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# East Central Notes

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Dear Friends,

As we wind up the school year across the East Central Chapter, I thought I'd share three stories I heard in April—from Pacific, Warrenton and Augusta—about how volunteers are being used of God to help cultivate the heart soil of children in our area. Thanks as always for your prayers and support. -Matt Ernst

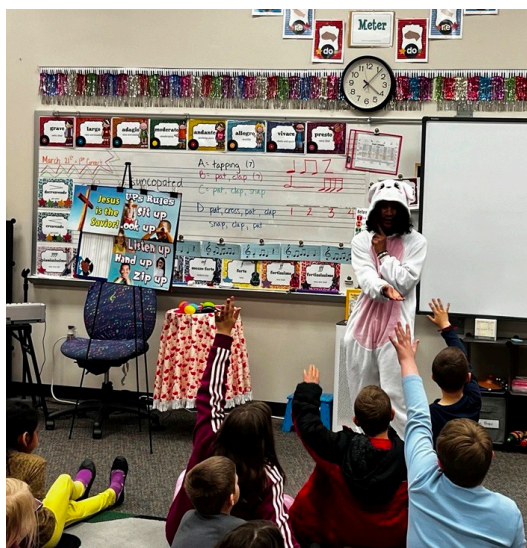
### This is NOT A Drill!

Mary Compasio, GNC™ volunteer at Warrior Ridge Elementary in Warrenton, tells how a recent club got “interrupted”:

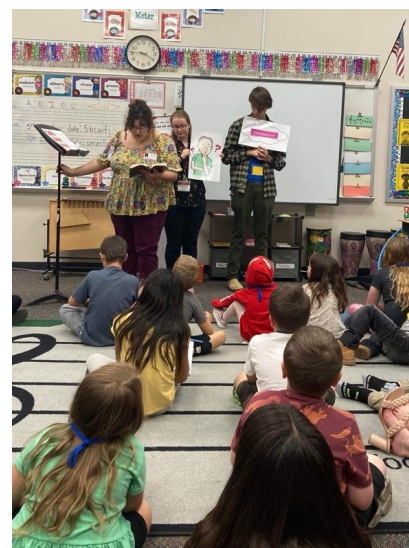
*We got through the “Ups” rules, Word Up and opening prayer time. Then all the phones went off saying we were in a tornado warning! Everyone in the entire school had to come to our classroom. One of the teachers said we probably had 80-90 people in there. The children were upset and crying. We were in the basement, hearing all the hail and the storm above us. It was loud, chaotic and scary....*

*Eventually, it died down and everyone returned to their normal rooms. One of our leaders got up and shared a song about Jesus being with us in the storm. One child spoke up and said we should sing that the next time there is a big storm at school.*

*We continued to the Bible Lesson, and the Bible Lesson teacher gave an invitation. One of the students we have been praying for trusted in Jesus as his Savior that day. It was a good reminder that even when everything seems chaotic, Jesus is still working and we can trust in Him to use whatever situation for His glory.*



Ministry scenes from the GNC at Warrior Ridge Elementary in Warrenton. “Even though a new school activity began on Thursdays, our club maintained about 25 children attending,” says Mary Compasio. The club meets until May 16.





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### From Augusta\*

We talked with RuthAnn Brown, a volunteer at the Augusta Elementary School GNC since it launched 19 years ago. Here are some things for which she is thankful--along with things the club has done to cultivate a faithful presence in the school:

**Volunteers from three different churches.** "I am thankful for loving leaders for these little lambs!"

**CEF Press® curriculum:** "We are grateful for the excellent material CEF Press puts out. There are more ideas than we can use....Wrapping up someone with toilet paper for the Lazarus story was a big hit at Easter Party Club!"

**Open doors and receptive staff** at the school: "We treated the staff to 30 loaves of bread from Panera, and we included an *Our Daily Bread*® devotional with each loaf."

**Receptive and supportive parents:** "We ask parents to consider sending snacks one week for club. We keep backup snacks, but many weeks are 'sponsored' by a parent."

**Good communication with parents:** "About every six weeks, we send parents a 'Good Newsletter' letting them know what we're doing and teaching in club."

\* Augusta Elementary is in St. Charles County but is part of the Washington School District.

### A Good News Club® volunteer walks into a gym....

No, it's not the start of a lame joke -- it's the start of an in-school Party Club™! A GNC volunteer connected with a school staff member at their gym in December and told them about *Good News Club*. "We used to have that at our school," the staff member said. "What would we have to do to have it again?"

The result: An Easter *Party Club* at Nike Elementary (Pacific) enrolled 31 children new to CEF ministry. Team building and volunteer recruitment is beginning to staff a weekly club there this fall. Contact Matt Ernst if you are interested in helping.

Augusta Elementary *Good News Club* students release balloons in the five colors of the Wordless Book (with gospel tracts attached) on the last day of their club.



### Give Thanks and Praise to God!

More than 300 different children have attended 21 Party Clubs held in the East Central Chapter since August 2023 -- and Easter club numbers are still coming in!

### PRAY FOR:

**New Clubs -- Pray for volunteers at the Nike Elementary club. Pray for a church that has expressed interest in beginning a club in Washington. Join us in praying for other new clubs in Washington, Troy, Sullivan and Gasconade County schools.**

**CYIA™ -- Teens living in the East Central Chapter applied to CEF Missouri Christian Youth in Action® for the first time in several years. Pray for Cindy Wells (St. Louis Metro CEF and CYIA Missouri) and all those involved in CYIA and 5-Day Club® ministry across Missouri this summer.**

### Financial Update

An anonymous donor in March granted \$5,000 to the East Central Chapter. We give thanks to God!

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	Jan. - Mar. 2024
Church Giving	\$1,465
Individual Giving	\$7,404
Total Gifts	\$8,869
Expenses	\$6,523
Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,346