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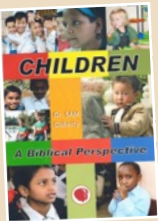
## Comment

Children are in the news! Sadly, so often, for the wrong reasons. Our hearts bleed for those who have been so viciously abused. Think of those who have been so cruelly abused physically, that their little lives have ended before they have really begun. Our nation has been shocked, alarmed and ashamed, as the authorities have exposed case after case of child pornography. Childhood innocence swept away at



the whim of wicked men and women. Then, consider those children who have not set their hope in God. They are stubborn and rebellious. Some have endeavoured to murder their peers and at times have succeeded in doing just that.

Dr. Martha Wright in the 'foreword' to Sam Doherty's latest book *'Children - a Biblical Perspective'*, writes: "Someone has said 'Children do not make up 100% of our population, but they do make up 100% of our future'. Today's kids will grow up all too quickly and will be the ones who shape the direction of our lives and society". If this is true, what does



the future look like? Who or what will shape those who will give direction to our lives and society in coming days? Will children grow up like their fathers, "...a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not set its heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful to God"? (Ps. 78 v 8).

What is the answer to this crisis among today's children? Children, who will form tomorrow's governments, sit in our courts of law, teach our children and our grandchildren, staff our health centres and hospitals and sadly populate our prisons. Dr Doherty, in the introduction to his book writes: "Education, philosophy and psychology are

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## Special Information

# Leaving a Lasting Legacy



Since its inception in 1995, God gave a two-fold vision to the CEF Specialized Book Ministry: 1. to provide this present generation of children's workers with good training and teaching tools to effectively reach today's child for Christ 2. To leave a lasting legacy that would help and encourage future generations of children's workers to effectively reach the children of their day for Christ. God has blessed the work and all around the world many thousands of national workers have benefited from the books written by Sam Doherty. It has been our prayerful concern now for some time to make arrangements that would ensure the long term future of the books. After many months of prayer and discussion with the CEF international leadership we are now able to announce that the Specialized Book Ministry will be integrating into the main stream literature programmes of CEF international work. We have been encouraged with the way the CEF leaders have valued the work done through the Specialized Book Ministry and it is their desire and purpose to see this continue. Mr Reese Kauffman (CEF Inc. President) says. "The books written by Sam Doherty are a gift from God and it would be a sin not to make use of them fully". It is clear from the letters and reports we receive, that our publications have been used of God to encourage, inspire and instruct many workers to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Integration** is progressing and will be completed 'God willing' by December 2012. We believe that God has led us to this decision for the following reasons.

1. We have now completed publishing in English the full range of books (37) written by Sam Doherty. Books are also available in 67 languages.

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# Assisting Children's Evangelists Worldwide

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2. CEF Inc. has recently appointed a Director for International Literature, Mr Bogdan Bassara from Poland. Bogdan knows our work well.
3. CEF Inc. is committed to providing literature to help the many thousands of people who are trained in CEF Training courses to be equipped to reach the children.
4. New literature programmes are being developed that will include many of our publications. The 'Box of Books' programme will be expanded. A new 'Teachers' Pack' will be developed. Each of these programmes will be for a 5 year cycle.
5. The electronic age provides opportunities for wider distribution and all of our books will be available to download as 'eBooks' on a new CEF Inc. web site.

**We ask for your prayers** that God will guide as we work through the process of integration so as to leave a legacy for future generations of children's workers. We believe that as God works this integration will result in a greater use of the books and therefore more children reached with the Gospel.

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The implications of this integration will mean that we will no longer send out books on request. As our stock becomes depleted no new books will be printed. We therefore suggest that if you want to make use of any of our publications you should make your request no later than 30 June 2012. But only request a book if you can be certain to make good use of it in a Biblical ministry to children. You can request by mail or by using our Internet web site [www.cefbookministry.com](http://www.cefbookministry.com). In the future some books will be available through national CEF offices in many countries. If you do not know the address of your national CEF office please let us know and we will give you details. We trust that God will enable you to continue to benefit from the wonderful legacy of these publications.

The Assisting Children's Evangelists Worldwide Trust (the charity which governs the book ministry) will continue to receive gifts towards the support of literature projects which will be used in the CEF International Literature programmes.

## CEF International Conference



Over 1000 delegates gathered from around the world at the CEF International Conference held in N Carolina USA, May 16- 21. As workers shared what God is doing in their regions, there was a real sense that something special is happening as God is calling more and more believers to be concerned for the spiritual needs of the children.

It was reported that through CEF ministries almost 11 million children were reached with the Gospel in 2010. CEF is now established in 176 countries. The vision to reach many more children was strengthened as Harry Robinson (vice president of CEF International Ministries) challenged the delegates to trust God to enable us to see 20 million children reached by the next conference. CEF Leaders are committed to seeing many more workers trained, equipped and supported.

In the exhibit area there was great interest in the SBM



Terry Flannigan introduces the books to an enquirer

publications. Many people who had used the books came and expressed their appreciation and requested more books. Hundreds of books were taken. There was particular interest

in the new publication "*Children - A Biblical Perspective*". Mr Reese Kauffman (CEF President) recommended that all CEF workers should read and study this strategic book written by Sam Doherty. We believe that God can use the books distributed at the conference to strengthen the work of CEF around the world - so that many more precious boys and girls can hear the Gospel story.

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all very important in their own place, but the Bible must hold first place". That is why his book is called, "*Children - a Biblical Perspective*". It is within the pages of this ancient, inspired Book, the Bible, that the answer to the crisis among today's children is to be found. The prayer and the objective of those of us who serve at SBM may be summed up in the words of the Psalmist Asap:

***"that the generation to come...may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments"*** (Ps. 78 vs. 6 & 7)

## Blessings in BRAZIL



CEF Celebrates 70 Years  
of Gospel Ministry to Children  
in Brazil



Terry Flannigan speaking at the APEC congress



Students attending a weekly training class and (inset) the local director demonstrates the visual lessons "Who is God?"



Using the visual lessons in a weekly Bible class in an elementary school



The National Director Gilberto Celeti in action

It was away back in 1941 when English missionaries Harry & Frieda Briault first sought to establish the work of CEF (APEC) in the largest country of South America - Brazil. Today that work has grown to become one of the largest evangelical organizations reaching out to boys and girls with the Gospel. Through a programme of Teacher Training and direct ministries thousands of workers are being helped to reach a multitude of children with God's Word. At the 70th Anniversary Congress held early August near Sao Paulo over 1000 delegates from 23 states gathered for a time of reflection and encouragement. There was a real note of praise to God for all that He had done down through the years. Time was taken to recognise the many workers who had given of themselves to establish the work. All serving workers received a certificate indicating their period of service - some even for over 40 years! Last year God worked through these workers to reach almost one million children with the Gospel.

Terry & Wilma Flannigan represented the work of the CEF Specialized Book Ministry and Terry, speaking at the congress, reminded the people of what it meant for children "to set their hope in God" (Ps 78:7) We had previously arranged for the translation and printing of the SBM series of lessons "Who is God?" and "What is God Like?" At the congress many workers were able to get these lessons to use in their work. Already these lessons are having a big impact on the work and children are discovering just how great our God is. One lady who works amongst an indigenous Indian tribe spoke of how the lessons with their simple clear teaching, had been a real blessing in the work. "An ideal tool to reach the children" she said.

At weekly training classes workers are first shown how to teach the lessons and make best use of this valuable resource. Many of these workers have opportunity to go into the regular elementary schools to hold weekly Bible classes. In the Sao Paulo area alone over 250,000 children attend weekly classes. This is an amazing open door and we are glad to help the work by providing our publications for this vital ministry.

APEC in Brazil have translated and published ten of our publications and these have helped to establish the work. Literature has always formed a vital part of equipping workers to evangelize the children.

The work in Brazil moves into the next decade with the goal "Crianças do Brasil para Deus" ("The Children of Brazil for God") Let us pray that many precious boys and girls will trust the Saviour and live for God.

# New Books

Work is under way to produce more of our publications in other languages. Recently we have printed "Who is God?" and "What is God Like?" in Urdu, for use in Pakistan. We plan to print "Creation & Evolution" in Spanish for use in Spain and South America. This series of lessons will also be made available in Romanian and Polish here in Europe. Children in Nepal will soon have these lessons taught to them and we trust also to have the same lessons in several Indian languages. The books "Bible Talks 1 & 2" will soon be printed in the Burmese language for use in Myanmar. We praise God for all who work on translations and we pray that these publications will be used to bring eternal truths to the children of today.



Spanish

Urdu

## In Appreciation

from our mail box



From South Africa: "Thank you for what you are doing in sending people literature to proclaim the Gospel Message to many, many children in the world...this term we are using Mr. Doherty's doctrinal lessons on the life of Jesus Christ, they are excellent lessons."

From the Philippines: "Thank you so much for the books you sent i.e. 'Creation and Evolution' and 'Bible Talks for Children' ...I am so thankful for these inspiring lessons".

From Scotland: "The school club that I am involved with has turned around in the last term since we started basing our teaching on one of Sam Doherty's doctrine books. These children are hungry for truth and suddenly have settled down and are asking deep questions".

From a Bible College: "Many thanks for your recent gift to our library...I'm delighted to have these new resources...They are certainly more user friendly...I've sent a message to all students so that they're aware not only of our copies but also of your offer to supply personal copies to any interested in children's ministry".

From the Solomon Islands: "I write to thank you for books you sent to us. We already received them and we gave some of the books to our students who completed the Super seminar course.

From Ghana: "Hello Dispatch Manager. I am very grateful for the dispatch of the books I requested. It may interest you to know that I have been using excerpts of 'Keeping Control', a topic in 'First Steps', in training some teachers in my Church to enable them maintain discipline in their classes..."

## Books for download



Many of our publications are now available online. Increasingly more people are making use of digital technology through the Internet. We have now added a special page to our web site where you can download complete books. The following titles are available:

- Why Evangelise Children?
- U-can Know God's Plan for Children
- U-can Evangelize Children
- U-can Teach a Bible Lesson
- U-can Lead Children to Christ
- U-can Help Christian Children to Grow
- U-can Counsel a Christian Child
- Children - A Biblical Perspective
- Salvation - The Gift of God - PowerPoint
- Growth - The Plan of God - PowerPoint

More titles will be added and eventually all books will be available in this format.

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