

SHARING CALENDAR - SHARING BRINGS JOY!

The purpose of this calendar is to help us remember and give thanks for our abundant blessings, as well as to highlight some of the challenging situations in our world. Each day suggests a donation of coins or bills. Your household can decide what unit is best for your situation each day.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DISASTER RELIEF	<p>God calls us to share with neighbors in need. And, God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7</p> <p>With a thankful heart, share three units if you have not experienced a disaster this year.</p>	<p>Some 20 million people in Pakistan were directly affected by devastating floods in 2010. OGHS continues to help families recover.</p> <p>Share one unit if you gave to OGHS last year.</p>	<p>For the cost of a laptop computer, Church World Service can provide two families with shelter kits.</p> <p>Share one unit for each computer or cell phone in your household.</p>	<p>The Haiti earthquake in 2010 left more than 230,000 people dead. OGHS continues to help survivors recover.</p> <p>Give one unit for each home you've lived in throughout your life.</p>	<p>Communities are less prone to disasters through emergency preparedness training and shelter upgrades.</p> <p>Give one unit for each time you have enjoyed a sunrise or sunset this month.</p>	<p>In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, OGHS funds helped Gulf Coast survivors repair and rebuild — and return home.</p> <p>Share a unit for each window in your home.</p>	<p>OGHS helps meet the needs of survivors who were most vulnerable before the disaster.</p> <p>Give one unit for each blanket in your home.</p>
CHILDREN	<p>"Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Luke 18:16</p> <p>Share one unit for every year of your age.</p>	<p>Each day, some 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes — one every five seconds.</p> <p>Give one unit for each meal eaten by a member of your household today.</p>	<p>Child labor is a fact of life for children in many developing countries.</p> <p>Give one unit for each person under age 18 in your extended family.</p>	<p>One in four children under age 5 in the developing world is underweight.</p> <p>Give three units in honor of the children in your congregation.</p>	<p>One child in five in the U.S.A. lives in poverty.</p> <p>Give one unit for each meal eaten in a restaurant by a member of your household this week.</p>	<p>When disaster strikes, children are often the most vulnerable — to hunger, exposure, disease, exploitation.</p> <p>Share a unit for each flashlight in your home.</p>	<p>In developing countries, rural children are 50% more likely to be stunted than urban children.</p> <p>Share a unit for each fruit you eat today.</p>
WATER & EDUCATION	<p>"...I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." Matthew 25:35</p> <p>Give a unit in thanksgiving for each glass of water you drink today.</p>	<p>More than a billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water.</p> <p>Give one unit for each faucet in your home.</p>	<p>More than one in three people lack adequate sanitation facilities.</p> <p>Give one unit for each toilet and sink in your home.</p>	<p>Almost a billion adults worldwide can't read, write and do basic math.</p> <p>Share a unit for each time you write or type your name today.</p>	<p>Educating women and girls improves their and their children's health and economic well-being.</p> <p>Give one unit for each year of formal education of your household members.</p>	<p>In parts of rural Africa, sand dams can provide clean water for drinking, livestock and gardening — and improve the lives of women and girls.</p> <p>Give two units in thanksgiving for this.</p>	<p>In the U.S., some 7,200 students drop out of school each day. Only 70% of high school freshmen will graduate.</p> <p>Share one unit to honor a teacher important in your life.</p>
HUNGER	<p>Jesus said to the disciples, "You give them something to eat." Luke 9:13</p> <p>Help fight local and global hunger by supporting the CROP Hunger Walk.</p>	<p>Worldwide, a billion people — about 1 in 7 — are chronically hungry. About half of them are children.</p> <p>Give three units to help promote food security — enough of the right kinds of food, reliably.</p>	<p>Without the right nutrition in the first two years, a child's physical and mental development is compromised.</p> <p>Give one unit for each toddler you know.</p>	<p>Nearly one in four children in the U.S. is at risk for hunger.</p> <p>Give three units in thanksgiving if your household has never experienced hunger.</p>	<p>Children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of chronic illness, anxiety, depression, and behavior problems than children with no hunger.</p> <p>Share a unit for each snack you eat today.</p>	<p>Poor nutrition and calorie deficiencies cause nearly one in three people to die prematurely or have disabilities.</p> <p>Give two units if you ate out this week.</p>	<p>"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Philippians 4:4</p> <p>Share one unit for each person or experience that brings you joy today.</p>

Sources: Church World Service, Bread for the World, Children's Defense Fund, UNICEF (United Nation's Children's Fund), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Food Programme, World Health Organization, American Red Cross, the New York Times and the U.S. Census Bureau.

DAILY SHARING DEVOTION

- * At a time appropriate for your household, read the day's entry in the sharing calendar.
- * Discuss the situation described and its relationship to your household. Consider your household's sharing calendar contribution for the day, and add the contribution to your coin box.
- * Offer a prayer for the people and situations highlighted in the sharing calendar, and for the people your household will meet in the coming hours
- * **Sample prayer:** Thank you, God, for the presence, guidance, comfort and joy you bring to our lives each day — often through interactions with others. Today as we offer our gifts we pray especially for [the day's highlighted group if applicable]. Help us to see both the blessings and needs around us, and to show your love through our actions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
- * Remember to take your coin box to church on the day when the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is received.