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Reaching the Children of

Alaska

2025 ANNUAL MINISTRY SUMMARY



Steve and Carol McKinley

Steve McKinley has been our state director since before the turn of the century. Steve McKinley and Carol Horn were married in June 2025. Both have a long history of serving with CEF and have a heart for family ministry. We are so blessed by the way Carol has jumped in to ministry here in Alaska.

She is a great encouragement to all she interacts with and we are thankful Carol is part of our team!

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Lord has granted us another year of life and blessed us with the health and energy to reach the unreached children around our homes. The most cost effective place to preach God's Word is in our neighborhoods and public schools.

We have an excellent paid and volunteer staff around the State of Alaska. These men, women, and teens have a passion for doing what God has called them to do. I am always amazed by the number of people who are willing to serve the Lord. Weekly and biweekly clubs are demanding, yet our teams are eager to volunteer their time and suffer hardships to reach children for Christ.

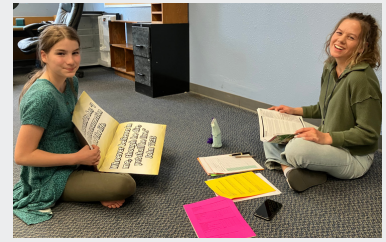
Hebrews 6:10 "For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love (agape) which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints."

INTERN UPDATE

We were blessed this summer by having some very special interns. Rebekah Siegersma and Sarah Frederickson interned for the summer. Naomi and Ruth Frederickson volunteered for CYIA and preparations for camp, and pulled more than their share of the workload. They have all been involved in the CEF ministry since 7th grade, and are now young adults. Their training and experience of the last six to ten years made them a valuable addition to our ministry team here in Soldotna and on village trips to interior Alaska. These four young adults demonstrate that it is not just training that teenagers need, but a combination of training and work experience, to produce lifelong dynamic and skilled Christian workers.



CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN ACTION & CAMP GOOD NEWS



CYIA

Soldotna, Fairbanks,
Anchorage

82 Adult volunteers
128 Teens trained
Many children reached
1 Profession of faith



Camp Good News

Soldotna

28 Adult volunteers
13 Teen volunteers
14 Families serving
together
36 Children reached
1 Profession of faith

CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN ACTION (CYIA)

CYIA is our biggest training event of the year! Teenagers come together to become equipped to share the gospel, to teach Bible lessons, memory verses, and songs, to learn classroom management skills, and more. Throughout the week they practice in teams and are given feedback by coaches. At the end of camp they go out into local homes and churches and put their training into action as they lead a 3-Day Club.

In Anchorage, a pastor and his wife noticed a lack of engagement by the teens and many leaving the church after graduation. They realized that teens need purpose and participation so they promoted CYIA and sent a large group to the training. Now their church has many teens working in the children's ministry department. One of these teens went home during CYIA and asked his mom if he could practice the Wordless Book with her. She knew a few isolated truths of the Gospel, but had never heard it completely and clearly, nor applied to her own life. She accepted Christ that day and encouraged her son to share the Gospel with his younger siblings! Praise God that this church invested in the lives of their young people and has given them a purpose and participation in the kingdom of God.

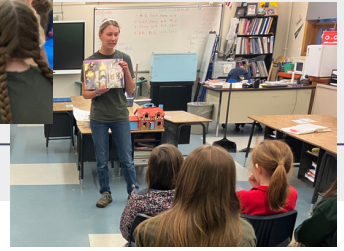
CAMP GOOD NEWS (CGN)

Camp Good News is our camp for elementary age students from Good News Clubs, the community, and local churches. Throughout the week God's word is shared, relationships are built, and camp activities keep everyone entertained.

We were blessed to have another very full camp this year. We had families join us from the Kenai Peninsula, Fairbanks, Anchorage, and even all the way from Indiana. We were able to see God at work in so many ways, below is a small glimpse into one of them.

"There was one girl this year who was having some trouble being away from home, as well as being obedient. One morning the devotion was on how Jesus takes away sin. She asked why Jesus had to be nailed to the cross and I told her that she and I are sinners and someone had to shed their blood so we could be forgiven. I told her I couldn't die for other people's sin because I sin, and she told me she couldn't die for other's sin because she sinned. And then I asked her if she had ever told Jesus she was sorry for her sins and she told me she hadn't. So she prayed and said, "Jesus, I'm sorry for my sins." What a joy to have a front row seat in the saving grace of our Savior!"

GOOD NEWS CLUBS & TRAINING EVENTS



Good News Clubs

Anchorage: 7 clubs
MatSu: 6 clubs
Kenai Pen.: 4 clubs
Fairbanks: 1 club
Nome: 1 club
Kotzebue: 1 club
Sitka: 2 clubs
McGrath: 1 club
76 Adult volunteers
74 Teen teachers
244 Children reached
11 Professions of faith



Training Events

Sterling, Nikiski,
Fairbanks

43 people trained:
16 Teenagers
27 Adults



GOOD NEWS CLUBS (GNC)

Good News Club is an after school program for elementary students, filled with songs, memory verses, Bible lessons, missionary stories, and games. Most importantly, the truth of the gospel is reaching children who may not hear it elsewhere!

"One boy raised his hand during the invitation every night, but never went back to be counseled. The last night a leader asked if he wanted to go back. He was surprised that he could go talk to someone right then, he didn't have to wait. He excitedly came back to talk to one of our teens. He had so many questions, mostly because he knew many things people had told him in his life were lies, and he wanted to be sure that the Bible really was the truth. After he was told that God would never lie to him, the boy prayed to trust God." This club ran longer than scheduled, but this boy needed every minute to understand the gospel, trust the Bible, and surrender his life to Jesus.

In recent years our volunteer numbers dropped, reducing the number of clubs we can host. This year they are rebounding with more newly trained teens helping in clubs. We are grateful for God's provision and are excited to see these teens grow in their skills.

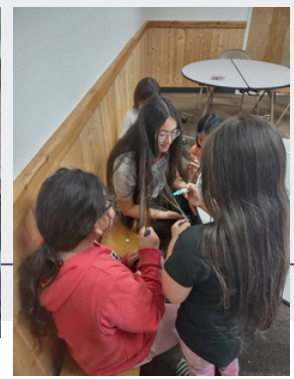
TRAINING EVENTS

Throughout the year we hold trainings in churches and rural communities so that local adults and teenagers can be better equipped for children's ministry within their local church and can get involved in CEF ministry.

"One girl I practiced with not only grasped the gospel, but the importance of learning to share it. As we worked together throughout the week she became more confident in sharing the gospel message. She is involved in children's ministry within the church and is excited to use her training as she serves in the church."

"As the teens practiced, they would give each other a hard time, trying to stump each other with the questions they brought up. It was neat to see a couple of the teens rise to the challenge, learning to think more deeply about what they believe and to articulate their faith in a new way."

VILLAGE MINISTRY & STATE FAIR



Village Ministry

Goodnews Bay
Shaktoolik
Seldovia
Gulkana
Grayling
Marshall
Mekoryuk
Port Alsworth
Quinhagak
Togiak

113 Workers
464 Children reached
22 Professions of faith



State Fair

16 Booth Volunteers
21 Churches involved
1127 People reached
165 Professions of faith
46 Dedicated Prayers



VILLAGE MINISTRY

Trained teams take our Good News Club program out to rural Alaskan villages - during the summer trips are five to seven days, while school year trips are typically Friday-Sunday. Teams also host teen nights with Bible study, worship, games, and fellowship with the local teenagers.

"More village elders stopped to thank us. More parents and grandparents initiated conversations with us than in previous visits. I think the community feels like we are consistent and care enough to come back again and again. We are not just tourists working a VBS on the side. We genuinely care about the kids."

"I was sitting next to a very wiggly child who didn't seem to be paying any attention when he suddenly turned to me and whispered, 'Can God change me?'"

A girl weathered in at Good News Bay attended teen programs, was very engaged, and asked critical life questions.

Village deaths are very impactful and in Togiak, a club after a funeral service resulted in the salvation of four children. The volunteers on that trip saw significant change in behavior in one boy who had prayed for salvation. In Nome the death of a grandmother was similarly impactful and key in a girl praying for salvation.

STATE FAIR

At our Alaska State Fair, trained adults and teens come together to share the gospel with fairgoers.

During the fair this year a staff member was standing outside the fair booth, holding a wordless book as she invited people to come in to hear a story. She noticed a woman walking by quickly, as if on a mission. As the woman glanced over at the staff member, she noticed the wordless book in her hand and immediately came directly to her and lifted the book from her hand. She explained in an excited voice that she recognized this book as the one that her grandmother had shared with her in Ukraine when she was a little girl. She did not remember all that her grandmother had told her about it and she didn't have time to stay and hear it again, but it was a sweet memory in her mind. The seeds planted by the wordless book can last a lifetime.