

MABAAN FLOOD RELIEF

FUND RAISING IDEAS



YOU ARE WELCOME TO CHOOSE A FUND RAISER FROM THESE IDEAS

Worshiping at First United Methodist Church in Des Moines, the Mabaan speaking tribal group has family and friends who suffered devastating floods in 2019 in their homeland (South Sudan). Their request for financial assistance has been received by the Iowa Annual Conference, so a fund raiser has been organized with the goal of raising \$200,000 by June 30!

Donations may be sent to the Iowa Conference Treasurer, 2301 Rittenhouse St., Des Moines 50321 with 53321-MF on the MEMO line. An offering will be taken at the opening worship service at Annual Conference on June 5, 2020.

FOR THE CHURCH

Noisy Money Sunday

On the month that has five Sundays, have a Noisy Money Sunday. Note this Sunday in your monthly newsletter, have four glass jars for the collection and encourage members to save their coins to throw in the jars. Put in your money first so everyone can hear the noise of the coins! Quiet money is also welcome!

Flood the Bucket

Secure a small metal or plastic bucket (at Lowe's/Menards) to use as a receptacle for money. Place it in a prominent location (church entryway, close to the coffee pot, etc.) and make a sign: "Flood the Bucket." Encourage people to throw in money to fill the bucket.

Kid's Meal

Ask the kids to bring the cost of one McDonald's Happy Meal on a selected Sunday each month for three months. Prices vary but approximate cost for a Chicken Nugget meal is \$4.59 and a Hamburger meal is \$3.99. Donations will help families purchase necessary food items as rice, bean, flour, oil and water from their local market.

Water, Water Everywhere

The Flood in the Mabaan area caused water to reach roof levels. People had nowhere to go to avoid the flood, so they lived in water for over two months. Many of their water sources (boreholes) were flooded with dirty water so families must either drink this water or if they have funds, can purchase bottled water.

Provide each Sunday School child (four years and up) with a small notebook to keep track of how many glasses of water/juice/soda they drink each day for one week. At the end of the week calculate the number of drinks from a water source and multiply it by \$1.00. Bring that money to Sunday School for the Mabaan Flood Relief.

Special Offering Sunday

Select a Sunday to take a special offering for the Mabaan Flood Relief. Ask pastor to give brief explanation about the Mabaan flood and the Iowa response to it. Tell flood story during children's time.

Lenten or Easter Offering

Donate a portion of your Lenten or Easter offering.

Silent Auction

Ask 10 persons in congregation to give a home-made or valued knick-knack, picture/painting, food item or white elephant to be placed for a silent auction on a selected Sunday. Use children's pictures to be auctioned off! Proceeds would go to Flood Relief.

Flood Walk-A-Thon

Target your youth and walkers in your church to sponsor a walk similar to the CROP walks. Determine length and location of the walk. Recruit participants who then secure sponsors to pledge funds per mile with proceeds going to the Mabaan Flood Relief. Try a DANCE-A-THON!

Raindrop Jar

Procure a large jar and fill it with flat clear decorative rocks/pebbles to represent raindrops. Allow church members including kids, to guess the number of rocks in the jar but to do so they have to pay \$.25 cents (or choose amount). Perhaps each week you could add more rocks. Be sure you know the number of rocks in the jar!

Lawn Ornaments

Place a group of flamingos, rabbits, toys on someone's yard/lawn so they have to pay to get rid of the lawn attraction. You can pass these ornaments to others who also have to pay.

United Methodist Women

Prepare items for a kitchen raffle...hot pads, oven gloves, hand/tea towels, scratch pads, aprons, etc. with price placed on item. Set date and have fun raffling them off.

FUND RAISING IDEAS FOR KIDS

“Nickels for Noah”

Make an ark or place a bucket in Sunday School area then ask kids to bring nickels to throw in the ark/bucket to help Noah in his attempts to save the animals during a certain time period!

Pop Cans Collection

Bring a large trash receptacle and ask people to bring their (washed) pop cans to be taken for the 5 cents refund.

Kid's Carnival

Set up some games like “Go Fish” in which kids can participate by paying for a “ticket” to play.

Drawing Contest

Provide large piece of paper with crayons or markers to have children draw a picture of what they think the Mabaan flood looked like. Have children put a price on their drawing. Display pictures with 1st, 2nd, 3rd selections. Have people bid on the picture(s) with funds going to Mabaan Flood Relief.

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