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"The memory of the just is blessed . . ." (Proverbs 10:7a)

It is my honor to share remembrances of the righteous throughout this month's newsletter. (In Hebrew, the word "just" also means "righteous.") For some individuals, God closed one chapter of their lives and began writing the next one titled, "Retirement." For others, God concluded their earthly story and now they are living in His presence, and their loved ones chose to give in memorial of the righteous so that missionary work to children in Northumberland County may continue.

Dr. Mable Ruth Wray, retired CEF E PA State Director Emeritus

In 1957, when "Miss Wray" began her sixteen years as the county director of GOOD NEWS CLUB, INC. OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, there was little competition for children's ministry. Times changed tremendously by the day she officially retired as State Director Emeritus, on December 31, 2019. About a year prior, she had charged the staff: "Today, staff have competition with sports, media, internet, etc. We live in changing times in our nation and the ministry—be in the Word." I am thankful for her example as a godly woman who loved God and His Word and who fiercely loved children and wanted to introduce them to Jesus.

Miss Mable Ruth had a vision to bring Camp Good News to Northumberland County. Eventually, her perseverance was rewarded and Camp Good News overnight camp was launched in 1964. My dad, Seth, was among the campers in the early years of the program; he later served as a summer missionary. I was introduced to CEF at a young age when my mom, who had also been a summer missionary, began hosting a 5-Day Club in our backyard. God first called me to be a summer missionary in 2008, and that Summer Missionary Training School experience was my first up-close-and-personal interactions with Miss Mable Ruth, of whom I had known of all my life. It was a privilege to accompany the staff and students who joined her for what would be her final official SMTS church presentation in 2019.



God gave Miss Mable Ruth a unique privilege to have a generational impact on lives and families. I can barely offer a glimpse of the legacy God built first in this county ministry, and then across CEF OF EASTERN PA, INC., through Dr. Mable Ruth Wray. "Thank you for giving to the Lord. I was a life that was changed!"

Miss Carol Hoover, retired CEF E PA Field Worker

Miss Carol's ministry with CEF E PA state headquarters spanned nineteen years; she began serving with CEF in 1973. I likely first met her at SMTS 2008, but did not really get to know her until I came on staff full-time in 2011. Miss Carol oversaw many behind-the-scenes details at the state headquarters when she was not traveling to a county to do what she loved: teach Teacher Training Classes. She made many trips to our office in my early years to lead our training classes, and I learned so much watching as she interacted with our teachers and listened to their needs and prayer requests, led devotions, and gave special subject instruction.



Practically, Miss Carol taught me things like how to make a flannelgraph board, how to think through setting up a welcoming room for trainings, and how to scope out preparations for day camp. However, the greatest lesson Miss Carol demonstrated to me was to take everything to God in prayer. Whether she was telling me about a curriculum issue or her drive up from Harrisburg, she would say, "So I was talking to the Lord about it. . . ." I was always challenged by her example and am grateful for the impact she made on my generation of CEF E PA missionaries as well as those before us.

For the Next Generation, Anna

GOOD NEWS CLUB Rally — APRIL 4th — 10:00 AM-12:30 PM

More details coming soon — Flyer will be on www.gncnc.org