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## Child Evangelism Fellowship of Central Virginia

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### ***Be Encouraged!***

You walk into the classroom with trepidation. The sea of young faces before you is reflecting a variety of expressions – expectant, cheerful, guarded, bored. Are the volunteers prepared? Will the laptop work? Is the paperwork completed correctly? Finally, a sigh of relief. Your first Good News Club session is over. There were a few glitches, but God's Word was spoken, and all is well.

By mid-term the children's faces are developing into personalities. You are searching for signs that they are seeing the connection of the life-changing messages in the songs, Bible lessons, missionary stories, and Gospel presentation. Some still feign boredom, but many others are engaged and excited.

The last session in the series finally arrives. Wow, are these kids special! Many have established relationships with the leaders and with you. What a joy it has been to witness several heartfelt professions for Christ! A child comes up, hugs you around the waist and says, "I wish you could be here every day!"

Was it worth it? Oh, yes! What a privilege to bring the Light of God's Word into these precious lives!

The second session opens... you see a sea of young faces...and feel a burst of joy anticipating what God is about to do...

### **Good News Clubs Status Report**

God has blessed Central Virginia with a fantastic start for Good News Clubs! **Thirteen clubs are active – up from only four last fall – and 36 children have made professions for Christ!** Whether a supporter, volunteer or leader, you have contributed to changing the trajectory of children's lives!

### **Testimonials**

Central Chapter volunteers share special moments from 2022

*"We were so encouraged when a little boy who had been labeled "the meanest kid in school" not only remembered the topics of all five lessons, but explained in detail how Jesus worked in each Bible character's life!"*

*"On both Tuesday, November 8 and Thursday, November 10, the Gideon's International was invited by our GNCs to two Lynchburg area elementary schools. At that time, over 80 students in one school and 30 in the other school received a gift of their own copy of the New Testament."*

*"It has been so exciting to see the Lord working in the lives of children this year at our Lynchburg area elementary school Good News Club. We see a thirst in the children to know spiritual truth. The club is averaging about 83 children each week with about half of the club being older children. This is a change from before the pandemic. We have seen 12 children make decisions to trust Jesus as Savior and families returning to regular church attendance due to their children attending the Good News Club. God has also provided us great volunteers and teachers which make a huge difference for a successful club".*

*"My husband and I have faced immense pain and loss over the last couple of months. I wasn't sure if I would have the energy and focus to teach at a Good News Club, and it seemed like the enemy allowed my grief to become overwhelming on the days of club. But my God has been so faithful to give me the endurance I need to share His Word with the children, and we have seen many profess salvation at our clubs a result. When I am weak, he is strong!"*

### **Opportunity to Train**

Teacher Training: How to Integrate Salvation into Curriculum, Forest Library, January TBA, instructed by Miriam Higley, contact Dan Uttley

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