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# The Umpqua Update

## Meet the Coordinator—Mariah Marx

As a kid, we all used to dream about what it would be like to be an adult. Maybe you pretended to be a police officer, teacher, or mom. If you would have asked me what I dreamed to be, I would have told you one thing from ages five through eighteen: a missionary.



While the scope of that dream has shifted from overseas to closer to home, this dream has driven the activities I have participated in throughout my life. Reading books about foreign countries, taking extensive notes on missionary talks at camps or church, talking to any missionary I could, going to CYIA, and finally going to Moody Bible Institute.

My goal was to do one year of Bible college and then come

back to Douglas County and become the director for Umpqua.

Then life got messy. One year of school turned to four, no boyfriends turned into getting married, and being a missionary took the back seat.

This summer we found ourselves both holding Bachelor's degrees, but no idea what we were going to do with them. We came back to Douglas County, Oregon with very little direction and only a few sketches of plans.



We applied for a few things, one being a job for me with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Umpqua as the new local coordinator for Douglas County.

When I learned that the job was mine, I was through the roof thrilled! This was a job that I had *dreamed* of having for all the years that I spent working with CEF as a volunteer.

While I love every part of this job, a few things that I am extra excited for are: getting to know the volunteers better, working with the CYIA youth in the summers, and seeing God grow the ministry in ways we cannot even imagine.

Each day I come into work here I am amazed at what God is already doing with CEF of Umpqua. Our volunteers

are multiplying, Good News Clubs are growing,

and God is showing his grace and blessing on this ministry. I am reminded daily by a quote on the wall from Hudson Taylor, "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply". Pray that I will know what the will of God is for CEF Umpqua and have the courage to step into it in faith.

*The mind of  
man plans his  
way, But the  
LORD directs  
his steps.  
Proverbs 16:9*

## Good News Clubs are Up and Running

School	Need(s)
Eastwood	God will reach the hearts of the children in GNC
Sutherlin West Elementary	Another helper or teacher
Winchester	Another helper or teacher/someone to buy snacks
Oakland	New club, more children to attend
Fullerton IV	God will reach the hearts of the children in GNC
Canyonville	New club, more children to attend
Green	God will reach the hearts of the children in GNC
Camas Valley	Club will start in January
Brockway	No Club currently, need another teacher/helper
Fir Grove	God will reach the hearts of the children in GNC
Riddle	God will reach the hearts of the children in GNC
Glide	God will reach the hearts of the children in GNC
Lookingglass	Another helper or teacher
Tri-City	God will reach the hearts of the children in GNC
Melrose	Another helper or teacher
Myrtle Creek	Praise God for the children and God's provision
Hucrest	Another helper or teacher
Sutherlin East Elementary	Club will start in January
Elkton	No GNC, needs someone to start a GNC
McGovern	No GNC, needs someone to start a GNC
North Douglas	No GNC, needs someone to start a GNC
Sunnyslope	No GNC, needs someone to start a GNC
Tiller	No GNC, needs someone to start a GNC
Yoncalla	No GNC, needs someone to start a GNC



This year we are excited to have sixteen clubs going on each week. There are twenty-four schools that are part of the Umpqua chapter, so we are only eight clubs away from being in every school, 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the way!



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## Upcoming Events:

