

KIDS HELPING KIDS

Children's Mission Project for 2009
Care Boxes for "His Kids"

There are millions of children who do not have the luxury of some of the things we consider essential. Thirty-one years ago ICC started with just one child in one foreign country and grew from there, helping one child at a time. You can help orphaned or abandoned children by partnering with ICC to do the Care Boxes for "His Kids" mission project.

Your children will learn the stories of five children who do not have a lot of the things that our children in the US take for granted. These five children are happy to have a safe place to live because they didn't always live in a safe place. They are happy to have someone to love them because they were alone. Their stories represent so many children who have experienced tragic loss in their young lives; children who didn't even have a toothbrush or a pair of shoes or an extra set of clothes when they were brought as an orphaned or abandoned child to ICC.

Many children never went to school until they came to ICC. They had never gone to a store with a list to buy items for school. They are very grateful to have pencils, paper and a box of new colored pencils that several children share.

If you are planning a VBS program this summer or a five week class or club project, Kids Helping Kids is ready-made to become part of your endeavor. The basic premise is that your children can help provide needed items for orphans in the Care Boxes for "His Kids" project in two ways.

1) Coins for His Kids - bringing a few coins to VBS or class each day. The kids can do little errands around home to earn money. They can collect their spare change in a can wrapped with the ICC logo. ICC will wire that money on to the children's villages where items from school supplies to personal hygiene will be purchased. The costs for these needed items add up when you're talking about over 1,000 children. The leader can create a fun visual aid to help the children see their progress towards reaching a goal.

2) Care Boxes for His Kids - For a more tangible experience they can bring things and fill shoe boxes or gallon size Ziploc bags with needed items for the children. These items would then be passed on to ICC at 2711 NE 134th Way, Vancouver, WA 98686 and stored until a container is shipped to one of the children's villages.

Some great items to include are:

- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Socks & Underwear
- Shoes - one of our biggest needs!
- Pencils & Pencil Sharpeners
- Colored Pencils & Paper
- Scissors, Rulers, Compasses & Erasers
- Hair ribbons or Stickers
- Small useable items are the best
- A note or picture drawing to the child

Items not to include:

- No candy please.
- No color crayons (they melt)
- Nothing that melts or can spill
- Nothing perishable

You can attached a label to the box or bag that indicates whether it is suitable for a boy or girl and approximate ages if it applies: 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15+.

The Kids Helping Kids packet features the stories of five children from different countries. The stories and colorful poster-style pictures of ICC's children are designed to easily tie into any VBS theme as a station activity. Also included are can labels, a video about ICC children, a parent letter with list of needed items, and brochures to share with parents.

To request a free Care Boxes for "His Kids" packet you may call Liana St.Clair at (800) 422-7729, e-mail Liana@forhiskids.org or request on our website.

Other packets available: Meals for "His Kids" and Shoes for "His Kids."



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