

This was written by Jackie Hutyera, chair of the Outreach & Evangelism Committee.

WE OF THE OUTREACH & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE HAVE HAD A BUSY SUMMER & A VERY PRODUCTIVE ONE. IT HAS BEEN OUR PRIVILEGE TO IMPACT THE LIVES OF 25 CHILDREN AT BINGHAM TERRACE. WE HAVE PREPARED & DELIVERED NUTRITIOUS LUNCHEES EACH WEDNESDAY TO THEIR LEARNING CENTER, WHERE SCOTT BREEDING, THEIR LAB LEADER, SERVES THEM & MAKES SURE THEY LEARN TO GIVE US A NOISEY THANK YOU.

WE HAVE BEEN MOVED WITH THE REALIZATION THAT THESE 4,5,6 YEAR OLD BRAINS, IF LEFT UNNOURISHED, WILL BE LACKING THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR THEIR ONGOING HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT.

WE HAVE ALSO, ON 1 OCCASION, FED CHILDREN & FAMILIES AT LUDWIG TRAILER COURT --- A LEAP OF FAITH THAT NONE OF US WILL SOON FORGET.

SO WHY AM I TELLING YOU THIS? OUR COMMITTEE NEEDS ALL YOUR HELP IF WE ARE TO AVOID DROPPING THESE LITTLE BRAINS BACK TO LESS THAN ADEQUATE NUTRITION. IF YOU HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO ALAN'S SERMONS, YOU MAY RECALL THAT NOT A WEEK GOES BY WHEN JESUS' WORDS ABOUT CARING FOR THE POOR ARE NOT STRESSED. WE MAY SQUIRM UNCOMFORTABLY IN OUR SEATS OR THINK OF GOOD CHARITY CAUSES WE SUPPORT.

WE BRING TO YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE FEEDING THESE LITTLE ONES. WE PROPOSE , IN CONCERT WITH OLIVE BRANCH, TO HAVE OUR CHURCH PREPARE & DELIVER 25 AFTER SCHOOL DINNER MEALS. HERE ARE THE TASKS INVOLVED: MEAL OR MENU PLANNING, SHOPPING, DESSERT MAKING IN YOUR OWN HOME, COOKING TOGETHER IN TEAMS OF 4 OR 5 (we have found that more than that we fall over each other ), DELIVERING THESE MEALS, & UNDERGIRDING THIS ENTIRE ENDEAVOR WITH PRAYER---A VERY IMPORTANT ESSENTIAL PART – AS SOME OF US HAVE LEARNED.

I HAVE HERE A SIGN-UP SHEET. IT IS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE MANY OF OUR BUSY SCHEDULES. THE MEALS WILL BE ON MONDAYS AT 5PM MEANING WORKING HOURS SHALL BE 3:30 TO 5, OR OTHER TIMES AT YOUR OWN CONVENIENCE. ANYONE PERSON WOULD NOT BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE MORE THAN TWICE A MONTH, EXCEPT MEAL PLANNERS AND PRAY-ERS. MEALS WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER ON SEPTEMBER 9TH.

WE REALIZE THAT YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS COMMITMENT IN A MINUTE HERE & NOW. YOU CAN STUDY THE SIGN-UP SHEET DOWNSTAIRS & IT WILL BE ON FACEBOOK & THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE & IN KEITH'S OFFICE. DON'T HESITATE TO SIGN-UP BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE HAS ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR THE JOB YOU WANTED. IT'S GREAT TO SHARE JOBS AND HAVE LOTS OF SUBS. PLEASE DON'T JUST THINK SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT. THERE IS A JOB HERE FOR EVERYONE. MEN AS WELL AS WOMEN, YOUNG AND OLD. CHURCH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS.

YOU HAVE ONE WEEK TO SIGN UP. WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE AWAY. IF WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH WILLING WORKERS TO FLESH OUT THESE TEAMS WE WILL NOT UNDERTAKE THIS FEEDING. YES YOU HEARD ME CORRECTLY. WE WANT TO FEED THESES CHILDREN IN THE NAME AND IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST --- NOT GRUMBLING OR RESENTFULLY.