

# CEF<sup>®</sup> Newsletter

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**" In the mount of the Lord it shall be provided. "**

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## Jehovah Jireh

Our God, He is the Ever-living One who sees and provides. It was true in Genesis 22 when this name of God was first used.

Isaac questioned, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham replied, "The Lord will provide Himself a lamb for the burnt offering". At the moment the knife was raised Jehovah Jireh provided the needed substitute for Isaac. At Calvary Jehovah Jireh also provided the needed Substitute for us.

Surely this name must first be connected with this most vital provision for our need. Because He has provided our Savior we have the Good News to announce to boys and girls.

But our Jehovah Jireh provides all our need. We discover His hand at work in every area of life providing for the smallest physical and material need and the largest most impossible spiritual need. "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:32

Among His great provisions you are included, whether you give, pray, teach or help in some other way. Your participation is vital to our being able to move forward. We thank God for you and thank you for being available to Him as part of His provision for CEF ministry.

Once again, the Lord is providing young people for summer outreach. We are grateful for each one who comes with an honest heart to serve in the Lord. Some come as volunteers for a week or two. Some come prepared to give a full summer. We are able to introduce some of the young people to you while we continue to believe God to provide even more.

## Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Dowdy

We would like to introduce you to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Dowdy. These two, you have known in ministry, now made one in marriage.



Jon and Ann will again be supervising young people at Christian Youth In Action<sup>®</sup>, from June 24-July 3 at Camp Good News<sup>®</sup> in Livermore Falls. Then they will lead the traveling Day Camp team from July 5-August 7. They will spend a week in each town beginning in Hudson, then Moscow, Harmony, Canaan and finally Glenburn.

In mid-August they will travel to the CEF Children's Ministries Institute<sup>®</sup> in Warrenton, Missouri, provided sufficient funds are available.

We are so happy to welcome Ann to our CEF team as she has joined Jon in marriage.

## God Provides a Fruitful Partnership

How can the families of the children that we teach in various ministries be reached with the Gospel? This is a great need. Our focus is to evangelize children, but what about the unbelieving parents and siblings? How do we impact them?

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Two summers ago my growing concern to reach whole families was spurred on while observing a team from Hollis Center Baptist Church. The team had come to help us with some projects and during that time they shared the Gospel in downtown Bangor using a religious survey. Seeing them share, I felt challenged personally to do more of the same.

That fall, God provided a ministry partnership with Hermon Baptist Church's visitation program. I have joined a visitation team along with one of our club teachers, Albert Johnston.

With the JYC™\* enrollment list in hand, we headed out to visit some of the homes of children. One father allowed us to enter his home because of the connections made with his children at the Harmony fair and the

**“Hi, I have taught your children in club,” said Albert, the Hermon Middle School JYC teacher. “May we come in and share with you what we’ve been teaching them?”**

Hermon JYC. The Gospel was shared and he prayed to receive the Lord as Savior. In a follow-up visit, Albert did a Bible study with the father while another team member and I shared the Gospel with the son and daughter. They seemed to understand much more than in time past and they both prayed to receive the Lord.

Another team went to the home of twin boys who had come to club and prayed expressing their belief in Jesus. The mother of these boys was busy and the team wondered if she would have time to visit. After visiting with one of the boys on the porch for a while, she welcomed the team into her home. Before the evening ended, she welcomed Christ into her life.

We rejoice in God's provision of this partnership in reaching whole families. He is producing fruit for His glory.  
- Karen Towle



\*CEF's club program designed for those who have graduated from elementary school. We have had groups at this age level at Holbrook School, Hermon Middle School, and the Neighborhood House in Belfast.

## Good News Club Rallies



Good News Club rallies were enjoyed by more than 300 boys and girls and their teachers during April vacation. The children were led on an “Incredible Quest” from Zarephath to Babylon with a stop at Mount Carmel. At each place the CEF staff played various Bible characters which enabled the children to discover God is our Provider and Protector; He is Powerful and a Revealer of Secrets.



The teaching climaxed with a chalk drawing and message given by Betty Hoover, formerly of CEF of Maine, now from North Carolina. The invitation was extended to receive the Lord Jesus, our Redeemer who has provided salvation.



The Central Maine Rallies were held in Brooks, Madison and Enfield. We also take special pleasure in joining with Northern and Eastern Maine CEF chapters in Mars Hill and Cherryfield to help them with their outreach to children. We appreciate being able to work together with our coworkers: Alex Bourgoin, Northern Maine CEF Director, Tracy Taylor, Eastern Maine CEF Director, Milton and Wendy Higgins, CEF Neighborhood House Directors.

## God Provides Summer Workers



I am **Anna Diepenbrock** and I live in Papua New Guinea with my parents who are missionaries. This summer I desire to go to Maine to work as a summer missionary with CEF. I will have the opportunity to attend their training course learning how to prepare Bible lessons and how to teach and lead children to the Lord. Please pray with me that

God, who is able to do way more than we can ask or imagine, will help me so that my time will be all that He wants it to be.



I am **Rachel Steward**, 17 years old, and finishing up eleventh grade. The past three summers I have enjoyed working with Child Evangelism Fellowship, which is, as you can probably guess by the name, a children's ministry. This summer I plan to work with them again. Lord willing I will attend the training camp – Christian Youth In Action (June 24-July 3) – and join

the Day Camp team for 5 weeks (July 5-Aug 7). I really need your prayers. Please pray that the Lord would work in me and through me and that children would be saved.

My name is **Andrew Buzzell** and I am a senior in high school in Rutland, Vermont. Several years ago I committed to the Lord that I would do short term missions when the opportunity presented itself. I feel the Lord has led me to do CEF ministry this summer. I would ask you to pray for me that I would:



\*be an asset to the team of workers

\*be an example to the kids I am ministering to

\*be an encouragement to my fellow workers

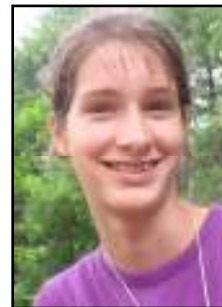
\*have strength from the Lord in my Christian walk, as our enemy does not like to see us do the Lord's work.

I am **Ethan Troester**. My family has been involved in CEF, beginning when my dad was a teenager. As I watched my brothers go to CYIA and work as summer missionaries, I longed to be apart. In the past couple of years I have attended CYIA and worked in three weeks of Day Camps. This summer the Lord has opened the door for me to work with CEF of Central Maine assisting in five weeks of Day Camps. Please pray that God will work in children's lives, that my walk with God will be strengthened, and that I will have the physical strength needed to keep up with the busy schedule.




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There are many people needed to reach the children in our area. The young people pictured below are some who have volunteered a portion of their summer to minister to the children. Please pray for them and for others who should join them. We have churches requesting our help, but we are unable to commit to them until we have more workers.



Ethan Swedberg

Ethan Morin

Ike Morin

Emily Violette

You?

## Christian Youth In Action®

CYIA gives you many opportunities to share the love of Jesus with some of Maine's 175,000 children, most of whom never attend church.

You can make a difference in their lives by participating in:  
**5-Day Clubs, Day Camps, open air, VBS, fairs**

*Ages 14 and up*

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**Leading a Child to Christ  
Bible Lesson Preparation  
Making Memory Work Fun**



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**June 24 – July 3, 2009**

**Camp Good News**

**Livermore Falls, Maine**



Contact us at 848-7572 or find an application at [centralmainecef.com](http://centralmainecef.com)

### One More Provision

May 8-9 and 29-30, 2009 were work days for building the pavilion at our Hermon day camp site. Roger Torrey and Larry Pierce (right) hammering the first beam in place.

All the posts, beams, bracing and bracketing (below) are waiting for the trusses.



**We give a huge thank you to the men who have helped build.**

Roger Torrey  
Larry Pierce  
Gil Reed  
Arthur Witham  
Dave Gilbert  
Bill Cohn  
Brad Walker  
Jon Dowdy  
Francis Mahon  
Lance Scanlon  
Ed Rowe  
Dale Porter  
Howard Towle  
Kevan Byers



For We Preach Not Ourselves, But Christ Jesus The Lord...  
II Cor. 4:5a

## River of Life Bible Camp

Brad's summertime ministry is directing River of Life Bible Camp which is a small overnight camp in Maxfield, west of Howland. The camp will run five full weeks. Brad asks prayer for:

1. Campers to respond to the Truth
2. A godly staff for five weeks of camp
3. Wisdom for staff in making many decisions
4. Provision of operating expenses
5. Safety of children and staff

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