



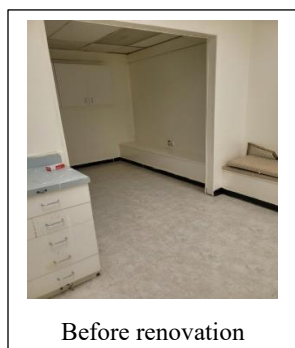
Children's Bible Ministries of Maryland, Inc.

Hope for the Children, 4th Edition (October, November & December 2022)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praising God for seeing us all through another year! Ups and downs are always a part of the growing process. I thank God for every challenge and every opportunity to grow. We praise God for meeting every need of this ministry.

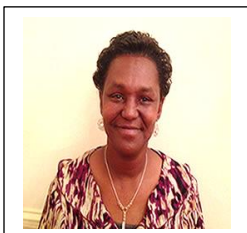
Example: We were looking for a building to start a Refuge—a safe place where children can escape the dangers of this world, learn who God is and be safe in Him. God led us to the Belair-Edison Area Revitalization (B.E.A.R.) Community Outreach Center located at 3400 Brehms Lane in the Belair Edison area of Baltimore City. We have established a partnership with Ray Askins, Director of the B.E.A.R. Community Outreach Center. From November 17 to 19, 2022 a team of volunteers sent by our national office (in Townsend, Tennessee) and Faith Xtreme Refuge (in Winter Haven, Florida), came to help us with some of the renovations.



We hope to launch *Refuge Baltimore* in March 2023. We are seeking volunteers to help with more painting, teaching, supplying refreshments, prizes, etc., so if you are interested, contact Denise at 443-763-1835 to apply or get more info.

We have served 210 children through the various ministries of CBM, with 3 children in our Character-Building Clubs making professions of faith and 2 adults led to Christ during an outreach event. An additional 30 have been served through adult ministries.

Every so often, God gives me a WOW moment. The best one this year was when a father called to say he wanted me to send him the lessons each week so that he could reinforce them with his son.



Denise Morgan, Area Director

A small army serving with a BIG God

The Character-Building Clubs got off to a really good start in October and are going well. Praise the Lord! We also praise God for adding three new babies to the family! I can't tell you the joy I experience every time He allows me the privilege of seeing Him at work in my life and the lives of others--just seeing the smiles on the children's faces as they truly believe that they are forgiven and no longer in danger of God's wrath to come. Y'all know that old Alka-Seltzer commercial? Flop, flop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is! Just think of the weight/burden of sin no longer there, the weight of guilt and shame gone, relieved! Wow, that is what this gospel ministry is all about! Our children and even some of their parents are being relieved just knowing TRUTH.

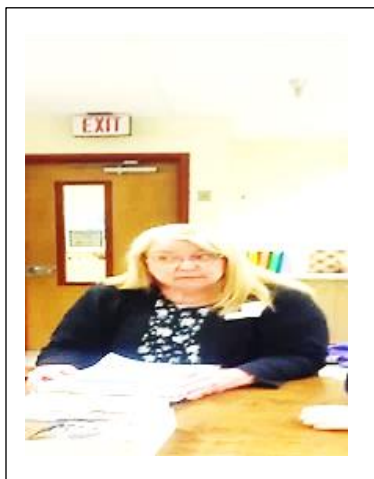
Denise Morgan



Joann Curtis, Sinclair Lane Elementary School, Baltimore City

Although we did not reach the total number of students enrolled, we are excited about the students who do continue to come every week. I pray their enthusiasm to know God will continue to grow as both students and parents/guardians are faithful to return to the character-building club.

Prayer request: Pray that students will remain focused on lessons taught and not be prone to distraction. Pray that God will meet their needs at every turn.



Linda Mielke, Hampstead Elementary School, Carroll County

We had the children sit on the rug, and as Mrs. Denise began her lesson, all listened intently to her as she truly has a gift for presenting in a way that keeps the interest of the children. We do have one boy who struggles with sitting still. As Denise presented the lesson, this boy lay down on the big rug and began rolling around all over it and Mrs. Denise continued with the lesson as he rolled. As time ticked away, she began to ask questions about the lesson and this boy began answering with the correct answers. Clearly rolling did not affect his hearing and did not bother others. I share this with you to let you know that I have learned that Mrs. Denise is a wonderful teacher, and our rolling young man is proof that you can do two things at one time successfully. Thank God for a lesson I do not believe I will ever forget.

Prayer request: Please pray that God would raise up a helper for our club.

CBM welcomes our newest volunteers, **Sandra (Sandi) Fletcher** and **Donna Baker** (former volunteer now returning).

Sandi Fletcher has been happily retired for 24 years. She lives in Eldersburg, Carroll County, where she is an elder and Financial Director at Kingdom Light Ministry—the church our new Social Media Coordinator, **Olivia Koffi**, also attends. Sandi first became interested in CBM when a CBM team provided the Vacation Bible School program at Kingdom Light. Sandi brought her great grandchildren and found the program “mesmerizing.” She sees herself as a “behind the scenes” person and hopes to be able to relieve Denise of some of her administrative work.

Donna Baker led a CBM after school character-building club at Runnymede Elementary School in Westminster, Carroll County for eight years after responding to a notice in the Sunday bulletin of The Church of the Open Door. She quit in 2017 after being diagnosed with breast cancer. Praise God, she has now passed her milestone of being five years cancer free! She is now serving CBM as a liaison to our parents. She sent out Christmas cards on behalf of CBM and will be calling the parents starting in 2023.

Teen Group (L.I.T.)

L.I.T. stands for Leaders in Training. They meet every second Monday for discipleship class and every fifth Saturday for fellowship. As the opportunities come up, they take part in community service projects. This group is now being led by two of the teens: Grace Mwangi and Kaylar Waweru. Denise mentors them as they mentor the group members. That is the true purpose of this group: pouring into others so that God's ministry keeps flowing!

Birthday Parties for Jesus

At CBM, we honored Jesus' birthday this year with a "Backward Birthday Bash"—backward because, instead of bringing gifts to the birthday honoree, we receive in Jesus the greatest gift of all. In keeping with the theme, I hung up a banner that had "Happy Birthday, Jesus" written backward and I wore my blouse backward.



Leading the children in signing "Go Tell It on the Mountain." Photo by Adriel Njiri

On December 18, Denise and I held the Backward Birthday Bash for the children at the Kenyan Christian Fellowship. Denise took the 5 to 8 year olds and I hosted the 9 to 12 year olds.

The Kenyan Christian Fellowship meets once a month at Faith Community United Methodist Church in Baltimore City. They raise thousands of dollars every year to provide college scholarships for their young people. They celebrated their first Christmas gathering since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic with a sumptuous, beautifully decorated banquet.

On the 21st, Denise and I teamed up to do the Backward Birthday Bash at the BE Transformed ministry in Baltimore's Belair-Edison (BE) neighborhood—a neighborhood I used to call home, and the one where I got my start in children's ministry. Denise told the Christmas story, while I led the games and songs and introduced the key verse: *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God*

(Eph. 2:8, NKJV).

BE Transformed is a home at 3501 Pelham Avenue in the Belair-Edison community in Baltimore City that provides a safe place for children and their families to come learn about and experience the radical love of Jesus through play, art, Bible study, tutoring, and provision. You can learn more at <https://www.betransformedbaltimore.com>.



Ephesians 2:8. Photo by Denise Morgan

Susan Gaztañaga

Looking Ahead



Recruitment of Summer Missionary Interns (SMI) is well underway for 2023. On December 27, Patricia Njenga, President of the Kenyan Christian Fellowship, hosted an interest gathering over dinner at her home in the White Marsh area (Baltimore County). Three of the teens were from Halethorpe Community Church, where we hold our Board meetings. Four committed to serving that very night!



Support CBM

Every day, your support makes a difference. Now, more than ever, children need the hope that only the Gospel message gives. With your help, we will be able to reach children regardless of what is going on in our society.

- **Stay informed**

Find out what the Lord is doing by the website (<https://www.cbmmnd.org>) and subscribing to our newsletter. Also like us on Facebook at facebook.com/cbmofmd.



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- **Join our Prayer Band.**

Contact our Prayer Captain, Rev. Passley at cbmofmd@aol.com to receive a monthly prayer and praise calendar by email.

Please pray for CBM of Maryland as we keep pressing on for God's Glory.

Pray the Lord to send someone to serve as Assistant Area Director.

Pray for January's Board Meeting.

Pray for the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon coming up on February 18, 2023.

- **Get involved**

Full-time ministry worker

Summer intern

Bible teacher

Camp staff

Volunteer Board or Committee member

Contact Denise Morgan at 443-763-1835, cbmofmd@gmail.com or cbmofmd@aol.com.

- **Become a financial partner**

We invite you to be part of our work with a donation to CBM.

- * Your \$10 gift will provide several children with Bibles
- * \$25 will help reach 1 child in a Character-Building Club and
- * \$300 will sponsor a child to attend our overnight camp.

Your support will make a real and lasting impact for all eternity! Thank you so much for your continued support and friendship.

You can donate to CBM online and designate which project you want your contribution to support.

Step 1: Go to www.cbmmmd.org. Click on the red "Donate" button in the top right corner.

Step 2: Click on the green "Give" button.

Step 3: Enter the amount you want to give, and select the area of support from the dropdown menu: General Funds, Project J (Lois Jones), Project M (Denise Morgan), Summer Interns, or C P King Scholarship Fund (for camp). You can also set up recurring gifts to go out automatically at whatever time you designate. There will be a small fee to cover the service.

Prefer to write a check? Make it out to "Children's Bible Ministries of MD," write your designation on the memo line and mail it to 1600-B Emory Road, Upperco, MD 21155.

Gifts given to CBM in honor or memory of an individual are used to help reach children for Christ. If you would like the one honored or the family of the one remembered to receive notification from CBM, please include their address.

GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF: Glenda Meads **BY:** Linda & Charles Custer

GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF: Florence Cavey **BY:** Lois Muhl

GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF: Army Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss **BY:** Wayne & Evalena Knauss

GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR OF: Martie Rogerson **BY:** Linda Salo