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He will surely respond.

The other day I was sitting outside, enjoying what might be the last warm day of summer. I do love the change of summer to fall. To me it is the best of the season changes.

While sitting there, I noticed an ant struggling to carry a piece of a leaf that was obviously too big for his tiny body. I watched for a few minutes amazed at how he didn't give up. What happened next got me thinking.

I saw two more ants come alongside the first ant helping to carry the load. Isn't it just like us? We struggle and pull and try to carry the load of burdens, often without asking for help. We even try to do things on our own without talking to God about it. I know I am guilty of doing just that. Sometimes it isn't until we are about to really crack that we start to ask for help. We tend to cry out to God for help when we are at our wit's end and all seems hopeless. Sometimes we don't want to appear weak or vulnerable, yet God knows our weaknesses. He knows what we need and is waiting for us to talk to Him in prayer. I recently read a devotional that stated God wants us to ask for help. He never meant for us to do His will alone. God is the

one who helps and guides us on the right path.

"Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all." -Dwight L. Moody

Isaiah 30:18-19 "So the LORD must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the LORD is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help. O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. He will be gracious if you ask for help. He will surely respond to the sound of your cries."

There is nothing wrong with seeking help, in fact Scripture encourages it. So when you feel like you are really starting to struggle to carry that burden talk to God and seek wise counsel: your pastor, church leaders, close friend, or family member. Pray through those struggles and always remember that if we ask for help God is gracious and will surely respond.

Blessings
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**Gifts were given to Child Evangelism Fellowship
of Schuylkill County
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to the Glory of God**

In Loving Memory of:

My brother, Skip Snyder
By: Joan Mengel

Good News Club[®] is coming to an area near you. See the enclosed flyer for details. We currently have eight “meet in person” clubs scheduled and two online clubs through Zoom. Please share the flyer with your grandchildren, neighborhood children, your church, any children with whom you come in contact.

If you would like more flyers to spread throughout your neighborhood, let us and know and we will gladly print and mail them to you for distribution.



Mailbox Club Stats

August

*Lessons graded:	38
*New students:	5
*Certificates earned for completing a series	4
*Professions of faith:	1

Budget Corner

As of 9/24/20

YTD Income	\$94,531.
YTD Expenses	\$97,122.
Difference	[-\$2,591.]
Yearly Budget	\$114,313

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The Community Aid bin has been removed.

This past spring caused unforeseen difficulties for this faith based charity organization. Due to issues out of their control they have removed over 1,000 bins~ including the bin located at 1315 Long Run Road, Friedensburg. CEF has been given the option to collect the clothes and deliver them to a Community Aid Thrift Store and Donation Center located in Selinsgrove, Lancaster, Mechanicsburg, Hanover, and Harrisburg. CEF of Schuylkill County would receive \$.06 per pound for donated clothes. If you have a truck and would be interested in supporting CEF of Schuylkill County by delivering bags of collected clothes to one of the above locations, please contact Shelley Hikes at 570-682-9790.