**TAKE A MISSION TRIP *To Your Own Backyard!***

Mission trips expand vision, increase empathy, and enable Christians to experience God at work. Most importantly, they help take the Gospel to those who need it. This summer, bring a team from your church to serve with *CEF* in Paterson, taking the Good News to boys and girls who are hungry for truth. Then take what you've learned and use it in your own neighborhood.

**Your team will experience many of the benefits of a mission trip:**

Concentrated time of training, planning, and praying as a team.

Working as a team where every role is important. Sharing the Good News.

Stepping out of their comfort zones. Working with local vocational missionaries.

**Serving locally with CEF also means:** Maximizing ministry time - no long flights

Minimizing expenses - eliminates travel and housing Meeting a real need in our own area

Sleeping in your own bed at night

Multi-generational teams serving together Communicating in English (and some Spanish)

**DATES & INFORMATION Summer Basic Training**

Saturday, June 14, 2025 • 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Grace Bible Church • North Haledon

Morning session is required for all workers; afternoon session is required for new workers.

**Bible Lesson Teacher & Team Leader Training**

Will be scheduled considering participant availability.

**P4 Meeting: Pray, Plan, Pack & Practice** Thursday, June 26, 2025 • 7:00 PM

Grace Bible Church • North Haledon

**Paterson Mission**

July 14-18, 2025 • 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM daily

Madison Avenue Baptist Church • Paterson

Teams will minister in various locations.

**Child Evangelism Fellowship of NJ, Inc. North Jersey Chapter**

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**FOCUS: PATERSON**

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During the week of July 14-18, your team of volunteers will conduct clubs in Paterson parks and other locations where children are already assembled. CEF provides the training and materials and brings 25 years of experience serving the children of Paterson through 5-Day Clubs.

**FOCUS: YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

Use the materials and skills learned in Paterson to hold a 5-Day Club® in your own backyard, park, or community center. We can show you how.

**TEAM REQUIREMENTS**

Team size: 5-7 adults and teens who know and love Jesus.

Ages 14+ (12-13-year-olds may serve with a responsible adult.)

You will need a designated team leader who will help plan and manage the team and serve as a liaison with CEF and with the site supervisors where we conduct ministry.

You will also need Bible lesson teachers for each day. (Could be one person or several.) These teachers will study and present the lesson using CEF's effective methods. Attend training & P4 meeting.

Apply (Sign CEF's statement of faith, Worker Compliance Agreement and background check authorization).

**MINISTRY PREPARATION**

Your team will attend training to learn to effectively lead an exciting 5-Day Club.

All participants attend basic training on 6/14. Bible lesson teachers also attend a Bible lesson training session to learn how to use CEF's curriculum.

Your team leader will also attend a session to prepare for his/her responsibilities.

All participants attend the P4 meeting on 6/26. Your team will also be invited to attend a

Pray Over Paterson event on 7/13.

You may also want to schedule a team meeting between 6/27 and the ministry week (7/14-18) to practice songs and maybe even practice a

full club.

**COSTS/LOGISTICS**

One of the great benefits of serving locally is that it is cost-effective.

 Participants bring their own bag lunches each day, Monday-Thursday.

 CEF provides a pizza lunch on Friday.

Participants should also bring their own water bottles.

Teams generally carpool from our base camp in North Haledon to ministry sites in Paterson. Individuals sign up to bring snacks to share for morning meetings.

CEF provides all ministry materials for use in clubs: curricula, tracts, Bibles, game equipment, toys, etc. We invite all churches to participate, regardless of their ability to financially support the project. If your church wants to help cover costs, any amount is appreciated.