warren Belfast	Levant Mattawamkeag Dover-Foxcroft Hermon JYC Burnham Enfield	Winterport Dexter Glenburn Norridgewock Etna-Dixmont Newport Belfast	Belfast Brooks Wellington Olamon Swanville Stockton Springs

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# "Kids CAN know God"

## Yes, They Can!

We know from Scripture that "kids can know God". Samuel was very young when he advanced from knowing about God to knowing God. He served Eli in God's house knowing about God until the night God called to him. For the first time Samuel knew God in a most personal way. From that night forward, Samuel served God, not just Eli. Read the story in I Samuel 3.

And then there were the children who followed the Lord about in the temple singing "Hosanna". When the priests would have silenced them, Jesus received their praise; He even indicated their praise was the most perfect kind. See Matthew 21:15-16.



I asked the same question of some adults who trusted the Savior as children.

### Answers:

- "When I received the Savior, I was 5 years old. I was most aware of Jesus being kind and gentle. I just wanted to do what I understood was right.
- "Jesus helped me understand the Bible when I read it. I understood I should give my life to the Lord to serve Him. I did that when I was 7 years old."
- "I was not from a Christian home but heard the Gospel through a story that was read in school. I invited Jesus into my heart right then while I sat at my desk. I knew God was with me always after that and I would talk to Him all the time."
- Another adult offered, "Jesus gave me peace. It was so wonderful when I finally was assured that Jesus had saved me. I had experienced great doubt and fear concerning my salvation, but at 10 years of age, the Lord reminded me of the truth of John 1:12. He had received me into His family!"

Can we observe children knowing the Lord today? I asked some children, "Since you have received Jesus as your Savior, what does He mean to you day by day?"

### Answers:

- "I talk to Him about stuff. I ask Him to help me when I am writing tests at school."
- "When I have troubles and feel sad, He gives me comfort".
- "He takes care of stuff and makes things work. Like the other day Grandma had to give back some farm equipment that was borrowed and we didn't know what we were going to do. The same day we found the exact same thing in *Uncle Henry's*. Jesus is always making things work out."

We hope you are helping the children to know God. Come join us at the Kids Can Know God conference. There will be helpful tools and encouragement for you.