I served on a team of 7 this year that traveling to Serbia & Montenegro to share the gospel & encourage the CEF® team there. What I didn’t know was that I would be more blessed and more encouraged than I’d ever encourage them! I didn’t realize how un-Christian the 2 countries are, until I asked a worker where she attended church. I found out there was no church within a 3 hour drive! There were only 3 Christians in her entire hometown, of which 1 was her husband! Here in my town, (Pella), people don’t ask “Do you go to church somewhere?” Instead they ask “where do you go to church?” Because in a town of 10,000 people & over 30 churches, it is assumed that people attend somewhere. Not everyone around the world is that fortunate. I can’t begin to comprehend not being able to attend church, fellowship, & fun. It is incomprehensible to me to imagine a world in where there are only 3 Christians in my hometown! If I was in a such a town, it would be hard for me to keep going, to “fight the good fight”, but not once did I hear this missionary complain. Jesus still shined through her; something that I feel would be very hard for me to do if I lived in a country with such few Christians. Serving for 5 weeks in Serbia was definitely out of my comfort zone, changed my outlook on life, and definitely made me grow, to “fight the good fight”, to help provide for a water heater in Serbia for the CEF kids’ camp. What moved my heart most was the fact that many children who were ready to have fun while learning, fellowship, & fun. As requested to attempt a 1 day-Club event, Bia & I rose to the challenge! We discovered that the training we had through CEF® was invaluable, watching the attention of children as they stayed engaged. Bia taught the complete Mission story with cliffhangers, sprinkled throughout the 3 1/2 hour session, (keeping kids wanting to hear more ‘later’) while I taught a Memory verse & Bible lesson with games at given intervals. The rain came & with it, an excuse to go inside to have a cool treat, then back out with then cooler weather to finish with High Octane games in the back yard. That Pella club, along with 1 in Eddyville—produced 3 possible missionaries for us over the next 2 years! God Provides! —Jill

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This past June, Leighton was blessed by Child Evangelism Fellowship®. CEF’s teen missionaries came and led our Vacation Bible School (much like a 5-day club). It was a wonderful week of learning, fellowship, & fun. If you ask the kids what the highlight of the week was, the answer you’d likely get is “dousing the leaders with ice cold water.” The missionaries issued a fundraising goal to help provide for a water heater in Serbia for the CEF kids’ camp. The kids met & far-exceeded that goal! Therefore each teen missionary got a bucket of ice water poured on them! It was a fun way to end a great week. Thank you, Child Evangelism Fellowship!

— Juli Veldhuizen (church VBS sponsor)
When most people think of a county fair, they think of 4H animals & cotton candy. But, when I think of the fair, I think of telling kids about Jesus. That’s what CEF does at the fair! This is my 7th summer working at the fair & it never ceases to amaze me how little some of the kids know about God. One time I had a little boy ask me what a Bible was. Every time I get asked that question, it’s a stab in the heart. It’s painful to think that there are kids in OUR towns that do not know what a Bible is. That is why the fair is SO important. Many parents who would not go to a church, stop and let their child get face painted. It may be the only time they ever hear about Jesus. After a long, hot week of working at the fair, I always stop to reflect and thank God for the difference we made that year.

- Shane VanDonselaar (7th year CYIA™)

COMING SOON to a school near you! The only thing keeping CEF® out of every school in the Indian Lakes Chapter is the need for more volunteers. Will YOU help us find them in our 11 counties? Maybe YOU would like to ’get in on the rewards’!? We will be in these schools again this year: Eddyville, Monroe, Knoxville, New Sharon, Twin Cedars, Ottumwa, Pella, Albia, Tri-County, & Fremont (1st yr!)

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- Praise God for a fruitful summer ministry & safety!
- Praise the Lord for responsible teens with a fruitful summer!
- Praise the Lord for the 2 successful Camps & safety :)
- Pray for CYIA™ teens as they take their faith back to school
- Pray for more volunteers to teach clubs so we can offer clubs in more schools!
- Pray for the GNC teachers to have a rest before fall clubs
- Pray God’s provision for all the needs of CEF® around the world including ours through another year.
- Pray Richard Johnson in his battle with his health.
- Thank you for praying & PTL for Jill’s husband Kerry’s improving of kidney function a little each month.
- Pray PLEASE for board members from all 11 of our counties to join us in our reaching the lost.
- Pray for God’s leading for the board & Jill.
- PTL for YOU who support us in prayer & financially.

A little girl came for counseling & went through steps for growth & the next day came back asking: “So I remembered the GROW when I got home, but what does the ‘W’ stand for, again?” I just love it when the gospel & the steps shown for assurance after salvation & growth affect the children! We’re not just in the business of ‘getting them saved’, but we want them to grow in their faith, enjoying the real benefits of a walk with the Lord!

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Pictured Left: A very animated Bianca (2nd yr. CYIA™ tells the mission story in a Pella back yard.)

Mud slide, zip line, pool, friends? Who wants to miss out on all the awesome adventures of Camp Good News? Certainly not me and 75 campers! Being a camp counselor is always a stretch, but always rewarding! It’s great seeing the kids who grew up in 5-Day Club® or Good News Club® grow in their relationship with God. Spending practically 24 hours for 5 days with them, you really get to know them, and your heart softens for them even more as they begin to trust, love, & open up to you. One little girl always told me everyday “I love you.” I was reminded of why we are here: because God showed his love to us, and he desires for the children to come to know Him, and it’s our job to bring that message to them.

~Cheyanne VanDonselaar (6th CYIA™)