

CEF of Greater Buffalo Area

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A Note From the Director

"That curriculum," I said. "Wow, it is amazing, it has great pictures and leads directly into an invitation at the end of each lesson. And those Missionary Stories, leaving on a cliff-hanger after each telling. This is great!"

That was me in June of 1993, training as a child/teen evangelist with Neighborhood Bible Time in Boulder, CO. It was the first time I would encounter Child Evangelism Fellowship in any way. While not the authorized summer 5-Day Clubs, the churches that hosted NBT for the next 3 summers under my tutelage saw scores of children saved. The curriculum was remarkably effective. It would be years later that would comprehend the full outreach programs under the aegis of CEF. My future mother-in-law and her sisters were holding summer 5-Day Clubs in the 70's and 80's in the Buffalo/West Seneca area.

I began to work in a Good News Club with Jim and Lois Donath of Evangelical Baptist Church in School 43 in Lovejoy for 2 years prior to the Lockdowns of '20-'22. What an exciting and wonderful way to reach largely unchurched children! Many were saved and their families assimilated into Bro. Donath's church. I enjoyed first-hand the entire approach and program that has been tried and tested for so many years. The organization, objectives, training, and even legal protective background were top notch.

Miss Joan Lindsey (or committee secretary, and longtime CEF worker) was invaluable with her erudite explanation of all things CEF, from proper teaching and counseling of children to the broad vision and mission of CEF within the public school system.

In May of 2022, while hosting a CEF "Super Saturday" Teaching Seminar at the Center Road Baptist Church, I was approached to pray about becoming the Ministry Coordinator of this region. I was already busy with manifold responsibilities at our church, so I did not take it seriously.

I was approached again the next February and this past August, where I had taken it seriously and accepted the role only after March, as we were involved in an important transition at our church.

So, here I am, for better or worse, excited to network with local churches to get the Gospel to the highest return on our investment of time, effort and resources - the evangelization of children. As this world spirals into immoral insanity, I am glad to be a part of an organization that keeps the main thing the main thing – getting the Gospel to children in the greater Buffalo area!

- Rob Perrotti

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