

Footsteps ... leaving an imprint

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A Continuing Ministry

In the mid 1990's, Carla was the wife of a rancher and the mother of 3 young children. She had a burden for the many children that lived in the local town, a bedroom community of Calgary. She had an idea that she would like to start a VBS for them and contacted CEF for help. We sent out a team of summer missionaries and the children came out in droves. The VBS happened every year, with attendance in the 80's. One child, when asked if he went to church, answered, "I go here – every year."



Carla with Jamie and Yolanda, the Belizean Director, in 2006

After a few years of reaching out to the children, the pastor of a church in a nearby town began coming out for services. The group began to grow and became an official church, hiring their own pastor. They met for many years in the community hall, but eventually were able to have their own building.

Carla continued to reach out to the children and teens as her children grew up. Her daughter Jamie, was a summer missionary

with CEF for one summer and then she and Carla went to Belize in 2006 when we had a team from Alberta.

The demographics have changed in that town. The large group of children have all grown up and gone off to other pursuits-college, work, etc. Other families have moved into the town. The VBS has been smaller the last few years, but is starting to grow again. Carla is still burdened to reach out to those children.

This summer, Carla is doing something different. She is planning to attend the first week of training as a summer missionary and then have a team join her for a VBS during the second week of training. She will then teach in some clubs that are within driving distance for her, and continue to reach out to children in Alberta. **Pray** for Carla and others as they seek to reach Alberta's children with the gospel. The need is so great.



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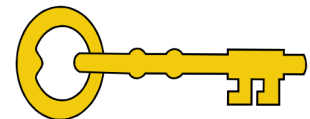
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Teens

God can use you this summer!

- Raise support to cover salary
- Travel around Alberta
- Work with other teens
- Tell children how they can have a friendship with Jesus.

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On Her Way

On May 28, **Mari Isaacson**, along with her two sisters, an SUV, and a U-Haul, will head for the Canadian border, arriving in Edmonton the next day. The Lord has provided a place for Mari to live, in the basement suite of a new house in south Edmonton. She will take the month of June to visit supporters and be ready to attend summer training in July. After going to Prince Edward Island to attend a wedding, she will be available to teach clubs for the rest of the summer.

Pray for Mari as she gets settled in Edmonton and builds contacts to begin ministry there.



Locations for Summer Clubs

Edmonton (5 clubs)

Sherwood Park (2 clubs)

Three Hills

Carseland

Calgary

Beiseker/Irricana

Nampa/Falher

Airdrie

Bon Accord

Bonanza

Fairview

Eagle Hill

Big Valley

Trochu

Medicine Hat

Interns

We have accepted three young people to serve as interns for this summer:

Tracey Smith—Program Director
- started May 20

Anne Hodgkinson (Bonnie's sister)—Assistant Program Director
- starts June 8

Niklaas Schalm—Senior Training Assistant
- starts June 30

Please **pray** for summer missionaries to join these interns in reaching children this summer. We need two more workers just to service the churches that have already booked clubs and we would very much like to book more clubs in order to reach more children this summer. So you know of anyone that is available?



Tracey has been hard at work in the office

On the Road Again

Peter has had the opportunity to do two children's presentations since he returned from the Children's Ministries Institute in April. He is making preparations to leave for the Peace River area May 27, after he does another presentation locally. On this trip, he will seek to recruit summer missionaries at a home school conference, and do two gospel presentations. **Pray** for him to make good contacts with young people as well as those hearing the gospel presentations.

On the Phone

Annette has been busy calling churches to book clubs for the summer. She is also finding out who is interested in Good News Clubs®, training, or other ministries. This is a great opportunity to touch base with churches we know and begin to build relationships with new ones. **Pray** for her as she makes these contacts and for the follow-up that will be done later.

Money Matters ...

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

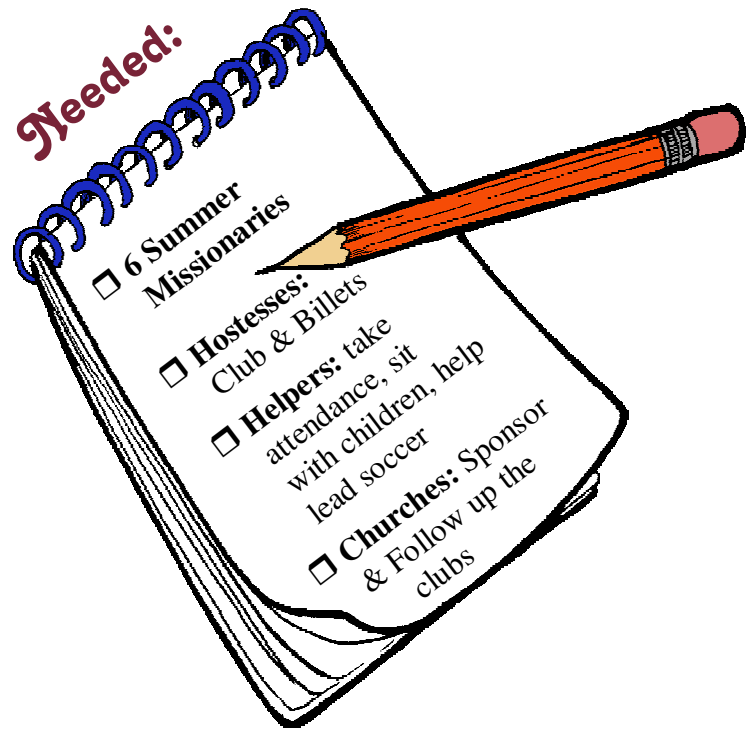
- Multi-media Projector** for Edmonton area and remote controls
- All **staff** need to increase their support levels
 - Marlene Adrian
 - Mari Isaacson
 - Rahul Massey
 - Peter Mierau
 - Annette Wilcox
- Help **sponsor a club** for this summer: \$150.00
- General Ministries** (over \$3,000.00 in the red)
 - Rent: \$700.00/month
 - Printing: \$250.00/month

CEF Training Goes International

We are making plans to work with the Prairie College of Applied Arts and Technology (PCAAT) this summer to train a team to go to the Philippines. The Early Childhood students will be going to work with day cares and preschools, but will do ministry on the weekends. Attending our summer training will prepare them for this ministry, as well as dealing with the spiritual aspect of children's work when they come back to Canada. Seven students will be going, along with three staff leaders.

Reach Your Neighbourhood

Kids need to know the Saviour and summer is the best time to reach out to them. Help reach them through **Back Yard Clubs, Soccer Clubs, VBS, or Day Camps**. All are designed to find the kids where they are and teach them the gospel while having a great time together. **They can meet in** a back yard with an emphasis on games, in a church, with a craft emphasis or on a soccer field, with an emphasis on soccer. All have the same teaching time and the gospel is presented each day. How about combining all 3 into a day camp and have a team of summer missionaries spend the whole day with the children? Whatever the package, the children have fun and learn great truths from God's Word. More importantly, the gospel is presented daily.



Pastor Special

- Detect your keen young (or older) people—15 & up
- Send them to CEF for training July 4-16
- Encourage them to work with CEF for 2-6 weeks
- We send them back **trained, experienced and burdened** to work with children in your church.

**2010
Summer
Theme:**

**One Way
Mysteries**



The Future Looks Bright

Ezekiel 11:1 (NIV): "Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the gate of the house of the LORD that faces east."

Greetings,

I'd love to ask for a moment of your time to introduce myself to you. My name is Rahul Massey. I have volunteered and worked with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Alberta for the past two years. I was born in India, I went to college in Wales, and then I moved to Three Hills. Here I am working on completing my studies in Mission Aviation. The verse above speaks to the time when I had my first knowledge of God. At the age of 18, God saved my life after a motorcycle accident, and He also saved me eternally. Since then I have strived to serve the Lord with my whole self.



Last summer, I met Bonnie Hodgkinson who was serving with CEF of AB as a summer missionary and intern. When I came in to fix computers at CEF one summer day, we met, and we soon became friends who fell in love. God has accomplished so much in our lives since the summer of 2009. On January 5, 2010, due to immigration issues, we were married.

My position with CEF became formalized in the fall of 2009 to be the IT and Operations Manager. In the winter of 2010, God gave me an

even greater passion to use my skills for CEF, and I was asked to be the Director of Marketing, Promotion, Development, Recruitment, IT, and Operations in Alberta. Bonnie was able to work with CEF through the fall as well as the summer because God provided surplus support for her.

I recognize that there is much work that needs to be invested in CEF. However, we are only two people with very limited resources. If God

were to provide us with the funds we needed tomorrow, we could get to work immediately promoting CEF and helping it soar to its full potential. We

also need many summer missionaries to be the ones to take the Gospel to the children in Alberta. CEF could benefit from your support in countless ways – just let us know what you do best.

In the coming two years I have the following vision for CEF:

1. Create a training program for Sunday school instructors
2. Create programs in child evangelism that are taught by CEF staff members, to equip post-secondary students to

share their faith effectively with children.

3. Create an internship program for students who are enrolled in youth or children's ministry programs at post-secondary institutions.
4. Recruit more staff members to work in office administration, graphic design, web design, and contact information coordination.
5. Restore the general ministry funds to levels that would enable CEF to continue ministering effectively.

Our long term plans go beyond Canada. Within two years Bonnie and I hope to move to India permanently to work with Bible school, aviation academy, and elementary slum school students through Global Aviation Training International (GATI). We would like to bring CEF ministries to Northern India and create a partnership with CEF there. I would like to find a replacement who I can instruct to carry on my roles at CEF after two years.

We ask each of you readers to consider committing to **pray** for us, **financially** support us and CEF as we strive to serve Him. Thank you and God bless you,

Rahul Massey.



Job Opportunity

Provincial Director needed for CEF of Alberta. Check the website or call the office for more information.