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Quarterly Update

CEF of Tennessee - Knoxville Fall 2020

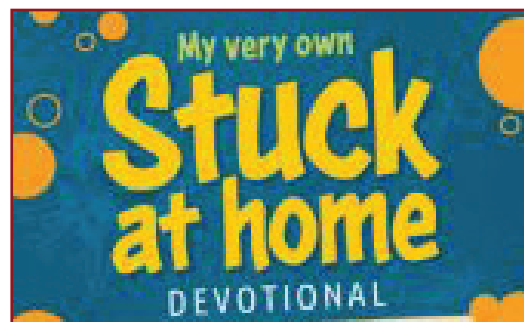
Please Continue to Pray with Us

- Pray that God would bring an end to the pandemic and enable us to return to the schools and other venues where volunteers can reach many children with the Gospel message.
- Pray that God would give clear direction and wisdom to the local leadership of CEF Knoxville so that we can best steward the people, resources and opportunities entrusted to us.
- Pray for God to raise up more people like you to pray and help promote CEF, the mission and the opportunity to reach more area children with the Gospel.
- Pray that God would raise up more people to serve as local committee or advisory board members to help oversee this ministry in our area especially during this challenging season.
- Pray that God would protect, provide for and encourage the area children, their families, teachers and all involved in the schools at this time.

CEF of TN - Knoxville Refocusing for 2020 Vision

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^{b)} the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

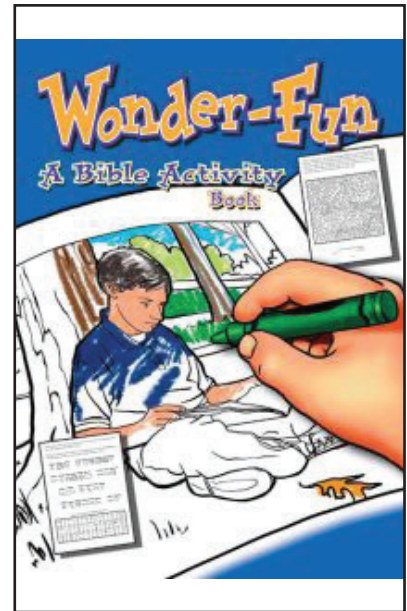
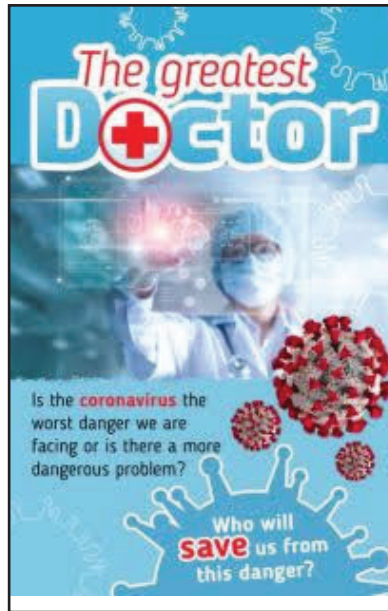
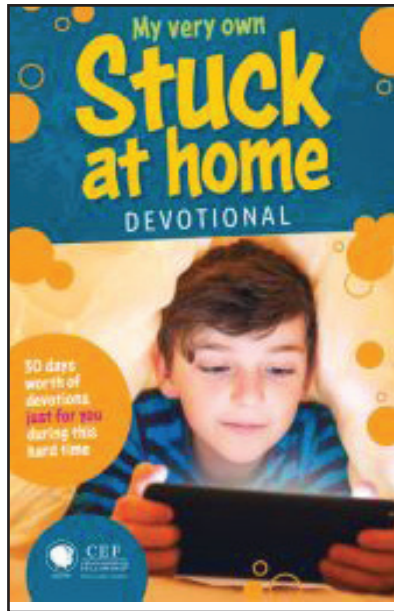
Dear friends of CEF of Knoxville, this is the time of year when CEF volunteers across the country are normally returning to the public elementary schools for After School Good News Clubs where many unchurched children can be reached with the Good News of Jesus. Many schools around the US as well as in our area are not presently allowing outside visitors into their facilities due to the COVID-19 virus. Those of us directly involved in this ministry have had to "widen our view" and refocus in order to achieve a 2020 vision. Jeff Nichols, our new CEF State Director recently said, "We are not called just to do After School Good News Clubs but to evangelize, disciple and establish children (in a local church for Christian living)." His words encompass the threefold mission of CEF. With that wider focus in



mind, those of us serving with the CEF Knox chapter are finding other creative ways to reach area children with the Gospel of Jesus while also dealing with the unique challenges presented by the pandemic. Some volunteers are planning for Club meetings at another venue such as a local church, community center, park or neighborhood. Some are reaching out to children and families from last year's club with phone calls, cards, emails, Facebook, Zoom and other means of sharing the Good News. CEF USA has produced many new tools, devotionals, tracts, videos, lessons and other resources for this purpose over these past 6 months. Please check out www.cefknnox.com to take a look at several of these new items and share them with others. A sample of a few resources are pictured above and on the next page.

Thank You for Your Continuing Support

New Resources for Children for 2020



Please continue to pray for God's provision and direction at this challenging time and for him to give those involved in this ministry a clear and focused 2020 vision! Please see the reverse side for more specific and current prayer needs for our chapter. Please also continue reading to learn about two special women whom God has called to serve in this local ministry. May their dedication inspire and bless you!

Sitting Down with Linda Odle



Linda Odle has been a blessing to CEF for over 50 years, having been recruited to this mission as a teenager in her hometown of Memphis. Her work took a brief break when she married and moved to Knoxville, but word about great volunteers tends to spread, and Linda found herself being recruited once again in Knoxville.

She'll tell you that she's been privileged to lead hundreds of children to pray a prayer of salvation through her work with Good News Clubs. She's taught, and taught teachers, worked in the office, and now serves on the local Committee for Knoxville and East Tennessee along with her husband, Jim.

"It's rewarding work. Some of the sweet stories of the children and how they come to salvation will just really warm your heart," she said recently. Get to know Linda when you can, and keep her on your prayer list as well, as she continues her CEF work despite a recurrence of her cancer. A big THANK YOU, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT to Linda Odle. We're blessed to have her on our team.

Welcome Debbie Patrick



The local committee for CEF of Knoxville recently voted unanimously in favor of Debbie Patrick joining our committee. She is an answer to prayer and brings with her a humble heart, love for the Lord, and for children as well as a wealth of experience

and skills that will be extremely helpful in carrying out the vision of CEF locally. Debbie grew up in Knoxville but moved away in her early 20s. God kept his hand upon her during her experiences working in the areas of advertisement and marketing, and eventually steered her back to Knoxville. She looks forward to her next adventure with him — it looks like that just may include a role here with us in CEF!

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