

Share the love of Jesus!

2008

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MISSION PROJECTS

Children in your Vacation Bible School can help meet the needs of children in the United States and around the world! Adopting a special VBS project from the list below is a great way to help kids learn about mission that is related to American Baptist Churches USA.

Choose one of this year's projects as a special emphasis during your VBS program and encourage children (and adults!) to contribute to a special offering for the project. Please encourage your children to pray for the needs of children in the project you've chosen.

Remember: Do not buy and send items. The missionaries will honor your intent and use your offering to purchase the items needed.

Thank you for supporting these projects in the name of Jesus Christ.

Neighborhood Ministries, Campbell, Ohio (VBS35-NM)

Web site: ohionm.org

Neighborhood Ministries has been caring for families and children in north-east Ohio since 1912. We are a Christ-centered ministry that seeks to build relationships with those we serve. We provide a safe and loving environment in public housing developments, offering spiritual, educational, recreational and social programming, and assistance for adults and children. Mark Samuel, an American Baptist home missionary, has served at the Christian Center since 1987.

- **Project #1:** Educational software for computer labs—most of the children we serve do not have computers and rely on our computer labs for help; \$25 – \$75 per software program.
- **Project #2:** Send a young child to Christian camp. Our kindergarteners are able to go to camp overnight. Cost is \$60 – \$85.
- **Project #3:** Funds for Family Food. \$12.50 will provide food for one family for a week.

For more information about national projects, please call 800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2449

Dayton Christian Center, Dayton, Ohio (VBS209-NM)

Since 1921, Dayton Christian Center has offered hope to persons and families with special needs. Programs include preschool day care, after-school activities, sport teams for teens, Bible story hour, tutoring, game room activities, ceramics, workshops, career development and parent support groups. Rev. Robert Bishop, an American Baptist home missionary, has served as the director of the Christian Center since 2003.

- **Project #1:** Feed a Classroom—Your gifts of \$100 will help to feed an entire classroom of 10-18 children and youth for one week in our daycare program.
- **Project #2:** Support the learning and teaching of one child—Your gift of \$50 – \$75 will provide staffing and materials for the welfare, education and training of one child for one week in our before and after school programming of at risk youth.
- **Project #3:** Renovate a room—Dayton Christian Center's West Campus is in need of much needed updates to the facility. Your gifts in the amount of \$25.-\$100 will aid in updating our facility so the families and children we serve will have the blessing of an up to date, safe building as a community resource.

Thistledown Race Track, Cleveland, Ohio (VBS104-NM)

The Rev. Vincent Harris, an American Baptist home missionary, serves as racetrack chaplain at Thistledown Race Track in Cleveland, Ohio. He ministers to the needs of people from many different countries who work and live on the "back side" of the race track, holding worship services every Thursday and conducting marriages and funerals. He also assists with housing, medical concerns and other physical needs of the workers and their children. In addition, he coordinates recreational events and looks for opportunities to foster Christian fellowship among those who care for the horses.

- **Project:** Financial gifts will help to purchase a new or used PowerPoint projector.

Alaska Children's Services, Anchorage, Alaska (VBS102-NM)

Web site: www.acs.ak.org

Alaska Children's Services provides residential treatment for youth who have emotional and behavioral disabilities so severe that their needs cannot be met in their own homes or in foster care. Through love and compassionate training, troubled youngsters learn how to live in harmony with others so they can return to family living.

- **Project:** A variety of new blankets or funds are needed to purchase new blankets for use during the monthly sweat lodge experience. Sweat lodge blankets are a regular twin, double or queen size blankets made of any material. The blankets are used on the floor for kids to lay on or cocoon in during their sweat lodge experience. This time is special and the kids really enjoy and look forward to the monthly sweat lodge experience.

Vacation Bible School Project Report

Project Name _____

Project Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Church Name _____

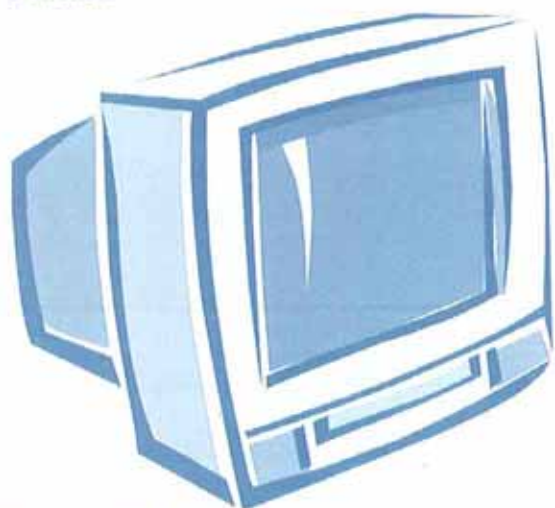
Church Address _____

For more information about international projects, please call 800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2311

Street Children in Laos (VBS0701-IM)

Lori Mann, a development worker in Laos, was walking down the street one day when she encountered three "street children." They were wandering aimlessly and begging for money. Even though they were dirty and hungry they only wanted money. Lori learned that they were from a village more than 30 miles from the city and had walked there to beg for money for their parents who were drug addicts. Lori took them to a local noodle shop and bought them lunch, which they eagerly devoured. That God-ordained "moment in time" has allowed Lori and Matt Mann to start a center and a home for street children in Vientianne, Laos.

- \$10 will buy center supplies for a month for two street children.
- \$10 will provide lunch for a month for two street children.
- \$25 will help pay for sports programs and special events.
- \$60 will support a part-time Lao worker at the center for a month.



Christian Television Programming for the Middle East (VBS0702-IM)

SAT-7 provides quality Christian television broadcasting via satellite service to audiences throughout the Middle East and North Africa. The broadcasts are produced locally in Arabic and communicate to children as well as adults. The SAT-7 Kids Channel will provide programs that effectively communicate to children.

- \$10 provides one minute of childrens' programming.



Schools for Migrant Children in Nanjing (VBS0703-IM)

The Amity Foundation was created in 1985 on the initiative of the Chinese Christians to promote education, social services, health, and rural development. Amity presently sponsors 30 registered schools for the children of migrant workers in the city of Nanjing. Most of these schools suffer from a shortage of proper desks and chairs as well as sports and educational equipment.

You can support the development of this project by contributing:

- \$5 for a library book
- \$8 for four classroom lights
- \$10 for a basketball
- \$12 for a classroom fan
- \$20 for a tape recorder for English class

Vacation Bible School Gifts for Congo Brazzaville (VBS0704-IM)

Children refugees attending the primary school of Kintele, Congo Brazzaville are assisted by the Evangelical Baptist Church of Brazzaville. Under the Vacation Bible School program, boys and girls attend two weeks at the church. At the end of the training, a gift is given to each child participating in the program. Many of the children come from poor families and their parents make an average of \$0.35 a day, if they are fortunate enough to even find employment. Most of them cannot afford school materials, while others do not even have a Bible in their homes. Many times, only a pencil is given to each child at the end of VBS.

- A gift of \$10 would help provide a Bible, notebooks, pencils and a pen.

How to Remit Money Collected for Vacation Bible School Projects

VBS Leader:

1. Complete the information requested on the other side of this form.
2. Give the form and the money collected to your church treasurer.

Church Treasurer:

1. Record the VBS project number, project name and amount collected on "Line Specifics" of the "Monthly Report of Mission Support" form.
2. Send the money and the form with your church monthly remittance in the usual manner.

