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## Treasure Valley Chapter



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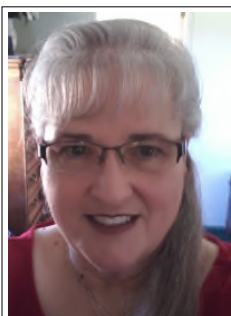
\*Treasure Valley Chapter Committee Members

This past Spring a local chapter was established for the Treasure Valley, and the local committee called Rich Wise as the director. Rich started in April on a part-time basis. Rich lead the 5-Day Club outreach this summer and the Good News Clubs this fall in the Treasure Valley. Rich is also raising support to go full time in the ministry. Susette and I are helping with the Teacher Training and curriculum workshops.

Because Rich is working in the Treasure Valley, I have been able to make more trips to the Twin Falls area. This fall, with the help of Carol Lynn, one of the Magic Valley Good

News Club teachers, one new Good News Club has already started, and two more are scheduled to start in December with a Christmas Party.

## Top Ten Counties Chapter



Beverly Wisdom

Beverly Wisdom is busy with ministry in the "Top Ten Counties" Chapter. The Good News club ministry continues to grow, and in September the committee called Johanna Divine to work with Beverly, helping part-time around Coeur d'Alene. Johanna completed the Children's Ministry Institute last fall and has been raising support and doing some volunteer teaching. Johanna is continuing to build a support team. Sheri Syverson has continued to help as she is able, spending time in the area with Beverly. She may be able to spend more time in Idaho because she was able to sell her home in Arizona this fall.



Johanna Divine

## Eastern Idaho Chapter

Eastern Idaho does not have a fulltime worker, but they do have several dedicated volunteers and an active committee. New Good News Clubs are starting around Twin Falls. Good News clubs in Jerome, Chubbuck, and Blackfoot are continuing. Contacts are continuing to be made in some smaller communities across the chapter, like McKay and Hagerman.

We have served here in Idaho for 23 years. The Lord has been so faithful! It is exciting to have workers who have joined us, in the past few years.



We have been teaching the Christmas story in Homedale for over 15 years. This year we had a Backwards Birthday Bash. Three students indicated they wanted Jesus to save them.

## Christmas Across America

Christmas Across America is being promoted, and Christmas Parties are being taught this month. Beverly is planning to have at least six parties, Rich is working on six in the Treasure Valley, and Eastern Idaho has possibly nine parties. **I was talking with Carol Lynn about a party she taught in Twin Falls. The hostess lives across from some apartments where a number of refugees live. They had about 6 children attend the party. The youngest was a preschooler who has been here about a month with her family from Iran. An adult had to translate the Christmas story for her. For this little one, it was the first time she had heard about Jesus's birth.** Missionaries are still needed to go around the world and spread the Gospel, and today helpers are needed here in America to reach those from around the world that are coming here.

Reports tell us over 6,000 refugees from the Middle East have come to the Boise area, and over 3,000 to Twin Falls.

### From the Director

It was two years ago this month that Susette underwent surgery at the Cancer Treatment Center in Zion, IL. Her reports continue to come back with no sign of disease. **Praise the Lord!** This October we drove to Illinois for her checkup. Then we went to the CEF headquarters in Warrenton, MO, for State Leadership. This was the first time in over a year I was able to go with her for a check up at the center, and the first time in about 6 years that Susette was able to attend State Leadership with me. It was a great trip, and we were also able to visit some supporters in South Dakota and relatives along the way. We made two trips to South Dakota this year. Susette's Dad passed away February 22, 2016. His memorial service was in May in Huron.

Next year CEF will be celebrating their 80th Anniversary at the International Conference in North Carolina. We have not been able to attend a CEF conference in many years, and we would love to attend this one. Susette started full time with CEF in January of 1977. That is 40 years ago, or half of CEF's life. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to reach girls and boys with the message of salvation.

As we look forward to the future there are still boys and girls across Idaho that need to hear about the wonderful gift God has for them. The ministry is growing, and the need for support continues to grow also. Some of our faithful supporters have left this world for a heavenly reward. This leaves an opening on our support team. Year-to-date the CEF budget is \$17,000 short of what it should be. In some areas we have been able to cut expenses, but for the last three months directors mileage has not been reimbursed. We are praying for an increase of \$1,400.00 a month in our support this year. That could be one supporter at \$200.00 a month, five at \$100.00 a month, ten at \$50.00 a month, and eight at \$25.00 a month. Would you join with us in praying for this need?

Again, Thank you for your concern and support of the ministry to the children of Idaho. We trust you will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.