

Missions Promotion Ideas!

#1 — DiMeS fOr OrPhAnS

Most people want to help children in anyway they can and to know that they are a part of something good. Why not give people an opportunity to be a part of a Childs life in Senegal, Africa and help make a difference.

Decorate empty coffee cans or water bottles with a picture of sandals or children from Senegal. If you choose the water bottles you could decorate the bottles with computer printed letters reading, "Water of Life". Let your creativity flow and add your churches own character to each bottle or can. It's always good to teach the children and remind the adults to recycle and reuse with purpose. A good lesson in taking care of the beautiful world that God created.

Once cans/bottles are decorated, distribute them to Sunday school children, youth, adults, church members, family members and school friends. Your local school may even be interested in getting involved in such a great mission. Allow them several weeks to save their dimes. Have a return date and use this time to have a celebration and prayer service. This should be a time of thanking God for the generosity and sacrifice of those who gave and prayer for the children that will be given sandals that they will receive the "water of Life" as well.

If you want to teach the children a Bible Story during these weeks of raising money you could have dramatized or use puppets to tell about the woman at the well. This could be a life changing mission for you and your children.

#2 — HiRe a SuNdAY sChOoL jUnIoR hIgh, tEeN oR tEaChEr!

Share the vision and purpose with the Junior High class, teen class and Sunday school teachers before starting this mission. You may find that some grade 4 students will be very excited to be involved in such a great cause.

After the junior highs, youth, and teachers have agreed to such a wonderful cause place a sign up list in the church foyer at least 3-4 weeks prior to starting this mission. Have different chores listed for adults to sign ex. babysitting, house cleaning, shoveling walk ways etc .

Place a minimum pay on all chores. A suggested pay would be \$2.00 - \$5.00. Make it clear that all monies will be given to missions.

This mission has a two fold purpose. It raises monies to help children in Senegal and gives adults the opportunity to get to know the younger generation.

#3 — ApPrEcAtIoN dAy

Choose a date that will become an appreciation day at your church. Several weeks before event day, form a group that will take orders in your church foyer for special gifts that will be delivered on Appreciation Day. The gifts may be balloons, flowers, baked treats or chocolates.

A customer can hire one or more group members to personally deliver a gift to Sunday school teachers, seniors, parents, mom's, dad's, etc . . . Involving the children to help deliver will help the children feel special and a part of the Mission.

Helium tanks can be purchased at Walmart for a reasonable cost. Look for donations of balloons, ribbons, flowers & treats. All money will purchase sandals for the Senegal Street children. Having fun, honoring those you appreciate, and helping needy children. A GREAT package!

#4 — MaTcH ThAt

Whatever your church raises for the Senegal street children why not ask local businesses to match your children's giving. A letter should be drafted and approved by your Pastor and Church Board that would be presented to local businesses. A great idea would be to have a small computer presentation prepared for the businesses to be able to view upon being presented with the need. It would make the vision and goal of your mission clearer and tangible. If any of the businesses takes the challenge call a local newspaper or T.V station and ask them to be present when the business presents the cheque to the mission.

Presenting the gospel and giving your town an opportunity to be a part of something wonderful.

I assure you that your children, youth and church will be ecstatic to be involved in something of this proportion.

The presentation of the need is very important. First and for most, make sure that your church is very clear that this is a mission worth being involved in. Make this mission a matter of prayer in your church and especially your children's ministry.

We would love to hear reports of how ways in which you are raising your missions dollars for the Senegal Street Children. Also, we would love for you to share any of your ideas with us so that we can share it with others. Thank you for all that you do and your part in Children's Ministry!

'Changing one child at a time'