

Projects To Do

Description:

projects to do right now related to God's work around the world

Aim: to provide opportunities for active involvement with God's global plan, more than just dropping an offering in the plate

Audience: children through adults

Time: various

Equipment: as stated in each

Scripture to Study:



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1. Consider “adopting” one of your church’s overseas staff members.

- This website gives you thirteen ways you can bless your missionaries without even paying for postage:
www.desiringgod.org/blog/posts/13-ways-to-bless-missionaries-without-paying-for-postage
- Ask a family to speak to your class. They might bring some cool artifacts from around the world. Invite them to your home for dinner! Could you meet special needs? (Maybe they won't have winter clothing if coming home from several years in the tropics. Maybe they need a car, a home, pots and pans? You might even be able to help them move into their house, or set up their pantry!)

2. Tour a facility that sends people overseas to serve the Lord.

You could make plans to stop by while on vacation. For an extra special treat, call to schedule a tour of these exciting sites especially designed to educate, entertain and inspire. Visit their websites if you prefer 'touring' from home or school!

You can arrange for a children's tour of the **Wycliffe Canada headquarters** in Calgary, Alberta

Location: Wycliffe Canada

4316—10 Street NE

Calgary, Alberta T2E 6K3

Telephone: 1-800-463-1143

Email: childrens_ministry@wycliffe.ca

At the **Wycliffe Discovery Center** in Orlando Florida you will encounter people, languages, and cultures you've never seen before. It's about the art and science of translation. It's about how God's Word carries hope around the world to people in their own language. It's an interactive, cultural adventure! Discover how God preserved and spread the Bible throughout the world and throughout history.

Location: Wycliffe Bible Translators

11221 John Wycliffe Blvd.

Orlando Florida 32832

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ask for the Discovery Center tour director
Email: wordspring_orlando@wycliffe.org
Website: www.wycliffe.org/wordspring/

The International Museum of Cultures (IMC) is a unique cultural anthropology museum, located in Southwest Dallas that features contemporary peoples from around the world. The gallery exhibits include interactive videos from Africa, Southeast Asia, Papua New Guinea, China, Mexico and Native America, in addition to an extensive drum exhibit accompanied by video programming.

Location:

7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd
Dallas, TX 75236-5699
Phone (972)-708-7406
Email: Info@internationalmuseumofcultures.org
Website: www.internationalmuseumofcultures.org/home.htm/

The Museum of the Alphabet traces the history of alphabets and other writing systems. Paintings, displays and artifacts explore ancient and modern alphabet makers, as well as writing systems for Braille, mathematics and music. A phoneme exhibit illustrates how modern alphabet makers discover the sounds in unwritten languages. And guests can have their names printed in non-Roman scripts at a specialized computer display.

The Mexico-Cárdenas Museum displays artifacts, costumes, photographs and folk art that illustrate early Bible translation and cross-cultural work in Mexico. The museum also highlights Lázaro Cárdenas, Mexico's president from 1934–1940. Cárdenas helped make it possible for the Summer Institute of Linguistics (now SIL International) to study language groups in Mexico.

Location of both of these museums:

JAARS Center
7405 Jaars Road
Waxhaw NC 28173-7004
(704)-843-6066
E-mail: help_desk_jaars@sil.org
Websites: www.jaars.org/museum/alphabet/index.htm/ and
www.jaars.org/getinvolved/visit/museums/

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3. Pray for a Bibleless people group.

If you know a missionary who is part of a team translating the Bible for people who still wait for it, start praying for those people and the translation process until it is complete. If you don't already know about a Bibleless people group, you can find out about one at the link below. Just click on the continent you're interested in on the world map, choose a country, and then explore the languages spoken there to find a Bibleless one to pray for: www.thewordislife.net/

4. Be a home along the way.

Wycliffe workers often drive across the country, speaking to churches or traveling to see family. If you add your name to the Hospitality Roster, Wycliffe workers will contact you in advance if they are in need of overnight accommodations. Write to the address below, and request an application to be on the Hospitality Roster. In doing so, you will not only minister to Wycliffe workers by saving them expensive motel bills and meals out, you will get to hear first-hand accounts of the exciting things God is doing around the world!

Wycliffe Canada Hospitality Roster
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Telephone: 1-800-463-1143)
Email: hospitality_roster@wycliffe.ca

5. Create a quilt.

God's servants coming home from tropical climates often need warm bedding. Even those from cold climates often just need something new and pretty! Team up a children's class with ladies in the church for a cross-generational mission project.

Use fabric tracing paper to trace outlines from Bible story color books onto 12-inch blocks of muslin. Each child can color in the picture with permanent markers, or fabric paints, even adding their names if they like. Now the ladies take over and sew all the blocks together, add batting and a few quilting stitches. There you

have it! A warm winter quilt from your church to the global staff family of your choice. Several classes want to participate? How about a quilt for each member of the family?

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7. Novel Ideas for Helping Children Love to Pray.

See “Prayer Games”, another *Bright Ideas!* activity available at www.wycliffe.ca/resources/children_ministry_brightIdeas.html or go to www.wycliffe.ca/resources/children_ministry_ready.html where you will find several fun, interactive lessons to help children connect with Bible translation around the world through prayer.

8. Service-Learning Projects.

Learn about Senegal while helping children in Senegal learn to read their own language or color Scripture posters in one of three Ugandan languages to send to children learning to read and write in their own language at www.wycliffe.ca/resources/children_ministry_learning.html