

## **A Collection of Ideas for Local HarvestCall Projects**

(Refer to Kit Instructions for Specific Kits to Make)

When doing projects or making kits, funding must come from your local church.

Each church can do things which interest their congregation.

Each church can get together in the way it works out for their congregation. Whether women get together in the days, or everyone in the congregation gets together one evening a month, or everyone getting together for a series of days a couple times a year. Anything works.

There are no quantities which have to be met. Everything is appreciated!

Listed below are some ideas from various churches.

### **NURSING HOMES**

1. Snack mix packaged in snack bags. They use these for prizes for the residents.

#### **Gorp**

15 lb. M&M's (peanut, peanut butter, &

plain) 4 (10 oz) bags small pretzels

8 (16 oz) jars peanuts

9 boxes of raisins

Mix all ingredients together Makes 100 Snack Bags

#### **Snack Mix**

8 (15 oz) Boxes Goldfish Snack Crackers (Cheese)

8 (10 oz) Boxes Nutter Butter Cookie Bites

8 (10 oz) Boxes Ritz Bits Sandwich Mini Cheese

Crackers 8 (10 oz) Boxes Chocolate Teddy Grahams

4 to 5 Boxes Oreo Cereal

8 lbs. M&M's (Any Kind)

Mix together. Makes approximately 125 – 150 Snack Bags

2. New resident or Easter gift bags for Residents with Kleenex (big box), chapstick, lotion, hairpins, paper and pen, etc. Put a Bible verse in it. Another idea is to let children decorate bags.
3. At Christmas, buy small gifts for each resident and a Christmas party, singing Carols.
4. Make table and door decorations for nursing homes.
5. Make all occasion cards for nursing homes. The staff can use to give residents who don't get cards on the holidays. Good project for children.
6. Collect used vases and baskets and decorate for nursing homes.
7. Make bags that attach to wheelchairs or walkers
8. Make large clothing protectors with towels, possibly waffle towels with rick rack
9. Make lap robes
10. Ask them or a local Children's Home if they need various sized prop pillows
11. Middle School, High School students or anyone put hand lotion on the elderly. This serves as a personal touch and gives you quality time to talk to them.
12. Make party favors.
13. Make up scrapbooks with any kind of pictures for them.

## **LOCAL FOOD PANTRY**

1. Some go to the local food pantry on the day they pass out food to hand out a Bible. The Mission Committee has a questionnaire to insert in the Bible and has answers: Bible verse references. Also insert your church's contact information.
2. **Meal Kits** Put them in a plastic bag with HarvestCall stickers on it and the menu or recipe. Some churches go shopping, some have congregation bring in items, or have the food delivered by local grocer.
3. For people calling to ask favors of the church, some have given a grocery gift card and a comforter.

### **Chicken & Noodles**

1 Can Chicken

1 Can Chicken Broth

2 Cups Macaroni

Cook macaroni 8-10 minutes in boiling water

Drain well, and add the rest of ingredients and heat through

### **Chili & Macaroni (Recipe 1)**

1 Can Chili

2 Cups Macaroni – Cook 8 to 10 minutes &

Drain 1 Can Tomatoes

1 tsp. Chili Powder

½ Cup Cheese (Optional)

Combine all ingredients and place in baking dish. Bake @ 350\* for 40 minutes.

### **Chili & Macaroni (Recipe 2)**

2 Cups Macaroni – Cook 8 to 10 minutes &

Drain 1 (8 oz) Can Tomato Sauce

1 Can Chili

1 Can Tomatoes

1 Can Chili Beans

Add cooked macaroni to the rest of ingredients and heat through.

### **Ham Supper**

16 oz. Boiled Canned Ham

7.25 oz. Box Macaroni & Cheese

14.5 oz. Can Green Beans

2 (3 oz) Boxes Jello

15 oz. Can Lite Fruit Cocktail

1 Jiffy Brownie or Muffin Mix

Ham is fully cooked. Make macaroni & cheese per directions on the box, likewise the brownie or muffin mix.

To make Jello salad:

Bring 2 Cups water to a boil, stir into 2 boxes Jello until completely dissolved. Stir in 2 cups cold water and refrigerate. Allow to start thickening, then drain the fruit and add to the Jello. Refrigerate until firm.

### **Beef Stew Meal**

2 (24 oz) Cans Chunky Beef Stew  
8.5 oz. Box Corn Muffin Mix  
2 (3 oz) Box Jello  
15 oz. Can Lite Fruit Cocktail  
To make Jello salad:

Bring 2 cups water to boil, stir into 2 boxes Jello until completely dissolved. Stir in 2 cups cold water and refrigerate. Allow to start thickening, then drain the fruit and add to the Jello. Refrigerate until firm. Make muffin mix per directions on the box. Heat beef stew and enjoy!

### **Chicken Noodle Bake**

10 oz. Can Chunk Chicken Breast in Water  
2 Cups Elbow Macaroni  
10.5 oz. Can Cream of Mushroom Soup  
15 oz. Can Mixed Vegetables  
29 oz. Can Peaches in Lite Syrup  
Cook macaroni in boiling water for 8 to 10 minutes. Drain.  
Add meat and soup and ½ cup milk or water. Mix in can of vegetables or eat them on the side. Bake in 350\* oven for 20 minutes. Enjoy with peaches!

### **Chili Mac**

2 (15 oz) cans Chili with Beef & Beans  
10.5 oz. Can Tomato Soup  
14.5 oz. Can Stewed Tomatoes  
2 Cups Elbow Macaroni  
3 tsp. Chili Powder (Optional)  
4 Cook macaroni 8 to 10 minutes in boiling water. Drain.  
Add the rest of ingredients, heat through and Enjoy!

8.5 oz. Box Corn Muffin Mix  
Make muffin mix per directions on the box.

### **Tuna & Ramen Noodles Serves 4**

In medium saucepan, bring 3 cups water to a boil. Add 2 packages Ramen Noodles. Boil for 3 minutes, stirring often. Remove from Heat. Do NOT drain.

Mix in:

1 Can Tuna  
1 or 2 packages chicken flavoring (that's in with Ramen noodles)  
5 or 4 slices cheese (Optional)  
Let sit for 10 minutes and it will firm up. May add cooked peas if desired.

### **Chicken & Spaghetti Casserole Serves 3 to 4**

1 Can Chicken  
¼ Cup Chopped Onion or 1 ½ Tbsp. Dried Onion Flakes  
1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup  
1 Soup Can of Water ½ tsp Salt  
Mix together in 8 inch greased pan. Gradually stir in 1 cup uncooked spaghetti (broken up). Bake covered @ 350\* for 1 hour. Can stir once during baking time.

**BARLEY VEGETABLE SOUP PACKETS (Can purchase ingredients at Fairbury Distribution - approximately \$425 for 1000 pkts  
To purchase contact Karl Edleman fairburyharvestcall@gmail.com or 815-735-7385**

## **SCHOOLS**

1. Some make local School Kits per your school district's requirements.
2. Check with your school district to see if you can provide an eye exam and glasses for the children not able to fund this. Some stores are willing to help with a lesser cost.
3. Provide breakfast for low income children. (Juice and protein bar.)

## **PEDIATRIC UNITS IN HOSPITALS**

1. Use a gallon Ziploc bag and fill with quiet time activity items for children (small toys, stickers, paper, coloring pencils, crayons, activity books)
2. Make picture books by cutting out pictures from magazines and placing in photo album or scrapbook. (Can also be used in nursing homes)
3. Spend an afternoon in the Children's Hospital doing activities with the children.

## **CRISIS CENTER**

1. Contact local center to see if they need comforters and what size.
2. Could they use health kits to give out as families leave their facility, and what they would like in the health kit for women and children.
3. Knit scarves or afghans
4. Purchase purses and fill them with lotion, comb, pen & paper, etc For kids to give their mom's on Mother's Day
5. Have a cooking class for the women.

## **CHILDREN'S HOME**

1. Pillows of various sizes for propping
2. Stuffed animals or balls
3. Bean Bags
4. Quilts
5. Snack Bags

## **CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER**

1. Contact your local agency to ask what they would like in a Layette Kit and how many they could use per month.

Suggestions as to what has been sent:

1 Large Bag, Pillowcase, Laundry Basket	1 Baby Toy
3 to 6 Cloth Diapers	4 Large Safety Pins
2 Pair Vinyl Pants	2 Receiving Blankets
2 Onsides or T Shirts	6 to 1 pkg. Disposable diapers
2 Pair Socks	2 to 3 Sleepers
1 Shawl	2 bibs
1 Bar Soap	Vaseline
Hooded Sweater or Bunting	Knotted comforter
Baby Shampoo	Baby Lotion
Guidepost Magazine	Bible
Baby Wipes	Pacifier
1 Lg & 1 Sm Baby Bottle	Fleece Blanket

2. Stencil diapers for burp clothes or make flannel ones
3. Volunteer
4. Baby quilts
5. Receiving blankets
6. Egermeijer Bible Story Book

## **GENERAL LOCAL PROJECTS**

1. Cooking & Serving meals at Soup Kitchens
2. Have a HarvestCall CD Presentation each year  
Invite a speaker  
Can be running a couple more CD's on different topics in the back of the room with someone standing by who can answer questions on those.
3. Make care kits for Soldiers from your area.
4. Sell Linens for Haiti - Contact Delores Duckworth/Princeville  
309-897-4032
5. Sell Crocheted & Tatted Head Coverings & Veils for Ixtlan  
Contact Adele Martin 309-385-2081 e-mail: [awmartin@frontier.com](mailto:awmartin@frontier.com)  
Address: 231 N. Ostrom Unit 14 Princeville, IL 61559
6. Make Pillowcases, Health Kit Bags, School Kit Bags, Zippered Sewing Kit Bags, or Back Packs Directions are on separated pages in Handbook
7. Comforter Days –Entire congregations enjoy getting together to make these
8. For House of the Carpenter – purchase new holiday gifts
9. For foster care kids – give them their very own fleece blanket
10. Give Hospice patients a comforter or fleece blanket
11. Small packets of health tidbits for Ronald McDonald House
12. Veterans – fleece blankets or aquillo (blanket that folds into a pillow)  
Get some wallpaper samples and fold to make a pocket to hold  
10 pieces of stationery, 5 envelopes and a pen.

13. Homeless – fleece blanket
14. Burnouts – help them out with comforters or fleece blankets
15. Comforters for the Red Cross
16. In Group Homes for Kids – give them fleece blankets or snack bags
17. For the terminally ill – make pillowcase (in patterns) or blanket
18. Or for Salvation Army and put in quart ziplock bag
19. For Meals on Wheels, decorate a grocery or food bag for their delivery
20. The Girl Scout website has different ideas to look at
21. Make Christmas Stockings and fill for the homeless (in patterns) Or wrap socks for Christmas for Shelters or Homeless
22. Fill stockings for adult day care.
23. Samaritans Purse – [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) Fill a shoebox
24. Salvation Army provides dolls for you to make 18” clothes for them
25. Deliver food to low income families for Thanksgiving
26. Make bed pads for cancer centers
27. Offer to make cookies for Leo Auction
28. Teach the younger to sew
29. Young group Scavenger Hunt – each car load purchases supplies for Veterans Kits
30. For Mother’s Day a group held up signs “Free Gas” they paid the gas station \$2000 and would give a single Mom or Widow \$20 free gas, a Bible, Bible Story Book and talked to each mom asking how they could pray for them and wrote it down. At the noon hour the next day at church they divided up and prayed for the Mom’s.
31. Cut fabric into squares. Place in drawstring bag with material for the back, thread, & crochet thread for tying their own comforter when completed. See page on Christian Aid Ministries “Comfort Kit”

We would love to have you share more ideas to add on to the list. Please contact:

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