

Child Evangelism Fellowship®

Child Evangelism Fellowship® (CEF) is the world's largest mission agency ministering to children. It is a Bible-centered, worldwide organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ, disciple them in the Word of God, and establish them in the local church. Last year CEF® (as a whole) reached over 6.1 million children in over 150 countries!

Since September, 2006, the Greater Long Beach Chapter has taken the truth of God's Word to the hearts of over 1,855 children. Over 100 children have made decisions for Christ and over 60 children began attending Sunday School through the following CEF ministries:

- After School Good News Clubs
- Christian Youth in Action (CYIA)
- Fair Ministry
- CEF Rally
- *CEF Mailbox Club*™
- Party Clubs
- 5-Day Clubs

Two out of every three adults who are Christian made their decision to accept Christ as Savior before they reached age 18. Approximately 85% of today's missionaries were saved as children. Children represent the highest potential for conversion. We work together with you so kids are able to hear and understand how to receive Christ and grow in their faith. Today's youth are the leaders of tomorrow.

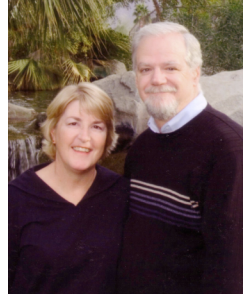
That is why I am so grateful the Lord has called me as Missionary Director to this worthwhile ministry. I came to know Christ as an adult through a CEF Good News Club. I know first hand how God uses His willing and faithful volunteers to change lives.



Cristina Mancillas
Missionary Director
CEF Greater Long Beach Chapter

Relationship First By Jim Lewis, President/CEO Long Beach Rescue Mission

Jim Lewis came to Long Beach Rescue Mission in August of 2006 from the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission in Indio, CA where he successfully rebuilt the reputation and programs of that Mission following embezzlement by its former director. Jim and his wife, Leslie, have been married for 29 years and served as technical support missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators/JAARS for 10 years. Jim served Wycliffe in Communications and Public Relations, and she as a teacher.



Jim has a long history of community service which includes serving on the Riverside 2-1-1 Steering Committee; City of Palm Desert Technology and General Plan committees; Palm Desert Chamber Legislative Action Committee; Riverside County Homeless Task Force; Housing and Homeless Coalition; Palm Desert Rotary Community Service Director; Community Prayer Breakfast Committee; and was recently nominated for the Jefferson Award for Community Service.

An ordained Senior Chaplain, Jim studied Nonprofit Organization Management at UC Riverside and is pursuing an MA in Christian Leadership at Fuller Theological Seminary. Leslie is completing an MA in Education as well as fulfilling her teaching contract through June 2007; they will be moving to Long Beach this summer. They are proud parents of four grown children. We are delighted to have him preaching here at Long Beach Alliance Church this morning!

So many needs, so many appeals...

Motivations for meeting needs...

These as motivators in our giving and serving are **TRANSACTIONAL**.

Godly Giving and Serving are _____, not transactional.

Matthew 5:23–24 (page #3, Pew Bible); Sermon on the Mount:

The state of our _____ and _____
are more important than our _____ and _____
_____.

Mark 14:1–9 (pages 39-40, PB)

Our _____ with the Lord is paramount over
our _____.

Luke 10:38–42 (page 55, PB)

Our _____ can actually distract from
our _____ with God and others.

Who are we ignoring?

God wants our _____ to come before
our _____.

Our first priority is our relationship to God . . . and we then we
will be led by Him in our serving and giving to others – as it will
be coming from Him and His direction.

The work of Christian ministries must be a _____
of Christ's ministry to us and the world. But it needs to start with
_____ first.

Being and Doing in the Modern World

What gets in our way are _____,
_____, _____, and _____.

We see people as _____ and value
the _____.

For some, planned giving and deductibility of contributions are
the _____.

Some use their giving to _____ churches and
charities... rather than as a _____.

God in His very nature is defined by _____.

Unless God has taken our _____ captive, all of our
good 'doing' will lack spiritual integrity and authority.

Our work and giving will expose the absence of God's _____
_____.

We must be engaged in a constant process of _____
_____ and _____.

Godly givers undertake their work with a deep _____
and a keen awareness of their own _____ and
_____.

Givers/Servers know themselves well, seek _____
_____.

The greatest tool for effective Christian service and giving is a
_____.

Let God _____ us as servants and givers.