

MEMO

To: Children's Pastor and/or Children's Leaders
From: Provincial Children's Ministries Lead Team
Date: January 30, 2009
Subject: Missions Project 2009

2008 was a busy year for us in our Children's Ministries Department and we look forward to and plan, in anticipation, for the things that will happen provincially in 2009.

We are in the midst of appointing a new Provincial Director to our Children's Ministries Lead Team as Kelly Brenton completed her role December 2008. We will miss her and appreciate her dedication to the Provincial Team. Stephanie Jenkins (Prayer Coordinator) also ended her role December 2008 and we congratulate her and Pastor Steve on the safe arrival of Andrew Jenkins!! Watch for new updates to your Provincial Children's Ministries Team!

We reiterate that our desire is not only to see children taught about who Jesus is, but to have a life changing encounter with Him. Our mandate provincially continues to desire to empower the local church leaders through resource sharing and team building to have a powerful children's ministry in our local churches that would impact the children of our province.

The Provincial Children's Ministries Lead Team continues to identify that mission is an important focus. We want to continue to engage the children in missions. **We want to "help kids in 'Newfoundland' get involved in making a difference in their world. They can be a part of investing in the lives of orphans, building homes on an empty field in Africa, feeding the hungry and more."** In seeing the positive impact that the Senegal missions project has had on our children and leaders in this province, as well as, abroad we have decided to continue the partnership with MAK and the PAOC in the Senegal project. This will be our missions focus provincially for 2009!

*"There are hundreds of children who live on the streets in Dakar. They are undernourished, uncared for and have often been abandoned by their parents to lead a life of street begging. They do not attend a traditional school and have serious health and hygiene needs. **For the past eight years our PAOC missionaries have been providing health care, first aid and a daily feeding program that feeds 80 – 100 kids five days a week at a centre we have in the city. We have also offered recreation, art workshops, health teaching, help with reading, times of***

singing and storytelling. These children will walk on streets without shoes. You can buy them sandals at \$1.50 per pair... and let these street kids experience what Jesus' love is really all about!"

All monies raised for the Senegal Street Kids will go toward your church missions giving for 2008 **All monies must be sent to the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador Head Office stating Senegal Street Kids Project.**

In this packet you will find information on how the project can be accomplished, information on our missionaries, their families, and various ideas to help get you started on this wonderful in devour, child activities, prayer requests, Mak Resource sheet etc...

You will also find a report from our 2008 Kids Rock Camp in our January/February issue of the Good Tidings. We welcome your feedback and ideas on our monthly Children's Ministry issues in the Good Tidings.

We desire to see Children's ministries as a vital part of our churches. We appreciate your commitment in 2008 and want to encourage the growth of children's ministry in our local churches, as well as, provincially. We look forward to serving with you again in 2009!

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