

Youth Newsletter

February 2012

Alphas, Omegas Prepare for Famine

For the ninth consecutive year, our junior and senior high youth will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

Each day, hunger kills nearly 8,000 children under the age of 5. That's one child every 10 seconds. And, each night, over a billion people, mostly women and children, go to bed hungry. Throughout the world, nearly 1 in 6 people live on less than \$1 a day.

The youth of Bethlehem have committed themselves to making a difference in the lives of needy children all over the world, and to be a part of the solution.

Starting on Friday, February 24, our youth will join thousands of youth groups in more than 21 countries—over 1 million youth worldwide—and go without food for 30 hours, to experience the hunger that far too many children around the world face every day.

Over the next few weeks, the youth will be seeking donors and sponsors in the congregation and our local community. It takes only \$30 per month—just \$1 a day—to feed and care for a child through World Vision, even in the most remote of locations.

World Vision is a non-profit Christian relief organization that is dedicated to meeting the needs of children, families, and communities all over the world. For more than 50 years, World Vision has been providing food, clean water, medical treatment, and much more for needy children and families. Each year, more than 80 million people in almost 100 countries receive the hope of a brighter future through thousands of World Vision projects worldwide.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12	Regular Meeting, 4:30pm-5:45pm
February 24-25	Alphas/Omegas World Vision 30 Hour Famine, 6:00pm
February 26	Regular Meeting, 4:30pm-5:45pm
March 11	Regular Meeting, 4:30pm-5:45pm
March 15	Alphas/Omegas Winter Jam 2012 Tripp, time & details TBA

For more information about your club's schedule, including any special events planned for your individual club, please see your club's leaders.

The youth will be challenged personally and physically over their 30 hours of fasting. This year, the youth will participate in Tribe Global, competing as representatives of five nations from around the globe. The tribes take turns hosting a series of challenges, each one highlighting a critical issue facing children and families in some of the world's most impoverished countries. From Bolivia and Zambia to Kenya, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan, Tribe Global will transport Famine participants to far-flung corners of the world, where they'll learn what it takes to survive in the harshest of circumstances. Working together as tribes, they'll gain a deeper understanding of the daily struggles faced by people living in the developing world. Through interactive challenges, group discussion, and reflection, they'll see just how World Vision is putting their Famine funds to work to make a difference to poor families. When the Famine concludes, they'll leave with changed hearts and a greater compassion for those in need.

This year, when a junior or senior high youth asks you to sponsor them for the World Vision 30 Hour Famine, please consider helping once again to fight hunger all over the world and to spread the love of Christ to a world in need. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

Alpha, Omega Youth Visit Nursing Home, Shut-Ins at Christmas

On Wednesday, December 21, the Alpha Youth visited both Nansmond Pointe and Autumn Care nursing homes to deliver their Angel Tree gifts.

That same night, the Omega Youth visited several shut-ins to deliver their Angel Tree gifts as well. Afterwards, the senior high youth went to Sapporo's for dinner together.

The youth were planning to participate in the Living Nativity that evening, but it was canceled due to rain.

Youth Sponsor Fundraising Dinner

The junior and senior high youth sponsored a Chicken Luncheon fundraiser on Sunday, January 22. The youth served a lunch of baked chicken breast, macaroni and cheese, steamed vegetables, roll, tea, and dessert.

Over \$600 was raised to help support the group's activities and projects, such as the annual ski retreat, buying Angel Tree gifts for needy children at Christmas, making meals for our shut-ins during the 30 Hour Famine, and more.

Thanks to our congregation for all your support!

Alphas/Omegas Winter Jam 2012 Trip
Thursday, March 15 • time and details to be announced