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WINTER 2025/26

Coachella Valley/Morongo Basin Chapter

# Newsletter

## >>> VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JANUARY 2026



Here at CEF, we have some incredible volunteers, and we want to recognize them for the hard work and dedication they put into the ministry. To kick off the 2026 year, we would like to show our appreciation to **Ms. Sandy Vrabel**. This is her 10th year of serving with Good News Club at Bubbling Wells Elementary. She says, "I have really enjoyed the young children and the eagerness to learn about the Lord. I have children who have been in my class for several years along with their siblings.

I have seen many move up to junior high and now see them at church. I must say that my favorite thing [about serving as a Good News Club volunteer] is when they decide to give their hearts to the Lord and when they tell me how they pray with and for others. I learn to memorize Bible verses with them." Ms. Sandy, thank you for the eternal impact you have made on these little ones. What joy you get to experience now, and what treasure awaits you in heaven!

## >>> TAKING A STEP OF FAITH



**Mr. Chuck Boone** serves as the chairman of our local committee. He is taking an exciting leap of faith by traveling to CEF Headquarters in Missouri to take the *Instructor of Teachers Level 1* course this March. This will enable him to teach adults how to effectively

communicate the Gospel to children. There is a growing need for more men to be involved in the ministry, and Mr. Chuck is answering God's call with a heartfelt, "Here I am, Lord. Send me!" We are currently raising funds to cover Mr. Chuck's missionary expenses.

If you would like to contribute, please scan this QR code. Thank you for your contribution of any amount.



## >>> CHRISTMAS PARTY CLUBS

By God's grace, we were able to share the true meaning of Christmas with 357 children, and we are thrilled to announce that 12 of them have decided to trust Jesus as their Savior. This has truly been a Christmas blessing! In addition to every Good News Club hosting a Christmas Party Club, we were warmly welcomed by six gracious hosts who allowed us to share the love of Jesus with the children. We extend our heartfelt thanks to...

- Father's Heart Ranch, DHS
- First Community Baptist Church, DHS
- Gospel of Peace Church, Indio
- Fuente De Vida Church, Coachella
- Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, Indio
- Jenny Lowe home, Indio

## Ministry Statistics

SY 2024-25 as of 8/31

**Total Reached: 965**  
**Professions: 367**

SY 2025-26 as of 12/31

**Good News Clubs**  
**Total Reached: 347**  
**Professions: 81**

**Christmas Party Clubs**  
**Total Reached: 357**  
**Professions: 12**

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**SALVATION ARMY**



**LAS PALMITAS ES**



**FUENTE DE VIDA CHURCH**



**SUNNY SANDS ES**



**FATHER'S HEART RANCH**



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**





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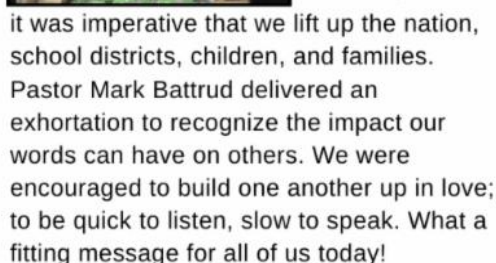
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**>>> EDUCATORS' PRAYER BREAKFAST 2025**



Teachers, parents, ministry leaders, and volunteers all came together to unite in prayer. With the new school year underway,

it was imperative that we lift up the nation, school districts, children, and families. Pastor Mark Batrud delivered an exhortation to recognize the impact our words can have on others. We were encouraged to build one another up in love; to be quick to listen, slow to speak. What a fitting message for all of us today!

**>>> SUPER SATURDAY SEMINAR**

Our Super Saturday Seminars serve as an outreach to our community, training those who have the desire to know how to share the Gospel with others. We had the privilege of training 8 attendees, 2 of whom were greatly inspired by the class and have begun the process of becoming a screened volunteer for Good News Club! Two of our trained youth gave demonstrations for the Bible Lesson and the Memory verse, making the training come to life for our students. If you have questions about this training or would like to be part of our next session, please email [Nicole Hernandez](mailto:Nicole.Hernandez@cefministrycoordinator@gmail.com) at [cefministrycoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cefministrycoordinator@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Events



## Learn to Share the Gospel with Confidence

Are you interested in confidently sharing the Gospel? We invite you to join our training event, designed to equip as many people as possible with an effective approach to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To register, simply scan the QR code. Feel free to bring a friend along!

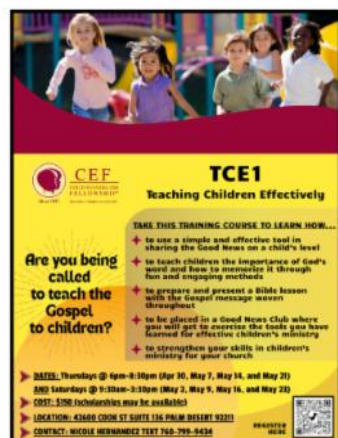


**Bring the Good News to**  
**households in your community.**  
**February 12<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>**

We have an incredible opportunity to share the Gospel with children and families at the 2026 Date Festival. If you would like to volunteer for this enjoyable event, please reach out to Nicole Hernandez at [cefmistrycoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cefmistrycoordinator@gmail.com).

## Enroll in This Rewarding Course

Join this enriching course designed to enhance your ability to share the Gospel with children. This training is valuable whether you're sharing with kids in your personal life, serving as a children's ministry worker at church, or volunteering with CEF. Make the commitment and be blessed. Sign up soon to reserve your spot!



## PRAYER DRIVE

## WHAT IS A PRAYER DRIVE?

**SATURDAYS @7:00-10:00 A.M.**  
 MAKE YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US

Prayer Drive is to cover our valley's schools with prayer and making a difference to our community and if it does, in need of Jesus.

## WHEN IS IT?

• **Week 1 - Jan 3rd**  
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Reiner Ossert, La Courneuve, Beurreville (Hauts-de-Seine)

• Week 3: Jan 16th @ 2PM-5PM  
#1 Team: Nancho Mesa, Cathedral City,  
Palm Springs 100PM 5pm

#2 Team: Desert Hot Springs  
• West 4 - Jan 24th  
#1 Team: Indio, Coachella, Thermal  
Valley

#2 Team: 28 Points, Wanda Valley & Mosong Valley

Upcoming Events  
-Outings at Pagan Dances

Saturday, Jan. 21st  
4:15 pm  
golf course  
-Super Saturday Service-

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## 2026 PRAYER DRIVE

We have one more week for you to get involved! We have started off the new year covering every school in our valley in prayer and we have seen God's faithfulness to answer. On Saturday, January 24 from 7-10am, you can join Team #1 who will cover Indio, Coachella, Thermal, & Mecca or join Team #2 who will cover 29 Palms, Yucca Valley, & Morongo Valley. Join us to intercede for the children!