

Maribeth's Milwaukee Adventures – September 10, 2016

Dear friends,

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." (Genesis 50:20)

Perhaps some of you read the story that was floating around the internet several weeks ago about the atheist group who proposes to start After-School Satan Clubs in opposition to CEF's Good News Clubs. The individuals behind this have been opposing CEF for years now and have tried numerous strategies to prevent us from sharing the Gospel within the public schools. But what they intend for evil, God is using for good! Moises Esteves, the Vice President of USA Ministries recently shared:

"To my knowledge so far we have not lost Good News Clubs. The opposite has happened; I have heard from several states that as a result of the media activity they found out about GNCs for the first time and they called CEF offices to start GNCs. A school board in Missouri voted unanimously to continue the Good News Club® they have had in their school for several years. A team from International Headquarters was at that meeting. The superintendent spoke highly of the Good News Club."

And I've personally seen God bringing good out of evil, as 3 of the individuals who intended our Good News Club helper training on Thursday shared that they were there because they'd heard about the After-School Satan Clubs and wanted to oppose them by getting involved in the Good News Club program. God is so amazing!



Good News Club Director Jan Comaris training new volunteers on Thursday night

11 people attended Thursday's training session; the very first of the 2016-2017 school year. 3 of them were summer missionaries who've chosen to continue reaching kids with the Gospel during the upcoming school year. Another is returning to the ministry after an extended break. And others are new to CEF and excited to start teaching children about Jesus for the very first time!



Yours truly demonstrating how to counsel a child for salvation

Many more Good News Club training sessions are coming up over the next 3 weeks, including a big curriculum workshop scheduled for next Saturday. We expect 40-50 volunteers from our 23 Good News Clubs to attend this workshop as they kick off a new year of ministry. And we also plan to start a new Teaching Children Effectively course next Thursday night. As you can see, there's a lot on my plate right now!

During this busy week of ministry, please be praying:

- ~ That God will bring more students for the TCE course. (Monday is the registration deadline and we only have 2 people signed up so far.)
- ~ That Saturday's curriculum workshop goes smoothly and is a blessing to all who attend.
- ~ That I will use my time wisely as I juggle many different projects this fall.

God is at work, friends! Thank you for being so faithful to bring my needs before Him.

In Christ,

~Maribeth