

Spreading the Word

CEF of West Texas, Panhandle Chapter **Summer 2020**

Learning Skills to Spread God's Word: Christian Youth In Action 2020

I think Christian teens should attend CYIA because you learn so much about God in a week and you learn how to tell kids and people around you about God.



- Panhandle Chapter CYIA student

CYIA looked a little different in 2020. Usually, teens from all of West Texas's five CEF chapters meet for nine days of training. This year, due to COVID-19, a portion of the training took place via virtual Zoom sessions, and the remainder of the training was conducted locally at each chapter. The Panhandle Chapter had five CYIA students who worked diligently at learning the Wordless Book presentation, how to counsel a child for salvation, and how to present Bible stories, songs, memory verses, and games.



The Panhandle Chapter's CYIA 2020 Team

These students then conducted seven 5-Day Clubs and did a great job applying the principles they learned (and rest assured, they wore masks and practiced social distancing). There were 77 kids who attended the 5-Day Clubs, and 3 children made a profession of faith!

When asked how she would use the skills learned at CYIA, one student responded, "I plan on using the skills I have learned not just during 5-Day Clubs or Good News Clubs but in my everyday walk with God and when telling family, friends, and people I see about God."

Another student responded, "I plan to use the skills I've learned by teaching not just children but adults too. I will use the skills I've learned to

We want to thank everyone at the CEF of West Texas state office as well as the staff and volunteers at the Panhandle Chapter for helping make CYIA a success.

Camp Good News via USPS

spread God's Word to other people."

Unfortunately, we had to cancel Camp Good News this year. We felt we could not adequately maintain the stringent health guidelines mandated by the CDC for holding a summer camp. We did mail out "Camp Packets" to 52 children who attended camp last year. These packets included a Wonder devotional book, coloring book, music CD, Do You Wonder Why? booklet, and information on CEF's mailbox club and YouTube channel. Our sights are set on re-convening Camp Good News in 2021!

Fall 2020 Good News Clubs



As local school districts will only be allowing children and teachers in school facilities, we are making alternative arrangements for our fall 2020 Club ministry. CEF USA headquarters has released guidance on how to conduct a Good News Club virtually via Zoom, and we are excited at this opportunity to bring the Gospel message into children's homes. We are also looking at having Good News Clubs in locations other than schools—including churches, backyards, and parks—as well as potentially bringing the Good News to kids through the mail. Please pray for the CEF minis-

try, our volunteers, and especially the children of the Texas Panhandle as we continue to take the Gospel message to kids throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Our Purpose: Child Evangelism Fellowship is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian Living.

Our Mission: To enlist, equip, and encourage a team of qualified leaders who will effectively fulfill our purpose, expanding the work through the Panhandle region of West Texas.

Our Vision: Guiding a new generation that seeks to honor God.

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