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...bringing Good News to the Valley's children

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## From Our New Ministry Coordinator: Clyde Gwin

We are just about to reach the halfway point of this school year of Good News Clubs, reaching children in and from some of our elementary schools. There are some wonderful things to share with you about those, but let me begin by introducing who is in the picture.

We are Clyde and Pam Gwin, and we are the new "local coordinator" and wife of the Kanawha chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship, which includes Clay,



Kanawha, and Boone counties. We have been blessed to serve the Lord in pastoral ministries in WV, PA, and NC for 48 years, most recently, the last 11 ½ years at Cobbs Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Sod, (Lincoln County) WV. Believing it to be the will of God to step down from that responsibility, yet not desiring to "retire", we began asking the Lord over a year ago about a new opportunity to serve Him, a "re-deployment". In His grace, He has opened this door with CEF, and we are exceedingly thankful. Two verses that summarize this phase of ministry are Psalm 71:17-18 which state, "O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared Thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to every one that is to come." Pam and I both grew up in Christian homes and were taught God's Word from our childhoods. Further, as previously mentioned, we've served in pastoral ministries since 1977. Please pray for us and with us as we venture into this new facet of the harvest, helping in the outreach in these counties among the harvest field of children.

That brings me back to where I started. We are blessed to see what God is doing by His Spirit through dedicated volunteers who weekly go into schools and conduct Good News Clubs. Currently, there are thirteen such clubs, one in Boone and twelve here in Kanawha County. Hundreds of children are being reached weekly with the gospel and many are trusting in Jesus as their Savior. Just last week, we know of two that made that decision for Christ. While we rejoice in what is being done, we also see the amazing opportunities still untapped. There are a total of 66 elementary and middle schools in these three counties with a total student population approaching 20,000.

Rejoicing in what is being done, those last statistics reveal the vastness of the harvest field that remains. Will you help? You can certainly pray – please do – regularly and earnestly.

Perhaps you can give financially. Don't take from what you should be giving to your local Bible teaching church, but if God has prospered you, consider helping this ministry in a financial way. Maybe, you can join with other laborers in the harvest field. Pam and I are desirous of using our "senior" years to show God's strength and power to the coming generations; come and help.

Finally, I am looking forward to opportunities to reach out to the churches and individuals who are already helping: to say thank you, to inform you of the ministry of CEF in these counties, and to encourage and equip churches with the resources to accomplish the task of CEF: "Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day"!

Have a blessed holiday season celebrating our Savior's birth!

Clyde D. Gwin