



**Santa Clara  
First Baptist**

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**Our Mission:  
Why are we here?**

The purpose of Santa Clara First Baptist Church is to evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley.  
Matthew 28:19, 20

**March Birthdays**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jean Miller
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Smithson
- 7<sup>th</sup> Barbara McLenegan
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Fairall
- 11<sup>th</sup> Chelsea Trigg
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christine Robbins
- 12<sup>th</sup> Samuel Robbins
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jerry Cintas
- 17<sup>th</sup> Cristina Jackson
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sara Lasher
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jelena Tomic
- 18<sup>th</sup> Tina Mulford
- 18<sup>th</sup> Tom Caldwell
- 22<sup>nd</sup> John Pusateri
- 22<sup>nd</sup> CSM Rodney Wionowsky  
(Army Reserves)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Julie Yi
- 26<sup>th</sup> Ron Willcox
- 28<sup>th</sup> Debbie Reiley

- 31<sup>st</sup> Isabel Jackson
- 31<sup>st</sup> Fred Marshall
- 31<sup>st</sup> David Smithson

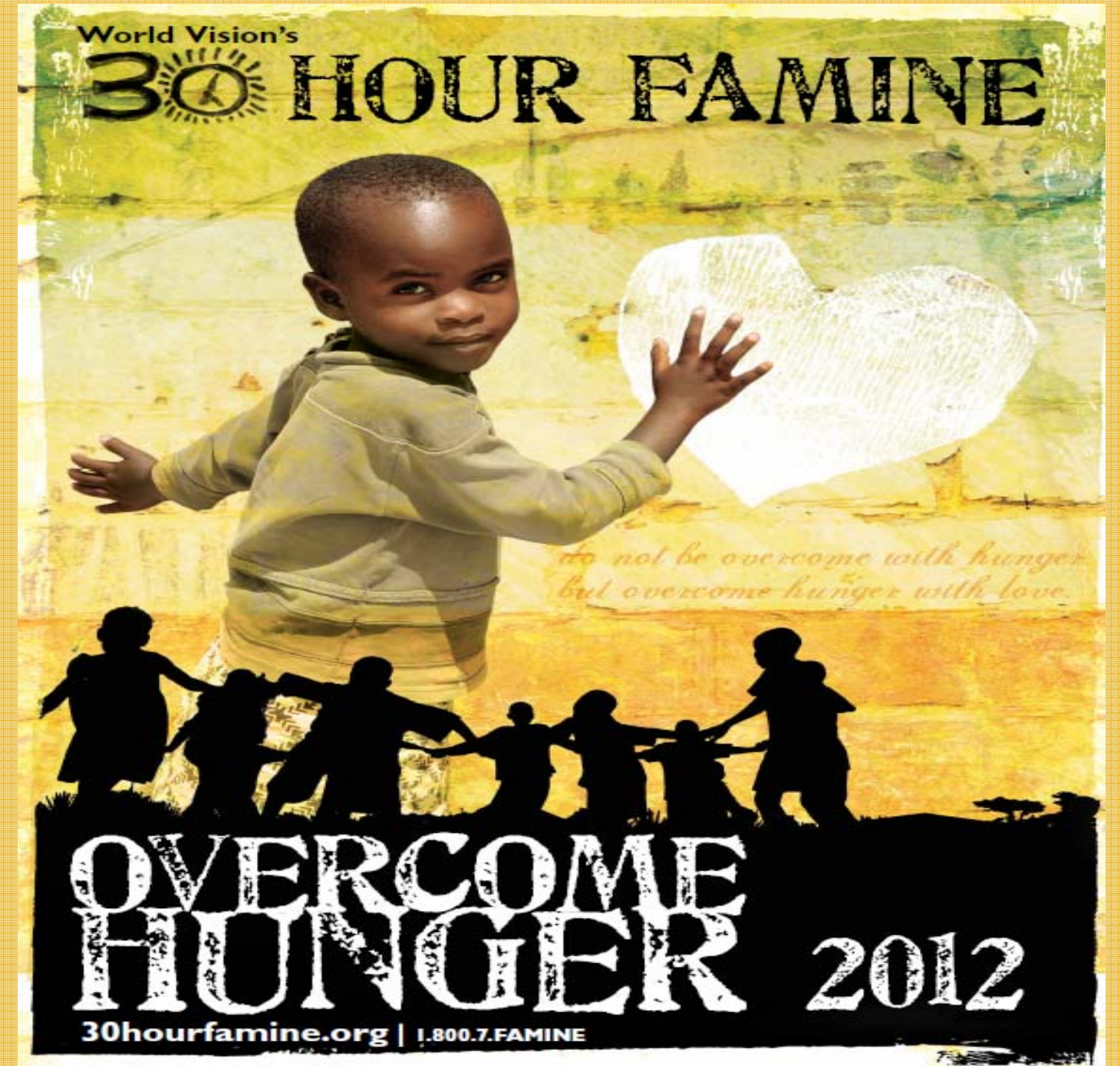
**Anniversaries**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ken & Cherron Rangel
- 4<sup>th</sup> Greg & Christine Robbins
- 20<sup>th</sup> Tom & Donna Caldwell
- 21<sup>st</sup> Lloyd & Maxine Darknell

# The Celebrate!

*Santa Clara First Baptist Church*

*March 2012*



Today, 11,000 kids under the age of 5 will die just from causes related to hunger. That's one child every seven seconds.

Our youth group at SCFBC wants to do something about this tragedy. On March 30-31 they will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine fundraiser. For every \$30 raised one hungry child will be provided with food for a month.

See the article inside for more information on this creative youth event which will save lives and enable our students to become more devoted disciples of Jesus.

# *Membership Department*

**Food Pantry:** We accept non-perishable food items from contributors and redistribute it to those in need. It is available in a two-bag distribution to people who ask for a food donation at the office. The bags are prepared and six sets are available at all times. The web site says that food bags can be picked up the last week of the month. Food bags are available to people who attend church or to your friends in need also. Please let people know.

**Fellowship Fund:** You can donate to this fund by indicating “Fellowship Fund” on your giving envelope or ask for funds from it by contacting Pastor Rich if you have a financial need that the Fellowship Fund might assist you in paying. This fund helps others in their hour of need with a helping hand for unexpected bills or expenses.

**Good Samaritans:** Maxine Darknell coordinates a group of people who help others with little chores that they may not be able to handle for a variety of reasons. Could be food preparation or giving rides for medical appointments - things like that. Call Maxine if you need help or if you want to be available to help others with chores like this. Sometimes we just can't do it all alone, call Maxine at 241-7567.

**Visitation:** What a blessing it is when I hear that a Life Group visited the shut-ins or people recovering from an operation. We are here to help out and extend a hand of comfort to each other. If you would like a visit or would like to be the one visiting people, please let Jerri Cooper know, it is such a blessing.

**Are you considering baptism or membership** with Santa Clara First Baptist Church? Do you want to know more about it? Ask Pastor Rich about how you can do this. The next Membership class called “Back to Basics” will be held on **March 17th from 9am - 12:30pm**. Please call the church office to register your intent to attend.

**Sermons, monthly newsletter, *the Celebrate*, the weekly bulletin and the church calendar:** These can all be seen or heard on the website at [www.scfbc.org](http://www.scfbc.org).

**Prayer Chain:** Do you want to be added to the SCFBC email prayer chain? Email Trudy Kroll at [krollgirls@sbcglobal.net](mailto:krollgirls@sbcglobal.net) and ask to be added to the email prayer chain or if you have a request you want prayer for. Dave or Pastor Rich in the office can also be notified. Trudy coordinates the email prayer chain and once a prayer request is given to her, she forwards it to a list of nearly 100 homes so others can pray over the request also. One of those people picks up the request and starts a telephone prayer chain with another dozen or so households. Call Jerri Cooper if you have questions about the prayer chains.

**A note of thanks to SCFBC from Kim Wilson (Dave Wilson Jr.'s wife)**

*Thank you for your continued prayers, for without them I could not go on. God continues to answer prayer and I thank God for all of you. Please continue prayer for me and my family. With God's grace, I continue to get stronger according to his will.*

*Love, Kim*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

#### Mission Emphasis: America for Christ Offering

- 2 – World Day of Prayer
- 3 – Synergy Conference – Manteca – Jenny Gregg
- 3 – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda
- 3 – ABW Spring Mtg – Oakland – Ellen 730-1150
- 4 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 4- 12p Life Group Leaders Mtg – Lib – Pastor Rich
- 7 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 8 -10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
- 10 – 8:30am - Men’s Breakfast- FH – Adam 230- 6848
- 10 - **8:30am** Diaconate Meeting
- 10 -**9:30am Church Work Day – Larry – 984-1233**
- 11 - 5:30pm Retreat Follow-up Mtg– Stephens home – Barbara C. 739-2935
- 11 – 12:15pm - Mission/Schools Mtg – Lib – Jim G
- 13 – 1:00pm Bethell Circle – Vera Masters home
- 14 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
- 17 – 9am-12:30pm Back to Basics–Parlor– Pastor Rich
- 19 – Youth Mentors Mtg – Kim’s home
- 19 -7pm Finance Mtg – Lib – Dan 892-8213
- 21 – 6pm - CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 22 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 23-25 Impact Retreat—Jerry C.
- 26 – *April Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 30-31 – Youth 30 Hour Famine Event - FH
- 31 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg –Lib– Barbara C 739-2935

#### Up-coming events

### APRIL

- 1 –12 pm Life Grp Leaders Mtg–Lib– Pastor Rich
- 1 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 4 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 6 - 10am–9pm Good Friday “Journey To The Cross”
- 7 - 10am Easter Breakfast Prep–Kit– Amanda 899-2020
- 8 – 9am **EASTER** breakfast - FH
- 10 – 1:00pm Bethell Circle – Ellen’s home
- 11 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – parlor
- 14 – 8:30 Men’s Breakfast – FH – Adam 230-6848
- 15 - 12:15pm - Mission/Schools Mtg – Lib – Jim G
- 16 - 7pm Finance Mtg – Lib– Dan 892-8213
- 18 – 6pm -CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 21 – 8:30a–4pm ABW Coastal Valley Rally – various rooms - Rita Chapman speaking - Ellen—730-1150
- 23– *May Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 26 – 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 27-28 Planet Wisdom Youth Conference (away)

### MAY

- 2 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 3 – **National Day of Prayer**
- 5 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg – Lib – Barbara C. 739-2935
- 5- 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
- 6-12pm Life Group Leaders Mtg. – Lib – Pastor Rich
- 6- 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 8 – 1:00pm Bethell Circle – Jean Rund’s home
- 9 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
- 10 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
- 12 - 8:30 Men’s Breakfast – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
- 13 –12:15pm Mission/Schools Mtg – Lib - Jim G.
- 13 – **Happy Mother’s Day** Sunday
- 16-17 - 10-6pm Rummage Sale setup – FH – Maxine
- 16 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 18-19 – 8:30am Rummage Sale–FH– Maxine 241-7567
- 20 – 12pm – Quarterly Business Mtg – FH – Barbara C. 739-2935
- 21 - 7pm Finance Comm Mtg – Lib – Dan 892-8213
- 21 – *June Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 24 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch –Betty 244-5949
- 25 – 10am–1pm ABW Coastal Valley Bd. Mtg – Parlor – Ellen 730-1150
- 28 - **Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed**



## Maturity

### What Can the Church Learn from Facebook?

In many ways, the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has more in common with the 1<sup>st</sup>-century church than at any time in history. We are a small minority, operating in society hostile to us. We are surrounded by violence, selfishness and hardship. And yet we know from scripture that the 1<sup>st</sup> - century church was alive, vibrant, and effective to a degree that changed the world! What can we learn from that example?

Believe it or not, I think we can learn a lot from Facebook. What is it about that social networking site that attracts more than 700 million people to actively use it? Obviously, something resonates with people. Facebook’s stated purpose is to “help you connect and share with the people in your life”—and I suspect that that is the key! In my experience using Facebook, I see examples all the time of people sharing their lives with family and friends old and new. Here are a few scenarios:

- Parents and grandparents announcing babies on the way;
- Teens revealing painful breakups, and their friends rallying around them with words of comfort;
- Deaths of loved ones and outpouring of support and condolences;
- Silly things like the banter of friendly rivalries about football or hockey;
- Urgent calls for prayer for a variety of reasons;
- The fear and frustration of lost jobs & the joy and celebration of new jobs;
- And sharing photos chronicling all kinds of events from vacations to graduations.

### It’s not about the technology—it’s about relationships

The technology isn’t the point here (although it certainly makes connecting convenient). The popularity of Facebook gives us a clue to what people are hungry for—the chance to belong, connect and interact with others. It’s reaching out to people, and having them reach out to you. It’s the sharing of our lives. This is what people desperately crave, and what the church should provide.

The Bible has over fifty “one another” statements that describe how the church body—all of us—should act. Here are just a few:

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| “Love one another” (John 13:34)                              | “Accept one another” (Romans 15:7)           |
| “Be at peace with one another” (Mark 9:50)                   | “Encourage one another” (1 Thess. 3:12)      |
| “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love” (Romans 12:10) | “Don’t grumble against each other” (Jas 5:9) |
| “Stop passing judgment on one another” (Romans 15:7)         | “Build each other up” (1 Thess. 5:11)        |
| “Submit to one another” (Ephesians 5:19)                     | “Carry each others burdens” (Gal. 6:2)       |
| “Pray for each other” (James 5:16)                           | “Forgiving each other” (Ephesians 4:32)      |
|  | “Instruct one another” (Romans 15:14)        |

When we wonder what God wants for SCFBC —what kind of church we want to be known for—these verses (and all the other “one another” verses) might be the best place to start!

Jenny Gregg - Deacon of Maturity

Call 244-0985

jenny@comcast.net

# *Missions*

## Scott Lane Elementary School (Mission to Schools & Students)

Thanks to all who donated school supplies and playground balls to Scott Lane. Both drives were very successful. As seen during the 2/19/2012 service (and below), the balls were put to immediate use.



In conversations with the Principal, Kimberly Barnett came up with some other ideas for helping the school:

- Homework club support none exists; but if we had enough volunteers, we might be able to start one
- Supporting students in the classroom during the school day
- After-school extracurricular activities (sports, art, dance) none currently exist
- Refurbish lunch benches
- Spruce up playground with colorful paint (see picture above)
- Beautification (flowers, plants)

Life Groups and youth groups are welcome to take on these projects. Further exploratory visits will be made to discuss the extent of the projects, materials required, timing, etc. If anyone is immediately excited about any of the projects, please contact Jim Garvey or Kimberly Barnett and we'll try to facilitate.

## Upcoming Mission-related activities at SCFBC

We will be taking the America for Christ Offering in early March. This offering supports the American Baptist Home Missions Societies which provide support in the following areas (among others) in the U.S. and Puerto Rico:

- American Baptist Homes and Caring Ministries
- White Cross
- Children and Youth
- Children in Poverty
- Church Planting
- Disaster Response
- American Baptist Men
- Discipleship and Christian Education Camps and Conference Centers

## PROPERTY CORNER



### 2012 – All-Church Workdays

Our March 10<sup>th</sup> All-Church Workday is coming up! Right now we have a sheetrock ceiling to hang and some light sanding and painting to be done on a wood framed sign on the front lawn.

PLEASE let me know of any other projects and ideas you might have in mind that we can include on this work day. Since I am a rookie Property Deacon AND the fact that I have never participated in a Work Day myself, I am counting on all of you for suggestions as to how to make this a most productive day.

The following dates have been chosen for workdays this year, so expect a call or visit from me looking for your help.

March 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 3:00pm
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 3:00pm
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 3:30pm

### Volunteers

The Property Department is grateful to everyone who gives their time and talents and can sometimes go unnoticed. Thank You Very Much!

### Reminder

During the last few weeks, some of us have encountered doors left unlocked, lights left on and furnaces still running when the rooms are not in use. Please make sure that when you leave a building, classroom, etc., that all the doors are locked, windows closed, lights and air/heat turned off. Thanks for helping keep our buildings secure and utility expenses down.

### General

Please contact Dave Wilson in the church office 241-7635 or me should you see something around the church property that needs to be repaired!

Here to Serve, :) )

Larry Van Groningen – Property Deacon

Call or text (530)356-7676

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## Missions (continued)

- Campus Ministers
- Scholarships and Grants
- Seminarian Registration
- Evangelism
- Intercultural
- Immigration and Refugee Services
- Prisoner Re-entry and Aftercare Ministry
- Asian Ministries
- Black Church Ministries
- Latino Ministries
- Indian Ministries
- Justice Ministries
- Disabilities
- Missional Church Transformation

## 30 HOUR FAMINE



The Jr. High and High School youth will be participating in an overnight event where they will go 30 hours without food to bring awareness of world hunger and raise money to help save lives. Every \$30 raised will feed and care for a hungry child for a month. This program is run through World Vision (<http://www.30hourfamine.org>) and many churches around the world will be participating as we are.

The event will take place on March 30th – 31st in the fellowship hall. During the event there will be videos, lessons, and activities to learn more about poverty and poor living conditions. The youth will experience what it is like to not live in a warm home, instead sleeping in cardboard shelters in the church playground on Friday night in their sleeping bags. On Saturday during the

day, we will take the kids offsite to participate in a service project.

Students may approach you between now and then with envelopes for collecting sponsor names and money. We would like all donations to be written as checks to “World Vision” rather than cash and be given to the youth or youth leaders. Last year we raised over \$5,000 for World Vision.

Today, 11,000 kids under age 5 will die just from causes related to hunger. That’s one child every seven seconds. Please help by donating by March 30th.

Jim Garvey - Missions Deacon

Call 250-4040

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## *Book Nook and Library Corner*

### ***New additions to the Library:***

We have a brand new 20 volume set of the NIV Application Commentary for the New Testament which is academic and user friendly in a clear, concise presentation. Reviews say this is a favorite resource for both pastors and laypersons. Each passage is addressed in three sections: "Original Meaning", "Bridging Contexts" and "Contemporary Significance" which helps the modern reader understand the ancient text and how it applies today. This is an **excellent** tool for both Life Group leaders and participants.

### **Movies** in the collection:

*Letters to God* 2010 (DVD) This is a story an extraordinary eight-year-old armed with strong faith and courage as he faces his daily battle against cancer. Inspired by a true story, Tyler's prayers take the form of letters he sends to his ultimate pen pal, God. This story delivers a message of hope, with the courage that others can apply to their own personal struggles regardless of what they face in the everyday lives.

*A Letter to Dad* (2008) (DVD) Do the words "dysfunctional family" ring any bells for you? This film, based on a true story, is touching and shows how faith and love can overcome a lifetime of pain and anger. This Dove Foundation approved movie is powerful. When Dan Donahue finally met the woman of his dreams and decided to marry her, he had to step back and evaluate the situation. He confronts his feelings of bitterness head on as he pours out his heart in a letter to his father.

**Returning library materials:** Thank you for returning books in a timely manner to the red box in the Book Nook. Materials that have been out for awhile are returning to the shelves and we are completely the categorizing process.

**Thank You** for your books and DVD contributions that we may take to Book Buyers and Book Traders which generates trade funds to buy additional or updated materials for the SCFBC Library. Thank you for your monetary donations for the Library also. Because of your generous contributions, materials are continually being processed in! Come join us in the Library on Thursdays at 10am as we sort, process and upgrade the materials in the Library.

**Happy reading and viewing** from the Library Committee

**Library Purpose statement:** *"The purpose of the Santa Clara First Baptist Church Library is to glorify God by providing resources in a variety of formats that uphold the mission of the church, strengthen and promote the spiritual growth and maturity of our congregation and leaders, and be a resource to the surrounding community."*

**fact:** Every day, as many as 11,000 kids die from hunger and related causes. Some starve. Some get sick and waste away. Either way, this is not okay with us.

On March 30-31, our Jr. high and high school youth groups will be doing World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. We don't think it's right that thousands of kids are dying from hunger every day, so we're doing something about it. You can help.

We're going without food for 30 hours to raise money so others can eat. We will be learning about worldwide hunger, raising money to overcome hunger, and doing local service projects.

Here's how you can help:

1. Pray for us!
2. Donate money to help overcome hunger.

You can find a youth and write a check to World Vision.

Or go to the website and make an online donation: [http://support.worldvision.org/site/TR/30HourFamine/30HourFamine?team\\_id=29989&pg=team&fr\\_id=1610](http://support.worldvision.org/site/TR/30HourFamine/30HourFamine?team_id=29989&pg=team&fr_id=1610)

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