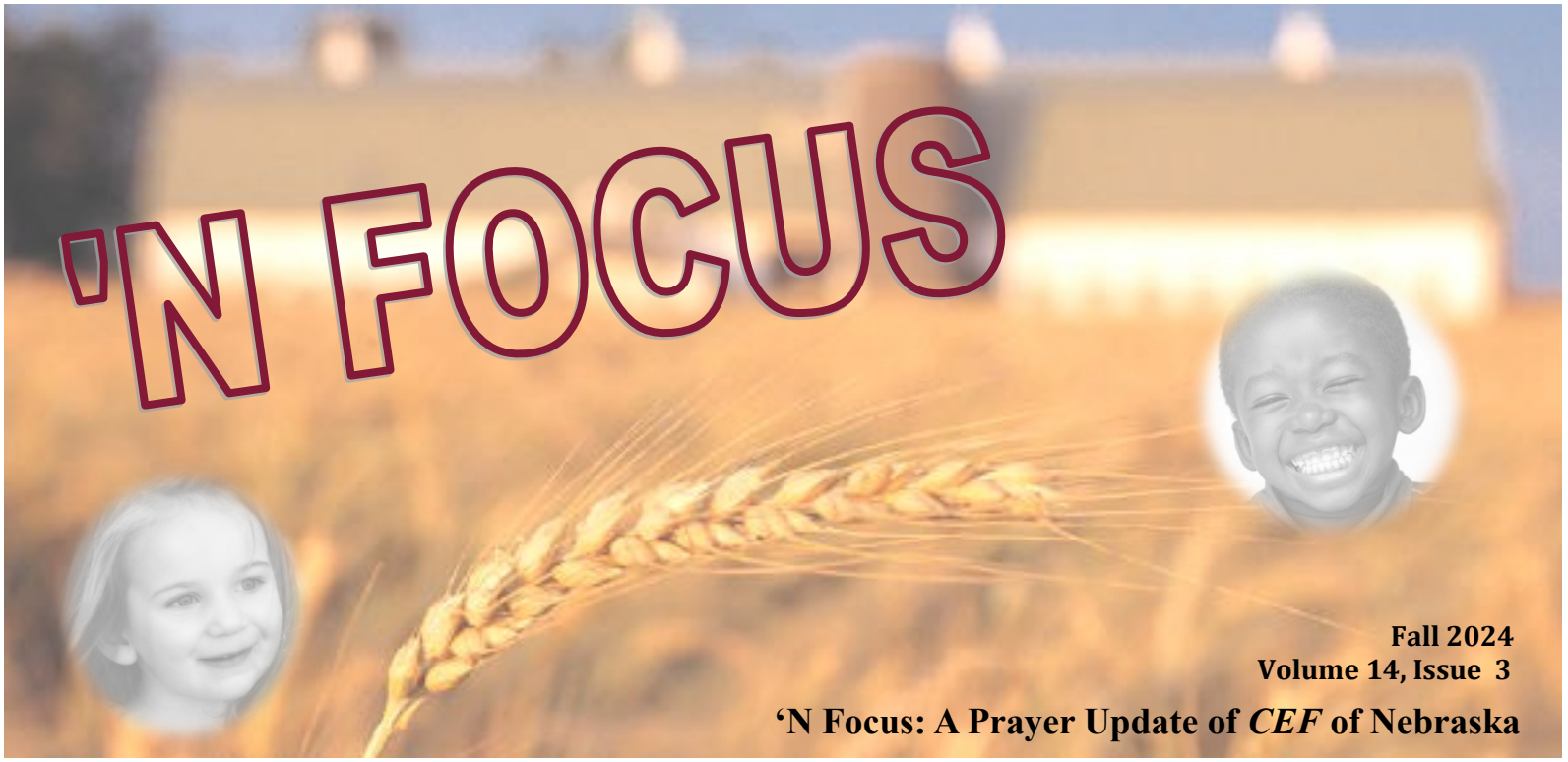

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How do you get to Heaven?

"You have to die," the boy replied. This was the response of a little boy whom I was talking to at the fair. I was explaining that God created heaven and He wants us to live with Him someday after we die. I then explained some more about heaven, and then asked him how we get to heaven. He gave an honest reply. What a delight it was to share the Gospel with so many children at different fairs in Nebraska. At the Nebraska State Fair alone, at least 1,000 people, mostly children heard the Gospel! This is the largest number reached in one year since *CEF* returned to the state fair. Of these, at least 10 children made a profession of faith, with several others who indicated they wanted to trust Christ later! We trust and pray these children, and many others, did commit their lives to the Lord. Over 480 Bibles were also given out at the state fair! Besides the Nebraska State Fair, the Gospel was shared by *CEF* staff and volunteers at 9 county fairs. Over 1600 children heard the Gospel at these fairs!

The fair ministry comes at the end of an incredible summer of Summer *Good News Clubs*® *(GNC®)* (*5-Day Club)*. The majority of the Summer clubs were four-day clubs. On several occasions, a local church would host a Friday evening block party or rally for the children who attended the club, inviting their entire family as well as families from the church. This provided fun interaction for new families to the church, introduced the church to the new (cont. p.2)

GNC at Syracuse Elementary School!

"Are you coming to my school this year?"

Thousands of children in Nebraska need to hear of Jesus and His offer of forgiveness of sin and eternal life. Will you pray for the Lord to raise up thousands of Believers to take the Gospel to the children in the public elementary schools?

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Once you are gone, where will all your wealth go?

Have you considered **Planned Giving**? A planned gift is any major gift, made in lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning. These include gifts of equity, life insurance, real estate, personal property, or cash.

Include *CEF* of Nebraska in your planned giving. Use the resources the Lord has given you to continue to impact eternity after you are already there.

Contact Matt Anderson with any questions or for further assistance.

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Nebraska State Fair 2024

families, and provided one more opportunity to share the Gospel with the entire family! The joy of connecting children and their families to a solid Bible-teaching church is a major reason why *CEF* exits.

146 Summer GNCs were held throughout Nebraska. Some clubs had only 3-4 children attend, while others had nearly 100! No matter the size, the staff and summer missionaries, trained through *Christian Youth in Action® (CYIA®),* poured their lives into the children and sought to encourage the hosts and churches we partnered with.

Summer GNC in Lincoln

The Southeast Chapter had the most Summer *GNC*s held in the chapter for years. With assistance from summer missionaries from the Omaha Chapter and the summer missionaries in the Southeast Chapter, 13 clubs were held! 20 clubs were held in the Central Chapter, 22 clubs in the Lincoln Chapter, and 91 clubs in the Omaha Chapter!

Summer GNC (VBS) in Beatrice

Musgrave's Moments

School is back underway, ready or not. This means a little more "normality" in our schedule, but also different activities and ministry to occupy our time. One of those activities will be to help out at the Good News Club® at Kahoa Elementary, the school our children would have attended had they gone to public school. There has been a club at this school since 2004!

Isaac is now a 6th grader! It's hard to see our "baby" growing up sometimes. He had the privilege of taking a *CYIA* Support training and was able to help out at the Summer *GNC*s. His skill in Taekwondo continues to grow and is now able to break boards with his arm and foot. He loves to be active, running, climbing, and riding his bike. He, along with Ethan, are looking forward to basketball.

Ethan excelled at teaching the Summer *Good News Club*s! It has been enjoyable watching him interact with the children during the club as the teacher, but also before and after the club as he hangs out with them. He started high school and is finding it takes much more time to finish his work each day. He has begun attending Ratio Cristi, an apologetics club for high schoolers, and is enjoying it greatly.

Ariana's schedule is full with her college classes and activities at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. This allows her to save considerable money by living at home. She turned 18 the day before her classes began. The first week of classes were relatively "easy" but have increased in scope and challenge. She is enjoying her classes and excelling in her work. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Music with an emphasis on the harp and minoring in Business. You can especially pray for her as she is taking 17 credit hours this semester.

We, Jonathan and Yoli, try to find time just to be with each other as we juggle school, life and ministry. Yoli is taking a break from tutoring with Classical Conversations while Jonathan is tutoring Challenge 1. We are thankful to the Lord for all He has given us.

Stewardship Director

Leaving a Legacy—What does it mean to leave a legacy? Victor Belfort says, "Legacy is not what I did for myself. It's what I'm doing for the next generation." In other words, what are you doing now so you will have something to leave for God's Kingdom when He calls you home?

Proverbs 13:27 says, "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children…" This verse highlights the importance of leaving something for your children, but also for God's kingdom.

Leaving a legacy means that you can leave financial components behind so that these can speak for you long after you are gone. Have you considered leaving a portion of your estate or finances to *CEF* of Nebraska? You could include *CEF* of Nebraska as an additional "child" in your will or trust. Your financial legacy that you leave will continue to not only work for the good of the Gospel, but will also support what you so passionately believe in.

None of this happens without a plan. If you do not have a financial plan in place, please start that conversation now. We can help guide you to good solid people in the financial and legal world that will help you craft a legacy that is both meaningful and lasting.

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That Live to Serve Others

In memory of Betty Younkin

from

Tom Nebelsick

Harvest Club

Please join me, a member of the CEF Harvest Club, committed to beseech the Lord daily at 10:02 for laborers for His Harvest, especially for laborers for *CEF* in Nebraska.

To join, visit **www.cefnebraska.org/harvestclub**. Not only **commit to pray**, but also to **financially give monthly** to help reach even more children with the Gospel of Jesus.

Children's Workers Training

Does Your Church Train Workers?

When was the last time your church offered training for children's workers? Too many churches constantly beg their members to assist in the children's departments, but do not provide encouragement and training.

How grateful we are to those who faithfully serve the children. Why not offer these invaluable volunteers training and encouragement. *CEF* offers over 35 different workshops that a children's director can choose from, and we will come to the church and provide the training.

Visit cefnebraska.org/church and download the **Teacher Enrichment and Training Seminars Brochure.** Call to set up a training **TODAY!**

Ongoing Prayer Needs

- For a successful Million Dollar Miracle—to raise $1 million over the next four years to fully support all our current staff missionaries and hire additional missionaries to reach a greater number of children in Nebraska.
- To reach 15,000 children with the Gospel in the next two years.
- To have over 65 *Good News Club*s this school year.
- To establish a committee, with a minimum of five individuals, for the proposed Platte Valley Chapter in the beginning of 2024.
- For at least three new full-time *CEF* missionaries called to serve in Nebraska in the next year.
- 20 new church partnerships throughout Nebraska.
- The Lord to continually raise up financial partners to increase the spread of the Gospel.

"P.S. Thank you for praying! Please keep us in your prayer especially this coming school year. Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith." ♡