



Project Michigan

bringing hope to the next generation

September 2022

This month marks the one-year anniversary of the arrival of *CBM Project Michigan* to West Michigan. It has been a year focused on building relationships and promoting the ministries we offer to our community. There have been challenges along the way, but God has been going before us to prepare the hearts and minds of those we will serve, as well as churches and schools with whom we are forging relationships. We hope the following updates will be an encouragement to you as you pray with us for the students and families we serve here in Grand Haven and Spring Lake.



Released Time

COVID ramped down last winter just in time to open the doors for us to offer Released Time in three schools in Grand Haven Area School District. Since then, God has increased our reach to a total of 10 schools (with the addition of Spring Lake Public Schools) starting in October. We have scheduled each school, recruited volunteers, lined up churches, and are ready to meet the children whom God will bring our way. Please pray with us as we ask God to provide us with a passenger van this year that can be used to transport the students to and from their Released Time classes.



Mailbox Lessons

A total of 28 children have enrolled in our Kids Club program, with approximately 50 others that were given their first lesson packet at various outreach events. The lessons contain a month of daily Bible readings with content quizzes that are returned to us at the end of the month. We then send the next lesson with a set of collector cards featuring the characters from the lesson. Participation has slowed over the summer months, and we are reaching out to see if we can renew interest in those students who have signed up. Please pray for us as we look for ways to encourage them.



Book Club

Our newest ministry, which starts this fall, is our book club. Those who register will read an assigned book each month, and then meet as a group with CBM facilitators to celebrate and discuss what was read and what biblical lessons can be learned. Parental involvement is strongly encouraged. Pray for wisdom as we launch this ministry and use it to point more students to the Savior.



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Camp

CBM Project Michigan has partnered with four area camps who honor our "coupons" that students earn in Released Time, mailbox lessons and book club. We had the opportunity this year to serve at Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya, one those partner camps. We were able to scholarship one of our Released Time students, and we were there the week she attended. It was a great encouragement to see how much she was impacted as a first-time camper. We also served at Camp Gitche Gumee in Michigan's Upper Penninsula. Gitche Gumee is an affiliate camp of Children's Bible Ministries.

Sharing in the blessing

As God continues to provide growth to the ministry, we believe he will likewise raise up individuals and churches to help provide for our increasing operational expenses. CBM Project Michigan has been blessed over this past year to see God provide all the financial needs of the ministry through our donors and church partners. We would like to invite YOU to share in the blessing of helping to supply these needs in the coming year so that children in West Michigan can come to the knowledge of the Savior. You will find enclosed with this newsletter an envelope that you can use to send a one-time contribution towards the needs of the ministry going forward. We have listed below a sampling of some tangible expenses we have (or will have) in the coming year to give you something to pray about. **Our greatest need at the moment is funding for a 10-12 passenger van we can use beginning next month to transport students enrolled in our Released Time program.**

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| \$10 : A bible for a Released Time student | \$200 : Bulk paper cutter (one-time need) |
| \$10 : One year of mailbox lessons (one student) | \$280 : 1 year of web hosting and domain registration |
| \$25 : One camp reward coupon | \$??? : Needs-based camp scholarships |
| \$100 : 1 year of books for a book club student | \$??? : Funds for a 10-12 passenger Released Time van |
| \$100 : 1yr of supplies for a Released Time class | \$??? : Amazon wishlist - office supplies (QR code below) |

There are many additional ongoing expenses such as office supplies, promotion, postage and event costs that the ministry must fund as well. Would you consider pledging a monthly gift to help us with these recurring expenses? You can visit www.continuetogive.com/cbmprojectmichigan to partner with us in this way.



Amazon Wish List

Thanks for your support and prayers for CBM Project Michigan!

Pray for Project Michigan

- * That God would use the generosity of our donors to provide a much-needed van to transport Released Time students
- * That our new book club would draw children and be a blessing to them and their families.
- * That God would continue to provide connections and relationships that will further the reach of the ministry in West Michigan.

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The purpose of CBM Project Michigan is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to public school children in West Michigan, teach them Christian values and doctrine, build relationships with them and their families, expose them to Christian camping, and connect them to a local church for fellowship and discipleship.