

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Thru "Boxes of Love"

"Meeting the needs of hungry kids and their families while increasing the influence of your church in your community."

Developing Your Neighborhood Route

"Thank you for accepting the role of Neighborhood Missionary. I pray that this will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life." – Norman Whan, Founder of Canning Hunger

Before you do anything regarding your neighbors, fill your own personal box or boxes. This is consistent with our philosophy of not asking someone to do something that we are not willing to do ourselves.

Our goal is that each participating household will distribute up to 10 neighborhood boxes and build at least one box themselves.

Pray and ask God to direct you to the neighbors He wants you to connect with.

They can be neighbors you currently know or neighbors you should get to know.

Record the addresses you choose in your "Neighborhood Journal".

Fill out your door hangers with your name, address, and visit times on front and back.

Place a door hanger at each address.

If you encounter your neighbor while delivering the door hanger, hand it to them and go over the "word track" on the door hanger. Simply read what the door hanger says.

Before your first face to face visit, write the Pick-Up date on the front of each of the "Important Instructions Enclosed" envelope. This is your neighbor's reminder of the day you will be back to pick up the filled box.

You are now ready for your personal visit. Put your name tag on, take your Journal to capture names and additional information, take the boxes and instructions and a copy of the door hanger that will give you a "word track" that will help for anyone that may not have seen the one you left on their door.

"Your initial contact is to help meet the needs of the hungry and to meet your neighbors under the best of circumstances...to start and develop a relationship that **eventually earns you the right to effectively share the Gospel!**"



CALENDAR
Fill In The Dates

- Pick Up Boxes and Materials _____ (DATE)
- Prepare Door Hangers and Materials _____
- Place Door Hangers- Wednesday, _____ (DATE)
- Distribute Empty Boxes and Instructions- Saturday, _____ (DATE)
- Pick Up Filled Boxes- Saturday, _____ (DATE)
- Follow Up with "Not-at-Homes"- the following week _____
- Process All Filled Boxes _____
- Return Filled Boxes, Checks & Praise Report- _____ (DATE)

Making Your First Visit

Pray! Take a deep breath...knock on the first door! Take a box and "Important Instructions Enclosed" envelope to each door.

Introduce yourself by first and last name and tell them where you live and that you are following up on the invitation that you left on their door.

If they did not see the door hanger, show them the one you carry with you and simply have them "follow along" as you hold it for them to see and go over the "word track".

After your introduction and invitation to join you, take a couple of minutes to go over the information in the "Important Instructions Enclosed" envelope.

Take out the two-sided card and go over the menu items. Emphasize the importance following the menu and making no substitutions or deletions.

Explain the \$8.00 check and share what that is used for. (That information is in the same box area that they check off as they include that item.)

Turn the card over and explain the process of putting the \$8.00 check in the "Important Information Enclosed" envelope and putting that envelope on the top of the food when they have completed the "Box of Love".

Encourage them to fill out the "This Box Filled With Love By" card. Kids can use crayons and draw pictures/and or the

neighbor can write a note of encouragement to the family that will be receiving this blessing.

Get your neighbor's initial reaction, many will say; "Yes!" right then and there. If they are unsure or want to think about it, leave the box and the instructions and tell them you will be back to see if they are able to help.

Point out the pick up date on the envelope and let them know the times that you will be returning. Give them the option of leaving the box on their doorstep if they will not be home during that time frame.

Your first choice is to make another personal contact with your neighbors when you pick the box up. However, if they are not going to be home they can leave the box on their doorstep. You will have future opportunities to develop the relationships. Be sure to follow up on "not at homes" and those that did not leave a box on their doorstep.

If you encounter a person that refuses to take a box on the initial visit, pray and ask God if there is someone else in the neighborhood or in your circle of influence that would be blessed by being ask to join you in touching the lives of hungry kids and their families during this holiday season.

Note: This is a wonderful opportunity to involve the family. Take your spouse and kids old enough to help and benefit from the experience. Kids can pull wagons with the boxes and be at the door to see what it is like to connect with people that will respond to your invitation with great joy.



NOTES

Filling out and delivering the door hangers takes about 30 minutes.

Going to 10 neighbors and delivering their boxes will take about an hour.

Picking up 10 boxes will take less than an hour.

Allow at least 20 extra minutes when dropping off the boxes before the service you attend.

Filling a Box of Love costs between \$18 and \$25 plus the \$8 check.

Information To Share

All of the "Boxes of Love" will be distributed in southern California to families that will benefit from your generosity. Most of those families would have nothing to be "thankful" for this Thanksgiving without your help.

California has over 3.6 million people at risk of going hungry on any given day. (14% of our population... 1 out of every 9 people in our community.)

California has one of the highest "at risk" populations in the nation due to the high cost of housing. The "food insecure" in this state is greater than 95% of the nations population.

Over 60% of the needy are under the age of 16. The majority of them are innocent children and babies who have nothing to do with their circumstances nor can they change them.

In the United States of America...over 2,000 babies are born into poverty every single day.

In the United States of America...36 million people are at risk of missing meals on a regular basis.

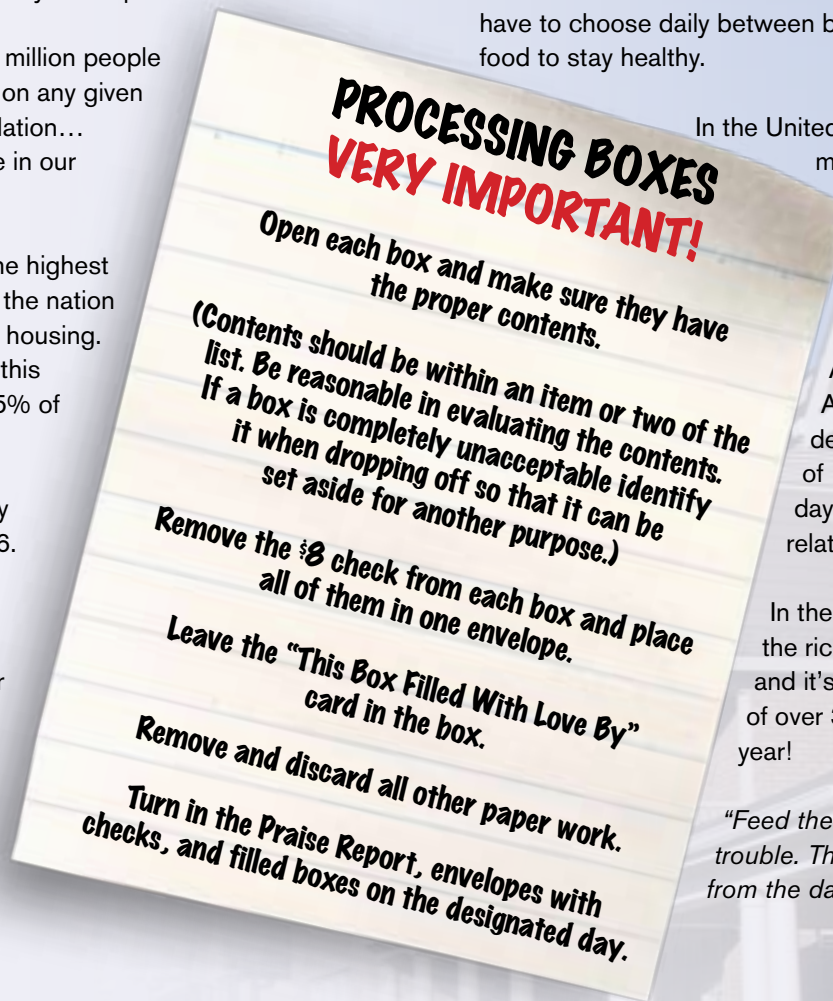
In the United States of America...three million of our seniors have to choose daily between buying prescription drugs and food to stay healthy.

In the United States of America...one million of our seniors go at least 3 days in a row without a bite of food, not by choice, but because they have no choice.

And in the United States of America...not a third world developing nation...an average of 107 babies die every single day, 365 days a year, from hunger related causes.

In the United States of America... the richest nation on earth...hunger, and it's related causes, claim the lives of over 39,000 innocent babies every year!

"Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness." -Isaiah 58:10 NLT



God Bless You And Your Family This Holiday Season!



Two Ways To Help A Deserving Family



My Neighborhood Journal

Name(s) _____ Name(s) _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____ Address _____ City/Zip _____
Notes _____ Notes _____

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Neighborhood Connections thru Boxes of Love Participant Praise Report

Participant Name(s) _____ PH# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Number of Neighborhood Boxes **Starting Amount** _____ **Distributed** _____ **Filled** _____

Number of Personal Boxes Filled _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF BOXES FILLED _____

NUMBER OF FAMILY SPONSORS _____

TOTAL DOLLARS ENCLOSED \$ _____

