

World Mission

Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF)

As we look at our Christian life and calling in 2010, let us not forget World Mission. There is a global need and what we might consider a little in our economy and daily life is HUGE in the areas served by the ARDF. The ARDF is unique in many ways. The most important parts of the ARDF for us to review in the brief time together are:

- All physical aid and assistance is coupled with the Gospel of Christ and conversely; the Gospel of Christ is always coupled with physical needs being met. The ARDF delivers aid coupled with mission - ALWAYS.
- All aid and development is project based. Every project has defined objectives, can be measured and results given and; all projects are approved by a board of trustees dedicated to our Lord.
- The poorest of the poor and neediest of the needy are the focal point of the ARDF.



Little changes in our lives can be a huge benefit to those in dire need. We've all heard some of the examples below but these are real! What are some of the little things we can "do without" to help meet the needs of World Mission ????

- Raise your thermostat 2 degrees in the summer (72° to 74°) and lower your heat in the winter (68° to 66°) and you will conservatively save \$12.50 in monthly energy savings (\$150 per year).
- Bring your lunch to work from home one day a week instead of eating lunch "out" and you will save \$19 each month (\$228 per year).
- Twice a week, trade your Starbucks Coffee for a McDonalds coffee and you will save \$22 each month (\$264 per year).
- If you order soda or iced tea with your meals out and you simply switch to a glass of water with lemon, not only is it probably better for you but, you will save \$36 each month (\$432 per year).

Let's take a quick look at Matthew 25:31-46, where Jesus teaches on The Sheep and Goats. In this lesson Jesus teaches us that taking care of His less fortunate is how we take care of Jesus Himself!*For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.* "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Taking care of those in distress and in dire need is very important as taught by Jesus in this lesson. Take it prayerfully to heart.

In closing, in the New Testament we read many times where the Word of God is planted as a seed; how faith the size a mustard seed can move mountains, and how a seed of God's Word planted will grow and prosper according to His will. Seeds are small yet contain life and power. Your pledge to World Mission can begin as a seed of \$10-\$20 a month that might barely be missed by me or you but can radically change the life of one of God's children in a war torn or poverty stricken area of the world. Make a commitment today to begin taking care of God's children through foreign mission this year. Options for setting up support for the ARDF can be found at their web site or contact your church leadership for more information.



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