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DELAWARE COUNTY CHAPTER OF
CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF PA, INC.



Summer Ministry is on FIRE!

This summer we have been hit with heat wave after heat wave, but the temperature isn't the only thing making waves this summer. Our summer interns have been traveling in teams from one program to the next, and we're not done yet! We have a few more weeks of ministry and our team, while tired, is still as enthusiastic as ever!

With multiple programs a day and attendance ranging from 8 to 40+ kids, our teens have risen to the challenge and are growing every day, learning important skills from communication to teamwork to organization and time management. Additionally, it has been encouraging to see the tremendous growth in some of our returning missionaries.

While our teens are working hard, it is not without challenges. As we share the gospel with boys and girls, we encounter a variety of children. Some of the children we've spoken to have expressed their belief in multiple gods. Others say they have never sinned. These are just a couple of the challenges our CYIA™ have navigated as they have served God this summer, but they are asking questions and learning how to respond to these scenarios. In all this, we are reminded that God is God, and we are trusting Him one day for the harvest.

Keep our team in your prayers that as the team starts to get tired, that they would push on and keep their energy up for the kids who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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Mark Your Calendars for October 12th!

Join us at Ridley Creek State Park for our annual Walk-A-Thon. This event is quickly approaching, and we need your help to raise funds to continue sharing the love of Jesus with kids in Delaware County. If you or someone you know has a company that has a heart for kids and wants to gain exposure for their business, email us for our sponsorship packet.

Visit cefdelco.com and click on the Walk-a-Thon button to start your pledge page. If you've never joined us, this year is the perfect time to start. Lace up your sneakers, bring your furry friends, and pack the stroller. With fun and games for the whole family, this is going to be a morning you don't want to miss!

Join Us in the Mission

Since 1937, CEF® has been dedicated to reaching the next generation for Jesus. Children are the largest mission field in the world, making up 25% of the population and YOU can be part of the exciting work of molding the faith of boys and girls all across Delaware County! YOU can be a difference maker!

We only have a short window of time before the next generation is lost in a culture that has little or no time for God. Through our *Good News Club*® programs during the school year, boys and girls are hearing the powerful, life-changing message of the gospel and we are looking for volunteers who share our passion for reaching children for Jesus! Our Volunteer Enrichment Sessions will be held September 14th from 9am-12pm and September 17th from 6-9pm (choose one session). For more information about volunteering with CEF, contact the CEF office at 610-449-9564. Seize the day and join us in telling children what it means to follow Jesus!

Meet the Missionaries

Every summer we are blessed with a magnificent team of summer interns and staff. Meet a couple of our team members: Justin Gambrill and Sam Zhao.

Justin began serving with CYIA as a 13 year old and is ending his tenth year with us as one of our valued staff. From 2014 to 2024, Justin has stated that he has grown in his confidence. He attributes CYIA to helping him learn the steps needed to communicating effectively, starting conversations, and teaching - things that while once were uncomfortable are now almost second nature to him. Justin will be heeding God's calling to pursue other ministry avenues, but he plans to take all he has learned in CEF with him. Much of what we do focuses on evaluating what has already happened in order to grow, and Justin plans to take that attitude with him wherever God leads. One of the stand-out memories of summer ministry include a particularly difficult club where the team was met with behavior issues and disrespect from the children, but at the end of the week they were so sad to see the team go and treated them as having been so close to them. Finally Justin's final words of wisdom to future CYIA is this: "Work hard, keep your head up, and love the Lord."



This is Sam's first year as a summer missionary, but his oldest sister had served with us in the past, which influenced his summer plans. Of all the summer options, one of the reasons he ended up choosing CEF was because he wanted to reconnect with his ability to interact with kids, something to which he felt he had lost exposure. This summer the event that has stood out to him the most was the Open Air event at Training Camp. Even though the day was full of difficulties, the time Sam had with the kids and the rest of the team was a great experience, and he shared that being able to share the Wordless Book with a child was very special and a true blessing. A big area of growth Sam has experienced is his understanding of how to interact with and effectively teach children. While it was uncomfortable at first, Sam grew quickly in his comfort with interacting and engaging the kids. Of all the lessons taught this summer, Sam's favorite is the story of Jairus' daughter because of how much he learned from teaching it.

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To evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to disciple children in the Word of God, and to establish them in a Bible believing church for Christian living.



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