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# Good News Gazette

CEF of West Texas, Panhandle Chapter

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**D**id you know the Texas Panhandle has 117 public elementary schools (with over 40,000 students), and 85% of these schools do not have a CEF Club? This represents over 34,000 children who may not have access to a club and the Good News that a club brings. As we look to the future and face the challenge of taking the Gospel to the children in the Panhandle, let us turn our hearts to the Lord, and ask Him to bring the people and resources needed.

## Good News, Indeed!

The monthly *Party Club* at Avondale Elementary has over 100 respectful and attentive children enrolled. One second grade boy, who has attended the club since he was in kindergarten, recently made a decision to accept Jesus as his personal savior. Once a discipline problem, he has now become helpful and kind to those around him.



## Joy in Serving Christ at Bushland GNC

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, here's an encouraging report from Bunny Baldwin, *Good News Club* teacher at Bushland Elementary:

If school had resumed after spring break, we would have had three more weeks of Good News Clubs. The lesson series has been on the apostle Paul, and our Wonder Time has discussed the Armor of God. As this is such an important lesson for our children today, I wanted them to have the information they would have learned in the last three clubs. While we thought of mailing it out, we decided to ask parents to come by the local Pak-A-Sak and pick up goodie bags for their kids. We had a great response, and the children were thankful!

The bags included the Bible lesson scripture, memory verse, Word Up, Wonder Time teaching, copies from the missionary story, a Gospel presentation, quiet time sheets, and coloring sheets. Plus, we added pieces of chalk, candy, a bookmark, and a Gospel pen.

One mom sent me a text saying, "My daughter wants to know how you knew exactly what color of chalk she wanted." God knew. Another child said, "But, I won't get to hear the missionary story". I was happy to tell him that I had put that in also. He was so excited! I enjoyed seeing the children, waving at them, and wishing them a good summer. These are hard times, maybe, but the joy in serving Christ by serving children is always worth it.

## CEF by the Numbers

Our ministry statistics, since September 2019, of God's work in the Texas Panhandle:

<b>836</b> children reached with the Gospel	<b>16</b> Good News Clubs
<b>78</b> children making a profession of faith	<b>1</b> JYC Club
<b>72</b> volunteers	<b>2</b> monthly Party Clubs
	<b>1</b> Christmas Party

## Familiar Faces – New Roles at the Panhandle Chapter Office

As you may know, Jan Johnson is our office manager. She is the point-of-contact for our donors, volunteers, committee members, and state office. Jan has faithfully served with the chapter for many years as a Good News Club (GNC) teacher and on the local committee. We are excited to have her on our staff!



Bunny Baldwin has been part of our Panhandle ministry for several years and joined us in January as part-time Good News Club Ministry Coordinator. Along with her husband Ronny, Bunny leads or serves on three GNC teams and oversees Camp Good News. As the ministry coordinator, she works to connect with local churches to start new Clubs. She also works with Jan to support our existing GNCs. We are grateful to have Bunny on board!



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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.

### Summer Ministry Events

- Christian Youth In Action—June 3-12
- Camp Good News—July 13-17

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