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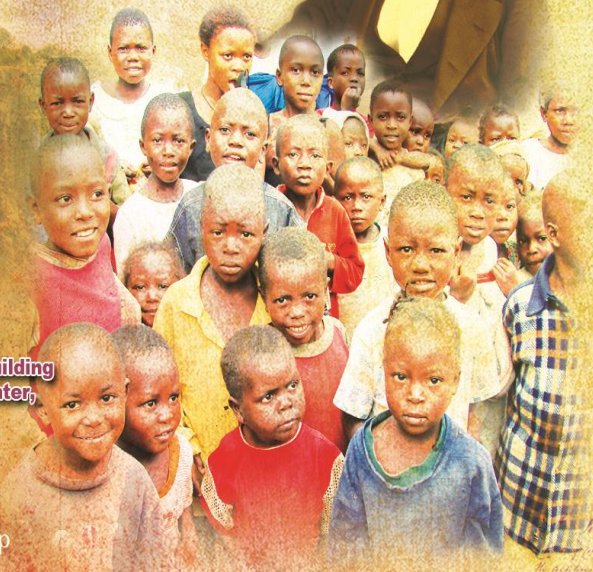
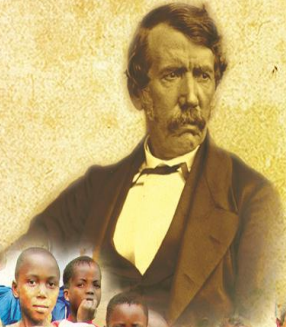
# HEART of Africa



David Livingstone left his home and family, as a young missionary and doctor, to take the Gospel to the "Dark Continent" of Africa. He loved the people so much, when he died, his HEART was buried in Africa under a Mvula tree.

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

JESUS SAID -  
"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,  
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO."  
- MATTHEW 6:21



YWEA 2012 challenges us to have a HEART for the people of Africa by building a Training, Ministry, and Retreat Center, for the entire Continent!



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### *What is YWEA?*

Youth World Evangelism Action is the youth and children's mission program endorsed by the Church of God. It has a two-fold objective. First, YWEA wants to partner with you to create and develop a love towards missions within the hearts and minds of the youth and children within your church.

Secondly, YWEA is in partnership with local churches around the world to provide an avenue where their mission dollars can be "pooled together" toward very large mission projects. Through the combined efforts of many youth and children's ministries, YWEA has greatly impacted the Kingdom of God around the world.

## *YWEA & World Missions*

Since its inception, YWEA has been endorsed by the Church of God World Missions department. Reverend Roland Vaughn, states that, "The Church of God has grown faster in areas where YWEA has built Bible Schools and Ministry Training Centers than in any other part of the world.

## *For the Pastor*

We realize that there are many requests that come to you about giving to missions. Most are very good. However, when you support YWEA, as an endorsed mission's project for your church, you are helping to create a love for world missions among the youth and children under your leadership. Please help us in the following manner:

1. Review the current DVD which contains support materials for this year's project.
2. Pass the YWEA materials to your youth and children's leadership with your endorsement and instructions to participate.
3. If you do not have appointed leaders of youth and children, please ask someone who loves missions to serve as Local Church YWEA Coordinator .

## *For the Youth Pastor / and Children's Leader*

1. Develop a committee of dedicated students from your group to serve on an YWEA committee and register them at [www.cogyouth.org](http://www.cogyouth.org)
2. Work with them in developing a plan of action and in setting a goal for the project.
3. Preach and teach about missions using the available YWEA Youth Sermon resources.

## *For the Children's Pastor/Leaders*

Children's Leaders should use YWEA to teach children about the Great Commission and the scriptural admonition to give to missions. Please join with us in the following manner:

1. Review the current DVD which contains support materials for this year's project. Give special notation to the Children's Segment on the DVD.
2. Ask some of the children to serve on a committee to develop a plan and promotion for YWEA among your group.
3. Use the YWEA Lesson Plans for Children to teach a series of messages about missions

and YWEA. Lesson plans available on current year's DVD or on [www.cogyouth.org](http://www.cogyouth.org)

4. Participate in the Kids Mission Sunday March 25, 2012.

### **MILE OF PENNIES** - Get your church to



furnish you with paper strips which have sixteen little pockets into which pennies may be placed. Sixteen pennies make a foot. A mile of

pennies amounts to \$844.80. A church a few miles away may take a challenge from your group. For example, if the churches were four miles apart, each youth group could take responsibility for two miles. Your group could challenge them to beat you to the halfway mark. When the contest ended, a dinner could be served by the parents of both churches

**20/20 VISION** - Challenge 20 youth to be responsible for securing \$20.00 to bring on a Sunday. (This \$20 can be donations from friends, family, or the students can do a fundraiser or

work to

**ARTS AND CRAFTS** - Every youth group has a handful of skilled artisans. Exploit their talent,



sell their prized works of art and throw the money in your youth group's account. Set up a table after church and sell paintings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, sculptures, etc. If there is interest, offer custom-made items.

**BASKET FOR SALE** - Create gift baskets for different occasions. Example: Birthday Baskets, Get Well Baskets...etc. Have people put in orders for the baskets and have the youth group deliver them to the recipients. They may even want to add in a singing telegram



## **SWEETHEART BOUQUET -**

Several weeks before Valentine's Day the youth group can sell balloons (single or by the dozen) to the church members. Place a flier inside the bulletin two to

three weeks before Valentine's Day with an order form on the flier. Have a decorated box set by every exit door of the church for the church members to place their order form. After each service empty the boxes and make a list the orders that have been placed. DO NOT WAIT until the last Sunday to collect your orders because you will need to purchase balloons and helium. Assign several youth to rewrite the messages or type them out to attach to the balloons and on the back of the message write how many balloons were ordered and what color. Make sure to charge an appropriate price.

**THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER** - At Easter time, an effective way to receive a special offering from your youth for a worthwhile project would be to have everyone bring a plastic sandwich bag with thirty pieces of silver in it. Any denomination of coin is acceptable, so long as it is silver.



**DOG WALKING SERVICE** - Fun with pets! If members of your congregation live

near each other then, this might be a good fundraiser. Charge members of your congregation to walk their dog once a week. (This is a long-term fundraiser.)

**JELLY BEANS IN A BOTTLE** - Have slips of paper placed next to the Jelly Bean Bottle along with a YWEA Coin Cup on a table near the front of the church. The slip of paper should have a line for Name and Number of Jelly Beans. After the person writes down their name and guess, they place a quarter in the YWEA Coin Cup. After

a week or so you can announce the winner and give a free meal or an item of your choice.

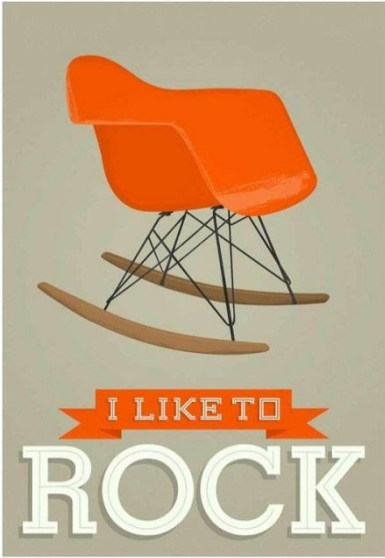
**RECIPE BOOK** - Collect favorite family recipes into a cookbook that can be produced and sold.



**A BIKE-A-THON  
& WALK-A-**

**THON** - An official rider/walker is anyone who has an official sponsor sheet and is

riding/walking for a total of at least 25 cents per mile. While we welcome riders/walkers of any age, we do suggest that young children be accompanied by an adult. An "A-Thon" sponsor sheet is available on-line or on the current year's DVD.



## **A ROCK-A-THON -**

For each youth to be considered an official rocker, they must rock at least half the time of the Rock-A-Thon. Students will be responsible for securing their own rocking chair. (See Official Sponsor Sheet.)

**THE "THING-A-THON"** - The basic premise of this fundraiser is that you and your group do a certain activity for a very long period of time. The youth participating in this event get members of the congregation to sponsor them. For every hour, minute or unit of something that the youth group completes the sponsoring member will donate a certain amount of money. One idea is the Jog-A-Thon, where participants run laps. If you are looking for a lower impact fundraiser, try the Rock-A-Thon where participants rock in a rocking chair all day. You can even put a social

action spin on it with the Volunteer-A-Thon, where members of your group volunteer in shelters or soup kitchens. The more creative you are with this activity the more money you can rake in.

**CAR WASH INCENTIVES** - Car washes are very popular as a way to raise money for youth group projects. They are usually easy to organize, a lot of fun for the kids to do, and most people still need to get their cars washed. The best way to make the car wash as profitable as possible is to sell advance tickets. All of the Kids in the youth group get a stack of car wash tickets to sell to people during the weeks prior to the car wash date. Most people will buy a ticket even if they are unable to bring their car in for a wash. Another option is to advertise for a free car wash, then tell them about YWEA either by brochures, posters, or even word of mouth. Many people will give a donation

## **DOG WASHES -**

This fundraiser will separate the animal lovers in the group from



the non-animal lovers. It works on the same principle as the carwash, only it smells a little bit worse. Since it is logistically more difficult to get dogs to this event than cars, have a sign-up sheet available to the congregation ahead of time



**LEMONADE SALE** - After a Wednesday or Sunday evening service, serve the church members homemade lemonade but leave the lemon seeds in the lemonade. After each person finishes their lemonade they

are to count the seeds in the bottom of their cup and for every seed they owe the youth a quarter. Cookies can be served along with the lemonade.

**BAKE SALE** - Bake sales are always good after Sunday morning service or for fellowship after church on Sunday night.

**T-SHIRT SALE** - Have an artist in the group design a T-shirt logo with a theme. Have the logo silk screened on T-shirts, or silk screen them yourself. Sell them to people in your church.

**RUMMAGE SALE** - The logistics of this event can be difficult but it can turn a good profit. There are two ways to run this event. One way is to have members of the congregation donate typical garage sale items to the youth group. Take the items to a local swap meet or flea market and sell away. The other way is to hold the rummage sale in front of the church targeting the congregation and the local community as customers. This project involves having items brought to a central location, sorted, priced and sold, so get organized before you start!

**NEIGHBORHOOD FLEA-MARKET/YARD SALE** - Kids and their families can get their books, used clothes, or hand-made crafts

together to sell. Donate part or all of it.

**PLANT SALE** - Sell perennials, herbs, or seeds; poinsettias during the holidays, and flowers for Valentine's Day or Mother's Day.

**ICE CREAM SALE** - Here's another way to



raise money that everyone will love. Assign different families to donate a churn of ice cream. The youth can stay

after the morning service and make the ice cream before the evening service

**AUCTION SALE** - Folks will soon be getting ready to do spring cleaning. Convince them to purchase a helper for one day. You may call the day "Rent-a-Raiser." One young person who is raising money for missions will be rented to a church family or member to help in spring cleaning.

**SILENT AUCTION** - ask for donations of

themed baskets from parents. Themes such as bird houses, exploration, beach, father's day, and gardening can be donated. Items that follow the theme of gardening could include garden gloves, small shovel, a spray attachment for the hose, seed packets, a seed catalog, a kneeling pad, a sun visor, etc. The basket could be a large flower pot. At the silent auction, a minimum bid is written at the top of each bid sheet. Then individuals write their name and their bid. During the evening folks look at the sheet and raise their bids.

**PIE AUCTIONS** - Ask the ladies at the church to donate pies which can be auctioned off after



a service. Or have a YWEA meal and auction off the pies instead of serving dessert. Have one pie with which, once it is bought, the owner can do anything he wants. That usually means someone is going to be wearing a pie home!

**SERVICE AUCTION** - This is an interesting fundraiser. Advertise to the church that your youth group is going to hold a "service auction." You can either find a skill that each member of the group has, or leave the group in the hands of your congregation. Auction off individuals or crews of youth for a day of labor. Things like raking leaves, yard work, and painting are activities you can do.

**SMALL PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS** - There are many organizations that have products that can be sold for fundraisers. The fundraiser receives a certain amount of money for every item they sell. Some things that can be sold through small profit organization are shirts, books, bumper stickers, buttons, calendars, greeting cards, etc.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** - Replace the traditional coffee hour with an ice cream social. Set up chairs and tables and have an ice cream sundae "buffet." After all, who doesn't love ice cream?

**VALET PARKING** - On a Sunday morning the youth with driver's licenses can park cars for

every member as they come into the parking lot for a small tip. They can even retrieve the cars after the Sunday morning service is over. (Be smart!)



**COFFEE HOUR** - Ask your church if the youth group could be responsible for the refreshments that are served during coffee hour. If your church sells the coffee and doughnuts then ask if your youth group can be responsible for their sale, and keep the profits. If the refreshments cannot be sold, take care of distributing them and put out a clearly marked tip jar. This may not make a lot of money, but it will make a good impression on the congregation that will pay off in the long run.

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT** - On a designated evening, parents bring their child to the church. The youth group provides entertainment, a snack and a movie over the course of 2 to 3 hours. Parents pay \$5 an hour and are able to leave and have a night to themselves knowing their children will be in great hands.

**BABY-SITTING** - Baby-sitting is a traditional task of youth groups in churches. While this is often a stereotypical role for youth in congregations, it does pay. Baby-sitting can be done on an individual or group basis. Provide childcare for church activities such as dinners, events, and meetings. Have a baby-sitting pool for members of the congregation to call when they need child care

**SERVICE PROJECTS** - Service projects take the least amount of initial capital and effort to plan, but they require the most amount of actual labor to complete. Service projects can be very profitable. So get out there and work up a sweat.

**3-ON-3 BASKETBALL** - Each team pays an entry fee and the groups are as follows:



**Male:** 11-13, 14-17, & 18-up.

**Female:** 11-13, 14-17, & 18-up.

**Co-Ed's:** 11-13, 14-17, & 18-up. The winner's from each group can win a small trophy or a

free meal. Your choice!

**TURKEY SHOOT/SKEET SHOOT** - This activity would go over good around Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's. Each person pays an entry fee for the opportunity to win a Turkey or Ham.

## ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Any entertainment event you plan will require a great deal of time and effort on the part of the organizer. The most important thing to remember when planning an entertainment event is to have a theme. The theme holds the event together and can be used to remind the audience of the reason for raising money.

**COFFEE HOUSE** - We know how talented we are, so why shouldn't we show it off to the rest of the congregation and make a few bucks to boot? Hold an event for the congregation that showcases the different performing talents of members of your group. Charge admission and sell coffee and other refreshments.

**PLAYS** - Is your youth group particularly dramatic? Or do you have members of your youth group who are skilled actors and actresses? Stage a play for the congregation. Even if some members of the group do not have dramatic skills, they can still be involved as set designers, directors, publicity people, costume designers, etc. To improve the profits, make the performance a dinner theater. If your group

wants to do this kind of fundraiser, be sure that you are willing to commit the time and energy that goes along with it.

**CONCERTS** - Throw a concert for your congregation. Have musically talented members of the group sing, play instruments etc. Another way of doing this event is to have a concert for the public. If a member of your youth group is in a popular local band have them play at the church. Charge admission or ask for donations.





**CARNIVAL** - Set up a series of games and booths with prizes. Sell popcorn, candy apples, refreshments and other carnival foods. Spice up the carnival and

have shaving cream pies that you can throw at the minister. Tickets usually turn more of a profit than admission but see what your carnival will look like before you decide. This event is mainly aimed at the children of the congregation, so have a few fun things for the adults. A carnival takes a lot planning and effort, but it will pay off in the end.

**TALENT SHOW** - Hold a student-faculty talent show at your church. Sell tickets. Advertise the event.

## FOOD EVENTS

Hosting events with food is a sure bet! Food is a product that people just can't live without, so it will draw in customers. Food events are also great ways to bring community together and build a forum where young and old can meet.

Use these events to socialize with members of the congregation that you would not ordinarily spend time with. Also try and make them interesting. Incorporate a theme in with the meals and dress and decorate appropriately.



## **SPAGHETTI**

**DINNER** - The spaghetti dinner is a classic fundraiser. It takes very little effort to prepare, is fairly

inexpensive, and everyone goes home full. Make sure that you make enough food for everyone!

**ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST**- Before or after a Sunday service, serve pancakes and all the fixings to the congregation.

**SEASONAL CELEBRATION** - Hold a seasonal pot-luck dinner. For instance, in autumn ask participants to bring a seasonal dish. Eat outside under colorful trees. Organize simple games and activities to attract children to the event - leaf rubbings, scavenger hunt, story-telling, autumn poetry readings, etc.

Charge admission or ask for donations.

**PARTIES** - Parties give you an opportunity to come together as a church and play. They take less effort and seed money than a dinner but require a whole lot more creativity.