

MESSAGE FROM ANNE MCNEILLY – MODERATOR, WESTERN KENTUCKY

Here's a letter that I received yesterday from a small church here in West Kentucky along with a very generous mission pledge. Anne

Dear Moderator Anne McNeilly,

The Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis, Kentucky, have accepted your challenge to expand our mission. We have stepped out in faith and joined an effort to meet the needs of hungry children in our county through the Happy Pack program--a new food program through Family Resources. Morganfield and Sturgis Elementary Schools are on board with the program and the remaining schools in our district will come on board by the end of the year.

This weekly, take-home food program began as a mission project through several area churches. The food for the packs is being purchased through Tri-State Food Bank in Evansville with money raised through donations and fund raising projects. Area churches are also being used as pickup centers for the participating schools. By the end of the year over 100 youth will benefit from Happy Packs. Participation in the program is confidential. Only authorized school personnel know which children participate. Each Happy Pack includes two days worth of food, including six full meals and snacks. These ready-to-eat meals are in pull top cans and pouches that any child can manage to open alone.

The women in our P.W. were very concerned to find that there are actually children in our community who were going hungry over the weekends. We feel this program addresses the problem well, and provides a way for us to minister to “the least of these” in a basic way that not only feeds their bodies but shows them the love of Christ.

We hope that others will also open their eyes as well as their heart to needs that may well be hidden in plain sight in their own communities.

Grace and peace to you, and blessings on your mission efforts,

Suzie Davis, Secretary  
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