

Loving Our Neighbor as Ourselves...

MARK 12:31

Disasters can strike anywhere but are most devastating in locations where there is a lack of resources and infrastructure to help people through them. And the devastation affects millions of children every year, and often carries on to the next generation of children. This year Kids Helping Kids addresses the need for responding to the world's disasters with tangible help and support.

Kids Helping Kids enables us to partner with children on their spiritual journey to:

- fulfill Christ's commandment to love God and our neighbor,
- foster a larger kingdom view,
- offer an opportunity to serve and obey God,
- provide a shared faith experience to build community,
- learn from the faith stories of other children around the world, and
- reflect and share their own stories of faith and what it means to respond thoughtfully and responsibly to those caught up in the world's disasters.

How can the children in your church help?

This booklet contains the stories of twelve children, each struggling to cope in the aftermath of a disaster. It is our hope that these voices—representing millions of children facing the challenge of rebuilding their lives—will help shape the children in your care as they become sensitive to other's needs, inspiring them to respond thoughtfully and generously.

Examples of ways your gift will make a difference:

- rebuilding lives
- rebuilding homes
- rebuilding families
- rebuilding communities.

Before taking an offering with the children each week, please read one of the stories, explore where it takes place in the world, engage in the cooperative game, reflect on how Christ responded to those in need, and pray for those who are suffering the consequences of a disaster. In this way, your children will connect with the bigger picture of God's kingdom and provide a tangible reflection of Christ's light in the world.

Gifts should be made out to Kids Helping Kids:
After a Disaster

MAIL TO: The Evangelical Covenant Church,
attn: Covenant World Relief, 8303 W. Higgins Road,
Chicago, IL 60631

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