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Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day



From the Director, Rod Peyton

This summer, I had the privilege of witnessing God work powerfully through our Christian Youth in Action® (CYIA) program. Under the leadership of the CYIA Coordinator, Mark Bemenderfer, seven dedicated teens invested nearly a year preparing to lead 5-Day Clubs with excellence.

Throughout the school year, they met monthly to begin Scripture memory. In June, they completed an intensive two-week summer training, where they learned to clearly present the Gospel, teach Bible lessons, lead songs, and share missionary stories.

From late June through mid-August, these young missionaries led six different **5-Day Clubs** across the Cedar Rapids metro area and beyond. In total, they reached **74 children with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

Each day of the club, they explained the Gospel clearly, taught Scripture memory verses, and shared inspiring lessons about the life of missionaries.

We praise God for using youth to share the Gospel with children.

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Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Ministry Update:

Introducing: Erin Howard



Please lift Erin in prayer as she serves the Lord as the new CYIA Coordinator.

Erin Howard quickly became a favorite of the Hawkeye Chapter Christian Youth In Action (CYIA) Team this summer as she served as a sponsor—transporting youth, supervising, hosting, and encouraging them along the way. With Mark Bemenderfer's departure to serve the Lord in Bosnia, we rejoice that Erin has stepped into the role of CYIA Coordinator.

Born and raised in southeastern Wisconsin, Erin and her husband, Michael, have been married 28 years and have two grown daughters. She enjoys puzzles, crafts, cooking, and baking homemade bread. Erin is excited to serve the Lord in this new role and looks forward to seeing more young people bring the Good News to children.

One of our CYIA students, Anna Mei, shared:

Erin is a natural leader with a servant's heart. I saw her lead us, but also serve us in the process. She allowed us to be goofy teenagers during our downtime. Erin is a really fun person to be around. Not only that, but she is humble and willing to help with whatever our team needs.

What is a 5-Day Club?

For five days in a row, children gather in backyards, homes, churches, and parks for a fun 90-minute club featuring Bible lessons, missionary stories, songs, Scripture memory, and activities—all led by trained CYIA.

To learn more about 5-Day Clubs, scan the QR Code or visit: <https://www.cefhawkeyechapter.com/5-day-club.html>





Christian Youth in Action (CYIA) & 5-Day Club Hosts

We are grateful to the seven youth—Abigail, Anna Mei, George, Jonathan, Lindsey, Matthew, and Micah—who dedicated their time and energy to preparing for and leading the 5-Day Clubs this summer.

Their commitment to serving at 5-Day Clubs was remarkable:

- **46 hours** each spent teaching across six different 5-Day Clubs
- **8 full days** of camp
- **26 hours** of training during the year leading up to camp

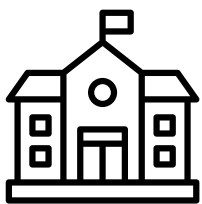
Together, these faithful students invested more than **888 combined volunteer hours** to share the Gospel with children across our community. What a beautiful testimony of young people using their gifts to impact lives for Christ!

We are deeply grateful to the **5-Day Club hosts** (churches and individuals) who helped by providing a safe event space, snacks, transportation, and support.

And most of all, we praise God for the eternal seeds planted in the hearts of children this summer.

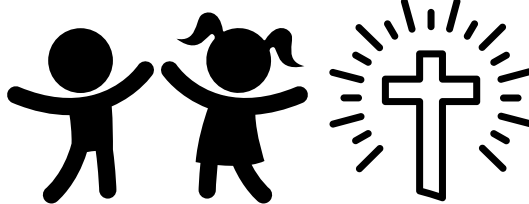


2025 Summer | Ministry Impact



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Ministry Sites



74

Students Heard the Gospel



16

Volunteers

Ways to Partner in 2025-2026



The mission of Child Evangelism Fellowship is to share the love of God and the hope of eternal life in Jesus with the children of East Central Iowa.

To those who are already faithfully serving, giving, or praying—thank you.
Your partnership in the Lord's work is making an eternal impact.

If you are not yet involved but feel led to join us, there are several meaningful ways to partner with Hawkeye CEF during the 2025-2026 school year—through prayer, volunteering, & financial support.

Together, we can continue reaching the next generation with the Gospel.



PRAYER

To partner in **prayer**, please sign up using this link:
<https://www.cefhawkeyechapter.com/prayer-team.html>



PEOPLE

To partner in **person**, please complete the volunteer application process using this link:
<https://www.cefhawkeyechapter.com/volunteer-paperwork.html>



PROVIDE

To partner in **gifts**, please mail checks to:

CEF of Iowa, Inc.
Hawkeye Chapter
P.O. Box 10493
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52410

OR

Give online using this link:
<https://www.cefhawkeyechapter.com/give.html>

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

