

Canning Hunger thru Neighborhood Connections

If you ask Christians what they believe the number one job of the church is, the majority would say “to save souls”. But those outside the church...they say our number one job is to feed the hungry and care for the poor.

Canning Hunger’s vision is to merge those goals by meeting the physical needs of those around you WHILE intentionally building relationships with your neighbors.

STEP 1: PRAY FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Start praying by name or by address for your neighbors that you will be contacting. Here is a great online resource to learn some of the names of your neighbors and to pray for them: pray4everythome.com.

STEP 2: LET PEOPLE KNOW YOUR COMING

During the week of _____, drop off bags and/or flyer’s at homes near you. Be sure you’ve filled in the date and time of your planned visit and sign the flyer. We encourage you to also leave your address and a short, friendly note.

STEP 3: COLLECT BAGS

Take a wagon or your car around during the time schedule you specified and pick the bags up. Chat and get to know your neighbors. Try and get their names and learn something about them that you didn’t already know.

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STEP 4: TAKE NOTES!

As you leave houses, write down names and take quick notes on things you learned and anything you can pray about for your neighbors.

STEP 5: BRING YOUR COLLECTION TO CHURCH

On the weekend of _____, bring all the food you collected to church. The food will be shared with those in need in our own community.

STEP 6: FOLLOW UP WITH RESULTS

You can make this contact in person or you can use a note or card to share the results of how much food was collected. In either event, if possible, add personal notes like, "I've been praying for your new job" or "hope your son's baseball game went well!"

STEP 7: CONTINUE PRAYING BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Continue to pray for your neighbors by name and look for opportunities to connect with them. This dual strategy of meeting the needs of the hungry while meeting your neighbors under the best of conditions leads to numerous ways of developing relationships that eventually earn you the right to effectively share the Gospel, invite them to church, to an event, a small group, or a BBQ.