

KIDS KORNER

Changing Your Attitude and Actions to Involve Kids in your Missions Outreach

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How do you raise a generation of givers to change the world? The following are excerpts from the article by my friend Jill Harris (Caleb Project) addressing this issue.

“There was a time when missionaries told stories to children because ‘they were there’, an audience they’d been assigned to, or a group who needed to be entertained. But there’s been a major shift, and now we’re seeing how essential it is to equip children as full members of the Body of Christ for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. At last we see how important it is that we teach stewardship to children. The Millennial Generation may be the one that sees the Great Commission completed! Children need to be given the opportunity to serve God with their money.”

“How do we teach children to be financial stewards? First, of course parents play a key role. Do you as a parent believe that God owns everything? The question is not, ‘How much of my money should I give to God? but rather how much of God’s money should I keep for myself?’ Modeling cannot be stressed enough.”

What role should the church play? Start with worship, then select mission projects that kids can clearly relate to. There are tools and resources available for both parents and teachers to assist them in teaching kids stewardship.

Compassion, Samaritan’s Purse/Operation Christmas Child, Heifer Project/Animal Crackers, World Concern and Kid to Kid/SGA are just

a few projects. “Kids On a Mission” from C M & A, “52 Ways to Teach Stewardship” and a “Faith Promise” Curriculum by Ruth Jordan are just a few resources. Contact me for more information on any of these.

“Kids need to be challenged to serve God with their money. Don’t let them miss the eternal impact their giving can make!”

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EXPAND YOUR BORDERS

My mind was spinning when I heard what my friend Jo Koblentz was planning to do in 3 hours on a Sunday morning! “EXPAND Your Borders” was the theme of the kids’ missions experience at the Evangelical Free Church of Conejo Valley in Newbury Park, California. Using

activity centers, passports, missionary speakers, snacks, loads of artifacts, costumes, videos, snacks posters, maps, games, and artifacts borrowed from the CMRC, they took their 2nd through 6th graders on trips to five major unreached people groups, traveling to the Middle East, China, Mongolia, Africa, and more. You may contact this energetic lady at her e-mail: JoKNPCA@aol.com.

“Praying With Children In the Midst of Tragedy” by Cheri Fuller is an excellent article by the well-known speaker and author of books such as *When Children Pray* and *When Families Pray*. See this article and related prayer suggestions for families on the Web site for PrayKids: www.navpress.com/praykids.

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