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Reflections on Ministry

By Bob and Loy Matheson



We grew up in the same little country church near Silver Lake, Everett, WA. As we became older, I went off to college and Loy attended a business college. To Loy I was just one of those older boys in the youth group that her older sister hung around with.

After returning from Bible College, about four years later, I felt the Lord's leading to ask Loy to marry me. When we announced their engagement, one of Loy's brothers said, "Well it's about time!" After the Lord gave us a son and two daughters, the Lord used Matthew 7:7 and the influence of the then CEF director, Thelma Gray, to apply for directorship with CEF.

During this time we hosted and taught a *Good News Club*® in our home as well as taught two clubs in other people's homes, and in the summer time taught three *5-Day Clubs*® a day. I served on the local CEF Committee [Oversight Committee]. After being approved by the Washington State Board we were called to minister in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties (now known as Pacific Harbors Chapter). I had secured a job, thanks to the Lord, at a grocery store in Aberdeen which made it possible to minister since the local chapter could give us \$125.00 a month for support. We camped out in a church parsonage for our first summer in the area. The Lord made it possible for us, in 1969, to pay the builder down to his loan and move into a new house. During this time, the sign in Seattle read "the last person out of Seattle, turn the lights off." We ministered for two *GNC*® years [September to August] and then were called to minister in Snohomish County. Again houses were not selling well, which made it necessary for us to commute one hundred and forty miles (one way) for a year and a half once-a-week to conduct teacher training classes. The summer before we moved to Snohomish County we lived with Loy's parents. This made it possible to conduct *5-Day Clubs* with the *Christian Youth In Action*® teens and ministered at the Monroe Evergreen Fair for 10 hours a day for ten days. By the end of that summer we could not think clearly enough to decide which school to put our children in. Our children did attend an Aberdeen school for half of the school year. After renting our home to a school teacher, we rented a house in the Silver Lake area and entered our children in the Everett School system mid-term. In 1976 we received approval to build our own home and were accepted to attend CEF's *Children's Ministry Institute* in Warrenton, MO. Thanks to Pastor Bruce and our church family our house was built while we were gone from Snohomish County for three months. They took care of oversight and painting.

It was our privilege to travel as far north as Darrington, as far east as Sultan, as far south as Edmonds-Lynnwood, as far west as Stanwood areas to teach weekly training classes. It was also a regular thing to do *5-Day Club* training for a whole week in at least two different areas. Fair ministry around the county was held in six different locations – two different times in Langley on Whidbey Island. We were among the first to take the *Teaching Children Effectively*® Level 1 & 2 courses. The first time we taught TCE Level One there were five different classes going throughout the county day and evening. Continued on page 2.

Teaching Children Effectively—Level One



Teaching Children Effectively (TCE™) Level 1 is designed to offer a fresh approach to evangelizing and teaching children. Based on spiritual and educational principles, the course provides the methods and procedures to lead children to Christ and immediately equips the be-

liever to begin and sustain a ministry where he lives. Student practicums are a vital part of the instructional procedure making TCE a refreshing way to train Christians in child evangelism. Call us to register for this 30 hour class beginning February, 2011. Register at 425-252-6314.

The holidays are upon us and CEF Press® has great curriculum you can teach at your home, neighborhood or school for a Party Club. Visit our Resource Center on Tuesday or Thursday from 11 am to 2 pm or call for an appointment.

**CHILDREN
NEED
THE
LORD!**

Ephesians 6:16, says to take *“the shield of faith, where-with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”*

**Pray in faith
the LORD
will go before
us to open
Good News
Clubs not just
in Snohomish
County, but
throughout
the world!**

Reflections on Ministry—Continued

Many opportunities were given to us to teach in chapels for a number of Christian schools. For 17 years we conducted the evening children’s camp meeting, Sunday school and Children’s Church for the Lutheran Brethren Family Camp. Some of the many things God made possible to do were Vacation Bible Schools, gospel presentations at Easter and Christmas in shopping malls, *GNC®* & *5-DC®* at the Everett YMCA, the Lord made it possible for us to establish the Prayer Luncheon program, and speak at different times to church congregations. This will give you an idea of the ministries the Lord has allowed us to conduct. Presently *CEF®* has developed many more opportunities and programs to reach the children for the Lord Jesus Christ.

More recently we manage and serve in CEF’s Resource Center and are available to help teach the *TCE* courses in different chapters. In addition we help with CEF’s Prayer Luncheon, cooking or decorating, as needed. We’re blessed to continue serving. - Bob & Loy Matheson

As acting Director, I am privileged to work alongside Bob and Loy. They are truly faithful servants! Although they are retired, (or so they say), they continue to wholeheartedly serve children and this ministry. *Please pray the Lord will continue to provide financial support for them as they serve. If you would like to provide a gift, just mark your donation for Bob Matheson.* Thank you for supporting this ministry! For Jesus and His children, Jan Akam

Financial Support

CEF of Snohomish County is in need of a new roof for our office in Everett. A few people have donated to our fund, but the need is great! *Please pray and ask the Lord to provide the funds so we can get the work done soon.*

In order to open Good News Clubs in the county, we must raise funds to cover the cost of facility use. Please pray Lord will provide the funds for us.



The doors are open **NOW!** You can teach a Bible Club in public elementary schools or in your local neighborhood.

Pray for children!

Prayer warriors are needed to join our e-mail prayer teams.

JOIN a Prayer Circle?

(425) 252-6314

PRAYER LUNCHEON

**Monday
Dec . 6th
11:30 am-2 pm**

Marla Husby

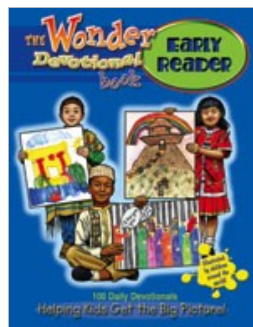
**CEF's
Missionary &
Teacher**

will share how she and her husband, trained children's workers in Malawi.

What's New in the Resource Center

Wonder Devotional Book Early Reader

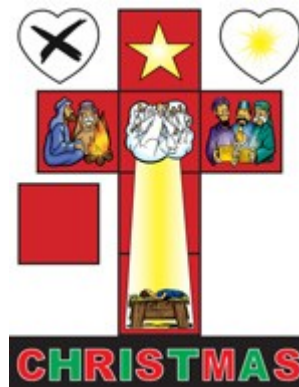
Want to help start your 6 to 8-year-old kids on their journey with God? The Wonder Devotional Book Early Reader: **Helping Kids Get the Big Picture!** is just the tool to help you! Kids will see the big picture from Genesis to Revelation with 100 daily devotionals colorfully illustrated by children from all around the world!



Light of Life

This innovative Christmas lesson helps kids say no to sin. Tell the Christmas story with a visual in the form of a cross. *A star at the top of the cross shines on the baby in the manger - the Light who brings life to all who believe.*

Helps for an evangelistic party are included.



Be Aware of These Books

Schools are distributing these books through the Scholastic Book Club, entitled:

Conversations with God & Conversations with God for Teens, written by Neale D. Walsch.

They sound harmless enough but they go against the Word of God, the Bible. *Our children are under attack. Our adversary, the devil, roams about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.* (1 Peter 5:8) We know that lions usually hunt for the slowest, weakest and YOUNGEST of its prey. Pray children will be protected from the evil one.

Are You Concerned for the Children?

We talk about the *free gift* of ETERNAL LIFE ...we talk about the need for more



PRAYER...we talk about how we are CONCERNED FOR CHILDREN in the world...so many people talk! So what are WE doing about it and what are YOU doing about it?

We talk about the LOVE of Jesus, we talk about the importance of growing in the Lord, we talk about how we must be unified in the church...what are WE doing about it?

It's time to stop talking and do something! We CAN offer the *free gift of eternal life*, we CAN pray, we CAN show our love and concern

for the children of our world. We CAN do it NOW! Who knows how long the doors will be open, but they are open NOW!

It doesn't matter how old you are, or how gifted you are; what matters is your heart! If you have a heart that seeks after the LORD, He CAN use you to do anything!

We are looking for people who know Jesus as their Savior, who are burdened for the children of our world! Are you available to serve? Do you really care about children?

And if what do you visit see how you do it? Will you visit CEF to you can



bless the children?

With so many opportunities to reach children, especially in public schools, we must be willing to serve.

If you can pray, love, teach or supervise, and serve children we can use YOU! If you can donate financially to help us pay for facility use for these after school clubs, we can use YOU! If you like to bake treats and want to adopt a club to help serve snacks, we can use YOU! Jesus CARES, we CARE and want teams of at least 4 people to serve the children in each after school Good News Club. IT'S TIME—IT'S TIME TO MAKE CHILDREN A PRIORITY! - Call me! Jan Akam



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CELEBRATE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON— JESUS!



TO:

“When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.”
- Matthew 2:9 KJV

Our Purpose: To evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God, and in a local church for Christian living.

DECEMBER, 2010—PRAYER CALENDAR—PRAY DAILY FOR THESE NEEDS!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Pray for Edmonds GNC & Sherwood GNC, Maile & Ron, Kathy, Teachers	Pioneer GNC- Barb Long, Teacher Shoultes GNC Debby, Teacher	Pray for Christ the King GNC Christmas Party Dec. 16th Jan Radford, T.	Hillcrest GNC Margaret Smith Teacher. Pray for her team of helpers.	Wisdom, spiritual discernment and good health- for our Director, Jan Akam	Praise for all our supporters who pray for the children. God bless you ALL!	For Tara, CEF Missionary to Madagascar. For support, wisdom, divine appts.
Pray Mill Creek Elem. GNC will open with a full teaching team in 2011.	Pray for Westgate GNC Tuesdays soon Marla Husby, Teacher	Teaching Team needed for Emerson GNC in Everett—Pray for Louise Mori	Teaching Team Needed for Garfield GNC in Everett—Pray for a team!	Stanwood GNC Friday Debby, Teacher, Arlene, Silas, Caleb, Elisa, Jessica	Pray all teachers will attend our regular teacher trainings. Next one is 2/26/2011	Lord call new teachers into this ministry throughout Snohomish County.
Pray a new GNC will open in Snohomish at the Boys & Girls Club	Pray for GNC—Edmonds Elem. Maile & Ron Johnson, Teachers	Tulalip GNC meets 3rd Wed. for a Party Club, Debby B. Teacher Cheryl, Hannah, Marjorie, Angel	Quil-Ceda Christmas Party Club—Thurs. 12-16-2010 Jan A., Teacher	Pray Kent-Prairie GNC will open with a full teaching team along with youth to help.	Pray a GNC will open at Liberty Elem. Need Teaching Team there.	Pray all GNC fliers will reach all the children when they are sent out or listed as an e-flier.
That Snohomish County YOUTH will get involved in helping with GNC's	Pioneer GNC, Barb Long, Teacher Shoultes GNC, Debby, Teacher	Cascade GNC Marysville needs Teaching Team. Pray for a lead Teacher & team.	Our GNC children will attend a Bible believing church every week.	Stanwood GNC Friday, Debby, Teacher, Arlene Silas, Caleb, Elisa, Jessica	All GNC children from previous years will share the Good News openly.	Pray for six people to serve throughout the State of Washington for CEF.
Pray for a team for Jan at Quil-Ceda Elem. GNC Party Club. Pray for lots of kids!	Pray for Jane Magruder's Home GNC meets on Tues.	Teams needed for GNC's at Hawthorne Elem. and Garfield Elem. in Everett	Pray for Kent-Prairie GNC in Arlington to open in 2011.	Teaching Team needed for View Ridge Elem. in Everett. Jennifer Hino, teacher	Teaching team needed for Seattle Hill Elem GNC Pray for a lead teacher!	Every GNC to be protected from the evil one. CEF volunteers & children will be safe.

Merry Christmas to you and your family! With love & appreciation from CEF of Snohomish County