

Meet Your Missionaries

Bruce and Elsie Lippy

Serving at the International Headquarters of Child Evangelism Fellowship in Warrenton, MO



BIRTH PLACES: Lancaster, PA (Elsie)
Baltimore, MD (Bruce)

BIRTHDAYS: March 16 (Elsie), September 10 (Bruce)

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

Bruce: video shooting and editing, electronics, walking
Elsie: reading, visiting elderly, card making, hospitality

FAVORITE VERSES: Elsie; Psalm 145:8 “The Lord is gracious and merciful: Slow to anger and great in loving kindness.”, Bruce; 2 Cor. 9:15 “Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift.

SALVATION AGE: 7 (Bruce), 10 (Elsie)

EDUCATION: Bruce: Community College of Baltimore, Philadelphia College of Bible, CEF Children’s Ministries Institute, International Media Workshops
Elsie: Lancaster School of the Bible, Lancaster Business School, Moody Summer School of Writing

TESTIMONIES

Elsie

I was raised in a Christian home but my family belonged to a denomination that didn’t talk about their faith and believed that one became part of the church after taking a catechism class at age 12. Thankfully, the Lord placed us in a neighborhood where I was able to attend two different CEF Good News Clubs four blocks apart. The teachers faithfully gave the Gospel each week and one asked me after club one day if I would like to receive Christ as my Savior. We knelt at a dining room chair and I asked the Lord to save me. God had a wonderful follow-up plan. He led my parents to move to a new community where we joined an evangelical church. I had many Christian friends and a group of us attended Youth for Christ every week. At age 19 I dedicated my life to the Lord at one of these rallies. Again, God had a wonderful follow-up plan! A month or so later I learned of an office job at a place called Child Evangelism Fellowship of Eastern Pennsylvania and realized after three weeks that it was the organization that placed those Good News Clubs in my neighborhood. During my time with CEF of E. PA I learned the importance of beginning each day in the Word and prayer and I began a habit that has had the greatest impact on my spiritual life. After a year of working in the CEF office I realized I needed Bible training in order to move from a job to Christian service. After completing a three-year course in Bible and Christian Education I began serving full-time as a home missionary with CEF.

Bruce

I, too, was raised in a Christian home and belonged to a liberal denomination (where my parents were two of only a few good teachers in the church) until age 14. My parents knew the Lord and some summers I enjoyed as many as three VBS programs for good teaching. I was saved in a CEF Good News Club at 6 or 7 and attended about 7 years. But when I didn't want to join the church after catechism classes, my parents decided to move our family to an independent Bible teaching church. I grew spiritually and volunteered in Youth For Christ for some years. Studying electronics and broadcasting brought opportunities to be part of building Baltimore's first Christian radio station at night while working in industry during the day. After completing that project I attended Philadelphia College of Bible (now Philadelphia Biblical University) and was on staff as electrician. I later worked for a small recording company in Cherry Hill, NJ where I was eventually to become owner. But the Lord led differently and I returned to Baltimore to work in electronics and volunteer at another Christian radio station. As S.S. Superintendent at my church I attended local CEF training classes and discovered that they produced A/V materials and radio programs. I applied to the CEF Home Office, attended the CEF Children’s Ministries Institute and was led of the Lord to serve fulltime at the CEF headquarters.

HISTORY OF CEF MINISTRY

Elsie

1958 to 1972—writing, editing, literature development, teacher training for CEF of E PA

1972 to 1975—writing, editing, literature development at the CEF Headquarters in Grand Rapids, MI

1975 to 1980—transition to editor of CEF’s teacher’s magazine, MI and MO

1980 to 2007—editor of CEF’s teacher’s magazine along with teaching some clubs and several years as an instructor in

our Children's Ministry Institute

2007 on—part-time in mail processing

Bruce

1975 to 1989—Radio recording/editing/duplication/syndication. A/V production/duplication.

1999 to 2002—Overseas literature distribution

2002 to 2005—CEF Prison Ministry Coordinator, CEF Mailbox Club operations assistant

2005 on—CEF Mailbox Club returned-mail processor and address researcher

CURRENT MINISTRY WITH CEF

Elsie

After 50 years I retired from full-time ministry in 2007 and now serve two mornings a week in Mail Processing, volunteer in the Missionary Staffing Program as needed and am on call in the Mailbox Club.

Bruce

Receiving and processing undeliverable Bible Correspondence Course lessons; researching reasons and addresses, following prisoners movements from facility to facility, dealing with prison postal restrictions and mail regulations. From home—radio project for CEF of Latin America.

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