

Do Unto Others

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Matthew 7:12 states, "So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." This is what the students and teachers of the Seventh-day Adventist Christian School in Saskatoon have been striving to do over the past year and a half.

Giving of ourselves and our means rather than taking is what we have been focusing on since the fall of 2008. Previously we had participated in making the Christmas Shoe Boxes and other small activities. But lately we have been looking around our city, province, country, and basically throughout the world just to see how really truly blessed we are where we live. We have freedom, plenty of the necessities of life, and yet more often than not, we find ourselves complaining. To change this attitude, we decided to change our outlook by doing something to better someone else's life. We have done projects in our own city and for others around the world to show our Christian love by giving of ourselves.



In 2008/2009 Mrs. Thompson and the students of Kindergarten through Grade 3 chose to help a local foster home by raising funds to purchase outdoor play equipment. They donated from their own banks, collected money, and had a bake sale at our spring school picnic to help raise the funds to purchase these items. Then they all went to deliver the goods and enjoyed watching the children's faces when they saw what they had brought. The students came back



with smiles on their faces and were excited about taking on another project.

The students of grades 4-8 continued with their project of writing letters to the Canadian troops stationed in Afghanistan. These letters were written to encourage them and share Jesus' love with each of them. Many soldiers wrote back thanking them for the wonderful letters and it made them smile to know that the children back in Canada were really thinking about them over there.



This past October, instead of doing the Christmas Shoe boxes, we collected toys and stuffed animals to send over to Afghanistan for the soldiers to hand out to the children there. Everything was a go until we were unable to ship them with the Armed Services because we did not have a family member over there and mailing costs were more than we could afford. Instead, we decided to send the toys with a group from Saskatoon going to Mexico for a mission trip, but we ran into problems with timing. Then the disaster happened

in Haiti and we saw the Lord's leading when we found out that we could send these gifts with the MCC to give out to the young children in Haiti.

Speaking of Haiti the students have brought money and have raised money through collecting bottles for the Haiti relief work that ADRA is doing there.

The students of Grades 7 & 8 were challenged by one of our pastors to do something to give back to the community. They were given money and they were to pick a Christmas project to work on. They chose two. One was a local Crisis Nursery where they delivered DVDs, stuffed toys, and goodies. The other was making a donation to the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign. When they donated the money at one of the kettles, the students said that it brought tears to the eyes of the lady who was there. She couldn't believe that these young teenagers would give up the amount they did for this cause.

Every month the students of Grades 5-8 go to our local SDA personal care home, Sunnyside, to visit and do crafts with some of the residents there. The students interact with the seniors as well as doing crafts, decorating cupcakes and cookies, planting flowers with and for the residents, etc. This coming May, the students will be holding a special tea at the school and having their grandparents and the residents they have worked with attend.



“Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit thee?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’” Matthew 25: 34-40.

Here in Saskatoon we are working to fulfill these verses. Happiness follows our joyous hearts. It is definitely more “blessed to give than receive.”