

## **2009 Vacation Bible School Mission Projects**

Children in your Vacation Bible School can help meet the needs of children in the United States and around the world! Adopting a special VBS project from the list below is a great way to help kids learn about mission that is related to American Baptist Churches USA.

Choose one of this year's projects as a special emphasis during your VBS program and encourage children (and adults!) to contribute to a special offering for the project. Please encourage your children to pray for the needs of children in the project you've chosen.

Remember: Do not buy and send items. The missionaries will honor your intent and use your offering to purchase the items needed.

Thank you for supporting these projects in the name of Jesus Christ.

### **National Ministries Projects**

#### **Tabernacle Baptist Church, Utica, N.Y. (VBS211-NM)**

For the last six years, Tabernacle Baptist Church has served as the central welcoming religious organization for more than 300 Burmese refugees who have escaped from brutal oppression and religious persecution. Each week the church's Sunday school population grows; it averages more than 150 children of all ages. The ongoing growth is a blessing, but also has presented the church with many challenges. Supplies and equipment are in short supply. The church anticipates continued resettlement of refugees into their community over the next few years.

Project #1: Educational equipment—your gift of \$100 will help provide DVD players in classrooms to enable teachers to utilize multimedia lessons in their classes.

Project #2: Whiteboards—your gift of \$100 will help provide whiteboards in classrooms.

Project #3: Classroom supplies— your gift of \$100 will help provide classroom supplies to more than 150 children attending Sunday school.

#### **Weirton Christian Center, Weirton, W.Va. (VBS35-NM)**

Web site: [weirtonchristiancenter.com](http://weirtonchristiancenter.com)

Located in Weirton, W.Va., in the northern panhandle between Ohio and Pennsylvania, the Weirton Christian Center opened its doors in 1917 as a ministry to immigrants who came to work in Weirton's steel mill. Today, Weirton continues its ministries and provides families in the area with love and encouragement. During the 2008 summer program, Weirton Christian Center served more than 110 children living in poverty.

Project #1: Baptism rewards—when children make a decision for the Lord and are baptized, the center likes to present them with a token as a reminder of their decision. Your gift will provide an armor of God or shield necklace for boys and a butterfly/new creation or cross necklace for girls.

Project #2: Craft projects—assemble and share your favorite craft project. General or holiday projects are needed throughout the year. Assemble all items, including instructions, for your favorite project in a Ziploc bag. On the outside of the bag, mark the name of the project and appropriate age group. If you are unable to assemble craft projects, prepackaged projects from Oriental Trading Craft Kits are also needed and welcome. Fifty to 70 sets of each project are requested.

### **The Christian Center of Anadarko, Anadarko, Okla. (VBS210-NM)**

Established in 1953 as a Native American youth outreach and recreation center, The Christian Center of Anadarko is a mission center located in southwest Oklahoma. Over the years the Christian center has grown, and programs have expanded to reach out to the larger population of the Anadarko area. The Christian center now serves people of every race and age with food programs, clothing, hygiene, baby items, and a youth outreach ministry. The Christian center strives to make available some of the basic necessities for people in need and, in the process, takes an opportunity to share the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Project: Various renovation projects—your gift of \$50 to \$100 will help paint and finish repairs to the front lobby and bathrooms of the Christian center. The project will help us give the front entry of the Christian center a new look and a fresh presentation. Your gift of \$100 will repair several roof leaks, especially around dormer windows and provide paint and lighting as the Christian center remodels the food pantry.

### **Kodiak Baptist Mission (KBM), Kodiak, Alaska (VBS206-NM)**

Web site: [kodiakbaptistmission.org](http://kodiakbaptistmission.org)

Kodiak Baptist Mission is the present-day continuation of American Baptist ministry started in Alaska in 1897. Today, Kodiak is working with more than 100 children each day providing educational services to preschoolers as well as a safe environment where children can thrive and learn after school. Additionally, through the KBM Food Bank, KBM provides assistance to families living in poverty in Kodiak and surrounding villages. Mirroring the efforts in Kodiak is the mission in the village of Ouzinkie that KBM took up after Rev. Joyce Smith passed away.

Project #1: Feed a horse—Zadie, Zepher, Rocket, Shorty, and Dancer are all mission horses working in the Circle J stable. They are an important outreach that draws children to learn about horsemanship and Jesus. They love their work and they love hay! You can help keep them well-fed and happy with every bale of hay purchased. Cost is \$38 for each bale of hay.

Project #2: Paint a classroom—most of the mission was built between 1930 and 1950. Keeping KBM the warm bright place kids enjoy takes a lot of paint! Brighten another child's world with the purchase of a gallon of paint, which will cover approximately one wall. Cost is \$25 per wall.

Project #3: Shod a truck—each year Kodiak receives an average of 75 inches of snow. When the snow is falling and the plow truck is racing to clear a path, help us get some traction with a new studded snow tire for our old truck. Cost is \$136 a tire.

## **Vacation Bible School Project Report**

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

### How to Remit Money Collected for Vacation Bible School Projects

#### VBS Leader:

1. Complete the information requested on the Vacation Bible School Project Report.
2. Give the Report and the money collected to your church treasurer.

#### Church Treasurer:

1. Record the VBS project number, project name and amount collected on "Line Specifics" of the "Monthly Report of Mission Support" form.
2. Send the money and the form with your church monthly remittance in the usual manner.