Bold Acts, Young Disciples

Kids Helping Kids Go to School



The fifth-grade class at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, New Jersey, learned about the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations from guest speakers. They wanted to be part of solving these problems, too. The class voted on which goal to work on. Helping more kids go to school won.

At the time, seventy-three million children weren't in school. Some lived in countries where they have to pay school fees (around $50) or buy uniforms and books that their families couldn't afford. Other children had to work to help their family get food and water. For one billion people who lived on less than $1 a day, school was a luxury they couldn't afford.

To raise money, the fifth-graders baked cookies and decorated packages to sell after church. They raised $700 but didn't stop there. They researched more about the Millennium Goals and prepared a presentation to the church's Mission Committee. The class asked the committee to give money from their budget to add to what the class raised. The committee agreed to add $300. The class sent $1,000 to Dr. Michael and Nancy Haninger, PC(USA) mission workers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The money raised covered clothing, tuition, and other fees for 20 orphans to go to school for a year.

Go to www.un.org/en/get-involved to read about ways to support the UN today.

Save Some Gums



Claire and Audrey were fourth-graders at Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri, when they began a mission project. They planned to collect new toothbrushes and toothpaste to donate to people in need.

Claire and Audrey made a presentation about their project to the children's Sunday school. They decorated a special box to hold the items they collected. They came up with a theme, "Be chums, save some gums." Families of the kids in the Sunday school started bringing toothbrushes and toothpaste to donate. Other members of the church started bringing things too. Claire and Audrey contacted some dentists and asked them to participate. All of the collected items were donated to a local ministry that helps people who need basic necessities.

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