

"Share What You Already Have!"

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Does your Sunday School class do the "40 Days of Kindness"? Here at the Church Of Forgiveness where Pastor Ed's wife teaches Sunday School, they are on Day 18 of the 40 days of Lent. And the lesson they read from the Bible tells how Jesus fed a crowd of 5000 people. But he only had a very small donation of loaves and fishes. He blessed that small amount of food and it became enough to feed all 5000 people with leftovers! It is amazing here is Sunday School, how when you have just a little donation of food from a lot of people and when that food is sent to the New Hope Ministries, it can feed many hungry families.

So, this morning **Elizabeth** was first to class and she brought a can of soup and The Sunday School Teacher put it in this box. Doesn't look like that lonely soup can can help very many people!

And then **Barabas** came in with Oreos. Yum, cookies.

And **Obadiah** brought in a box of Chinese noodles. "My favorite," he whispered.

Gator meant to bring in this bag of potato chips, except . . . he thought he could eat just one of them, but once the bag was open, he just ate them all!

Running Chairs put her bouillon cubes in the box and she started to say: "You know, my mommy always says to use, you know, these bouillon cubes when . . .", but before she continued, the Sunday School Teacher looked at Polly and said: "And what have YOU brought Polly?"

Polly had a nice selection of spices! That is something they don't get very often at New Hope Ministries to share with the people who need food. Good donation Polly!

Sam brought a dozen eggs, but the Sunday School Teacher said "Oh dear Sam. These eggs should have been refrigerated. How long have they been sitting out at room temperature?" And Sam said: "Since last Sunday." And the teacher explained "They cannot be taken to New Hope because they really should have been refrigerated, but thank you for meaning to help!" And she gave the eggs back to Sam.

Larry & Loretta came forward and said: "Hi Mommy! YOU know what we brought. It is ketchup and mustard." Just look at all these fun little pretend foods!



And then, with much ado, **Haman** backed into the room with a huge bag for his donation! Look at what HE brought! Toilet paper. Everyone needs that!

Considering this donation started with one lonely can of soup, there is enough here now to help make a difference for a family who is in need of groceries!

When we share what we already have, we find we still have plenty at home for us, and someone else has good stuff now too!



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