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Why Children Matter this Christmas

Rev. Elias Munshya, Provincial Director

It is Christmas time again-travel-shopping-giving-receiving-decorating. It is so easy to be **overtaken by the hype** of Christmas and yet miss the **significance** of the moment.

Christmas time demonstrates to us that Christ was born in the flesh. He is born not just so that we could have a Holiday, He is born so that we could have life and have it in abundance.

Christmas also reminds us of the love of God. We should be reminded that it is a time of sharing the love of God, not only with ourselves but also with others.

Christmas should also remind us of the preciousness of little children. God, in becoming flesh, chose to start His life as a baby in manger. Perhaps the greatest tribute we can give in honour to God is to honour the children of the world, or most specifically to honour the children of Alberta. How can we do that?

As you celebrate this Christmas, **why not consider putting aside a special Christmas donation to help us at CEF of Alberta to reach the children of Alberta?** Indeed reserving that special gift for CEF of Alberta is just like giving your gift to the newly born child Jesus, because your gift will go to reaching the children of Alberta with a specific message of Christ's salvation. We have specific projects that are all geared to helping us reach the children of Alberta effectively. You may indicate through the enclosed form that you are giving a special Christmas gift to CEF of Alberta!



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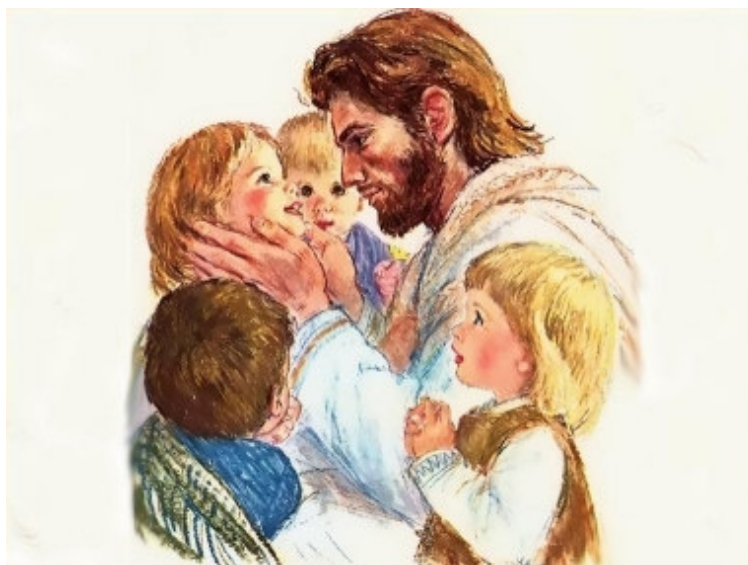
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Reflections on CMI

Annette Wilcox

Children's Ministries Institute (CMI) training is coming to a close with mixed feelings on my part. Many new skills and much knowledge has been absorbed. This should be evident upon my return as I begin to implement these changes. The plans are for me to begin teaching the Teaching Children Effectively 1 course in January in Calgary as a team with Marlene Adrian. CMI has been a wonderful time of learning and meeting many new people (instructors, students, staff and local people). Going to Little Rock, Arkansas with a team of CEF students and volunteers was a fun and taxing experience. We went to face paint and share the gospel with children at the Louis Palau Evangelistic Crusade where 50,000

to 100,000 people were expected to attend. That produced great results where approximately 1,000 children heard the gospel clearly and many were saved. The time in Warrenton, MO has been very profitable and I can only thank all those who made this possible through their prayers and financial support and encouragement. God is good and His timing is always right.

Since I am already half way across the continent, I will be visiting my children, grandchildren and great-grandchild on the East coast before coming home. I should return to Edmonton approximately December 1st and look forward to seeing many of you then.



Painting faces at Little Rock crusade.



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Money Matters... Pick a Project

Here are some ways you can help out with current needs:

- **General Office Expenses**—this pays the rent, phone, printing costs, etc.
 - **Photocopier**—this has already been a blessing and saved us money
- **Elias Munshya**
 - Personal Support
 - Children's Ministries Institute
- **Peter Mierau**
 - Personal Support
 - Children's Ministries Institute
- **Annette Wilcox**
 - Personal Support
 - Edmonton Area Expenses
- **Marlene Adrian**
 - Personal Support

**Staff Accounts
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Mark Your Calendar

Jan 15/16, 29/30, Feb 5/6: Teaching Children Effectively course- Calgary

Jan 23: Training in Lethbridge

Mar 6: Society Meeting-Calgary

For more information on these events, contact Marlene at (800)561-5315



You Made a Difference!

We have made a dent in our deficit, and we are still trusting God for more. Thank you so much to everyone who has given. Many of you gave sacrificially over and above what we asked. In response to our appeal, almost \$4000 has come in. **Please continue to remember the needs of our General Fund** as you consider your year-end giving.

Marlene's Update

Marlene Adrian

Training—This fall I have been busy with workshops in Edmonton attended by 41 people, as well as 4 seminars each at 2 AWANA conferences, with a combined total of 72 students.

I am **looking forward** to doing more training in January and February, with a Teaching Children Effectively course planned for Calgary. This is a 30-hour course that goes over 3 weekends and trains people to lead a child to Christ, teach an evangelistic Bible lesson, as well as teach the various components of a Good News Club. Annette will be involved in teaching this with me, and Brenda Hanson will join us for one of the weekends.

Good News Club—hopefully starting soon in Linden, but need someone to work closely with me so that when I have to be away, the other person is able to do it without me. **Pray for someone** to have a burden for the children of this town that could work with me in it. There is no other evangelistic outreach happening in the town.

Travel—I am taking a vacation during November, ending it in Montreal, where I will be meeting with representatives from most of the other provinces to plan the curriculum for next summer. I hope to also take the rest of my vacation time in December, in between meetings and other work that needs to be done at the office. Please pray that I will get the rest I need and be refreshed for next year's ministry.



TCE course in Edmonton

Peter's Ponderings

Peter Mierau

This Christmas day I have the honour of helping a church reach single families with a dinner. I have the opportunity of sharing a Christmas message and balloons with children. Last year the children and parents were open to the message of Christ and redemption. I heard it said, "Christmas is for children" and that is the only time many are a child at heart and open to receiving a gift from God. This Christmas and the coming New Year, Christ will be presented to children. The baby they hear about at Christmas is still the same Jesus who died in their place and I want

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to thank you for giving the opportunity to share the risen Lord throughout the year.

Prayer Requests:

Thank you for your prayers and support for 2009. This sacrificial work on your side has opened door for the gospel to be presented.

Transportation:

That God will continue to provide safety as I travel throughout Alberta. Gas is still one of my

biggest expenses, yet the Lord has always provided.

Finances: "When you make it your business to do God's business, you do not have to be anxious about Him providing for you." Pastor Lynn Dietz

09/18/05 Three Hills, Alberta. God has kept His promise in this area with financial supporters and donations for doing gospel presentations.

Continuing Education: I have applied to the Children's Ministries Institute at the CEF International Headquarters in Warrenton, Missouri. I hope to finish off the courses that I still need. In the past I attended the Canadian CMI for two weeks at a time, but it is no longer being held in Canada. These classes have helped me already to reach children more effectively. Here is a possible project for you.

Total US Dollar Cost: \$1,813.50 plus the flight (or I might drive down). Classes take place from March 15 to April 16, 2010. If you would like to help out toward this project, please use the return slip provided.

The 4/14 Window

Marlene Adrian

We have all heard of the “10/40 Window.” It focuses on the least-reached geographical region of the world. But have you ever heard of the “4/14 Window”-the biggest unreached people-group in the world, yet it holds the key to our future? This one deals with the most formative age group: from 4 to 14 years. This is the age group that

responds best to the gospel message when they hear it. There is a push right now in mission circles to reach this age group.

Child Evangelism Fellowship has been working to reach children between the ages of four and twelve, a large part of this group, for over 70 years. We know that the children are responsive and seek to share the gospel with them before their hearts are hardened. We have also seen that the window is closing as our

culture becomes increasingly anti-Christian. We are finding that if we don't reach the children by the age of nine or ten, they become more difficult to reach. The prime ages seem to be between five and seven, when children are able to understand the gospel and eager to have a relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Pray for us, that we would be able to reach these children while they are open to the leading of the Spirit. 🙏



Realigning Staff Roles

We wish to let you know our valued partners of some form of organizational realignment we have done to CEF of Alberta. The board of Directors of CEF of Alberta approved the following changes to our management structure.

- **Elias Munshya, Provincial Director**
- **Marlene Adrian, Administrative Director**, she will also be overseeing the entire educational and training aspect of CEF of Alberta. But this new position gives her more flexibility to administer the office, supervise some members of staff, and oversee the training and education aspect
- **Peter Mierau, Evangelism and Family Evangelism Coordinator**, in this new position, Peter will

continue with what he has always been doing, evangelizing children and families. He will however, have the challenge to train others in doing what he does. He is such a valuable member of our team.

- **Annette Wilcox, Edmonton Area Director**, in this position Annette will have the challenge of overseeing Edmonton and surrounding areas, establishing clubs, training workers, and doing many other duties as assigned by Elias. We really thank you all for helping Annette go to receive her training at Children's Ministries Institute in Warrenton, Missouri.
- **Rahul Massey, IT and Operations Coordinator**, in this position Rahul will be the IT key person advising us in technology and related

matters. Rahul will also have the unique role of administering our new website...www.cefalberta.org.

- **Mari Isaacson, Director Creative Arts**, we are looking forward to the coming of Mari to CEF of Alberta. She will be a valuable member of our team working in Creative Arts.

We are still looking at for more workers to join CEF of Alberta and help serve the children of Alberta. If you feel called to reach Alberta's children please do not hesitate to get in touch with us!



Special Thank you to Brian Cummins...

CEF of Alberta now has a brand new website. On this website we hope to continue communicating with you our constituents. And additionally, we want our website to become the one stop site for information on CEF of Alberta, who we are and the activities we are engaged in. This **new look website** can be accessed at www.cefalberta.org. We wish to say a special thank you to Brian

Cummins, who designed it for us, **at no charge** at all. If we had to pay for it, we could have paid in excess of \$5000, but Brian did it at no charge. CEF of Alberta is able to do what it does due to the sacrifice of men and women like Brian who daily make sacrifices to ensure that CEF of Alberta serves effectively. Thank you Brian and thanks to each and every one of you our partners for standing together with us! 🙏

*We wish you a blessed
Christmas season*

Elias Munshya Marlene Adrian
Peter Mierau Mari Isaacson
Annette Wilcox
Rahul Massey