

The Spirit Of Truth



By Rev. Madeline Montez Duffany

Dear Reverend: I found your Pastor's newspaper in a local restaurant. Hickory Hollow is tucked away under Mount Savage here in Tennessee.

We still use kerosene lamps, as the storms knock out the electricity, so I am enjoying your article by the flickering light. I wish I had more of these newspapers.

When I asked Jesus into my heart, I was ten years old. Now I am fifteen and worried because in our church they handle snakes during the meetings. My Mother is not afraid to pick them up like our Pastor does, but I think they look evil and I'm scared of them. Can you show me where it says in the Bible that snakes can cure you if you are sick? I'm worried that my Mother and Brother could get bitten. I can't

sleep at night because of bad dreams. My Father moved away and goes to a different church where they sing beautiful songs to Jesus and the Pastor teaches on faith all the time. My Dad wants my Brother and I to come and live with him, but my Mom would be so hurt. She's a deaconess and is in charge of handling the biggest snakes around.

Kerri

The Rev's Response:

Dear Kerri:

Children are to obey their parents in the Lord. Ephesians 6:1.

My own Mother explained this to me many years ago. She said, "You are to obey in the Lord." But, not if they tell you or ask you to do something outside the Lord, such as steal, kill,

rob, or in your case - handle snakes. The Holy Spirit has already told you that this is wrong.

Snakes cannot cure you - only Jesus can do that. Look in Matthew 4:12, Satan tried to get Jesus to jump off from a very high place. It was from the top of the temple in Jerusalem. It was about 700 feet high or half as high as the Empire State Building. But, Jesus answered and said, "It is written that thou shall not tempt the Lord thy God." Jesus knew the Word. Jesus is the Word! There is nowhere in the Bible that says we are to handle snakes. In fact, it says in Luke 10:19, "Behold I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any

means hurt you."

This does not mean that we are to tempt God by playing around with danger!

Many young people let the devil tempt and trick them into committing suicide. This is a terrible plague on Native American Reservations and elsewhere because the youth feel so isolated from society.

The devil comes to kill, steal, and destroy. John 10:10. Go stay with your Father and attend his church. Ask the people to pray for your Mother. God wants only good for you, and never evil. That's also in John 10:10.

Nothing is too difficult for God. Expect a great outcome! Pray that your Mother will be released from such bondage and reunite with her family. Be wise and be safe!

This is God's Truth!

Reverend MMD

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Belize Church-State Educational System Opens Doors for Gospel

By: Christian Newswire

WARRENTON, Mo., Aug., 2018 /Christian Newswire/ -- The church/state educational system in Belize offered amazing open doors for the Gospel to reach children. Educators caught the vision and were part of establishing 114 new weekly Good News Clubs in schools.

A team of 31 Child Evangelism Fellowship* missionaries from the USA, Canada, and the Caribbean converged for Good News Across Belize earlier this year. This ministry team partnered with local churches that were willing to adopt a school in their neighborhood for ongoing outreach. As a result of the partnership, 258 teachers received the first level of training, and over 10,000

children heard the message of Christ clearly presented.

Schools in Belize are part of a church-state system in which the churches operate the schools on behalf of the government. North

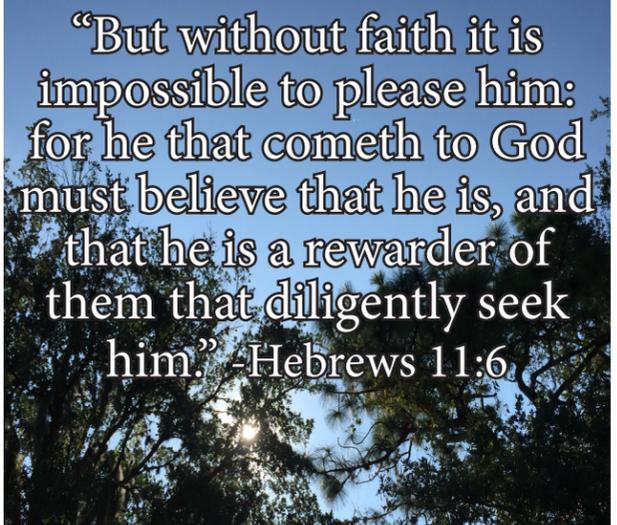
America/Caribbean regional director Myron Tschetter said, "We were able to go from school to school. Even beyond the churches catching the vision, the schools caught the vision. School princi-

pals said, "Please, we need this. Would you come in and have a Good News Club* in every classroom? We have missed it. We have had the opportunity in our religious school to be reaching the children,



and we have not been sharing the Gospel. I want all of our teachers to take this training and to come back and be able to share the Gospel with the boys and girls." Clubs were held in 40 schools.

School general manager Brenda Kidd said, "We have this golden opportunity to reach the children and by extension the families. The greatest joy is to see children accept the Lord as their Savior." Child Evangelism Fellowship is an international, nonprofit, Christian ministry that has been teaching the Bible to children since 1937. CEF has 400 offices in the USA and is organized in most nations of the world, with over 3,500 paid staff and hundreds of thousands of volunteers. In its last ministry year, CEF ministered to over 22 million children in its face-to-face teaching ministries.



"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." -Hebrews 11:6

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