

Global Issues Education Projects by Subject Matter

PREPARING THE WORLD FOR JESUS' COMING

Why Care About Global Issues?

We are a missional people. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a long history of service, through evangelism, through health care, through education. As teachers, our commitment has been to invite our students to realize the presence of Christ at the doorsteps of their hearts. While Jesus dwelled on earth here with us as the Incarnation of God, He used His time for service: teaching, healing, restoring. Because of our commitment to these values, we emulate Jesus, living on His behalf in our classrooms, and inspiring our students to do the same. Several of our academies have been working to cultivate compassion and a service-centered heart in each student by integrating information, projects, and opportunities to grow in the direction of the Kingdom of God that Jesus challenged His followers to pursue. We invite you to join us as we work to create these opportunities.

JAMES 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

ISAIAH 58: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness [a] will go before you and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

MATTHEW 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37"Then the righteous will answer

him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Objectives:

- **INFORM:** Provide students with information about the world that is timely, relevant, and classroom appropriate in regard to the major issues the world's citizens are currently facing:
 - *Extreme Poverty and Hunger*
 - *The Lack of Primary Education*
 - *Issues in Gender Equality*
 - *Infant Mortality Rates*
 - *Maternal Health Needs*
 - *Disease: Malaria, HIV/AIDS, etc.*
 - *Environmental Sustainability*
 - *Establishing Global Partnerships*
- **INSPIRE:** Rooted in the example of Christ to serve others, to ignite a desire to help the poor, destitute, downtrodden, and to cultivate a desire to utilize their talents, gifts, abilities, creativities, resources, and spiritual gifts to begin to show love to the world.
- **ENABLE:** Design and implement lessons, projects, and school-wide activities to benefit local, national, and international efforts to ease suffering and create a better world for all of God's children.

Journey to Excellence:

- **1: ACCEPTANCE OF GOD:** Surrender one's whole life to God; develop a relationship with Jesus Christ; and allow the Holy Spirit to work in one's life.
- **2: COMMITMENT OF THE CHURCH:** Desire to know, live and share the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- **3: INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS:** Develop a sense of self-worth, skills in interpersonal relationships, an understanding of the responsibilities of family membership and the ability to respond with sensitivity to the needs of others.
- **4: RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP:** Develop an understanding of cultural and historical heritages, affirm a belief in the dignity and worth of others and accept responsibility for local, national and global environments.
- **6: INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT:** Adopt a systematic, logical and biblically-based approach to decision-making and problem-solving when applied to a developing body of knowledge.
- **8: PERSONAL MANAGEMENT:** Function responsibly in the everyday world using Christian principles of stewardship, economy and personal management.
- **10: CAREER AND SERVICE:** Develop a Christian work ethic with an appreciation for the dignity of service.

Educating Yourself First:

It's hard to figure out who has a proper, Christ-like perspective on all of these issues. I have found that reading a large range of things gives you a pretty healthy grasp at least on what everyone else is trying to say. This is a list of books that I have come into contact with. Please note that these are mostly SECULAR sources, and therefore, please include your reading of the Bible in all of this!

Title	Author	ISBN	Target Audience
End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time	Jeffrey D. Sachs	9780143036586	Adults
The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done about It	Paul Collier	9780195311457	Adults
The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good	William Easterly	9780143038825	Adults
Irresistible Revolution	Shane Claiborne	9780310266303	Adults
On the Move	Bono	9780849901928	High School and up
Making Globalization Work	Joseph E. Stiglitz	9780393330281	Adults
One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference	Katie Milway	9781554530281	Children, ages 4-8
Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope	Brian D. McLaren	9780849901836	Adults
Hope in the Dark	Jena Lee, Jeremy Cowart	9780976817574	Picture book, all ages
Generation Change: Roll Up Your Sleeves and Change the World	Zach Hunter	9780310285151	Junior High and up
Be the Change	Zach Hunter	9780310277569	Junior High and up
It's Easy Being Green	Emma Sleeth	9780310279259	High School and up
Mission Africa	(Various Authors)	9780849944260	High School and up

K-12 School-wide Projects

Global Issue	Personal Project	Local Project	International Project	To learn more...
All Issues	<p>Watch/read/listen to the news</p> <p>Listen to NPR</p> <p>Read books on poverty (see recommended reading list)</p>	<p>Global Issues Prayer Labyrinth</p> <p>In your classroom, post a bulletin board that your students can contribute</p>	<p>Choose to be involved with projects addressing multiple needs</p> <p>Mission Trips</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/mdgs/ • http://www.whiteband.org/ • www.data.org • www.one.org • http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/ • http://www.millenniumpromise.org/site/PageServer?pagename=home • www.amor.org
1. Extreme Poverty & Hunger	<p>Adopt a Compassion International Student</p> <p>Donate to ADRA, World Vision</p> <p>Donate clothing</p> <p>Buy fair trade items</p>	<p>Homeless shelters</p> <p>Feeding projects</p> <p>Local mission trips</p> <p>LA Skid Row Project</p> <p>Building Projects (Habitat for Humanity)</p>	<p>Nhengelo Orphan Feeding Project (NAD)</p> <p>ADRA Really Useful Gift Catalog (Items ranging from \$0.25 to thousands of dollars)</p> <p>Heifer International</p> <p>Fair Trade chocolate project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.heifer.org • www.adra.org • www.worldvision.org • www.bread.org • http://www.aah-usa.org/ • http://www.wfp.org/english/ • http://www.ifad.org/ • http://www.ilo.org/global/lang--en/index.htm • http://www.oxfam.org.uk/ • http://www.fairtradefederation.org/ • http://www.worldgoodsfairtrade.com/servelet/StoreFront • http://www.divinechocolateusa.com/ • http://www.csm.org/losangeles.php
2. Education	<p>Take My Friend to School Day</p> <p>World Education Week</p>	<p>Begin or support a tutoring center for less fortunate students</p> <p>Collect school supplies and donate them to a needy classroom.</p>	<p>School Building Project in Lesotho (NAD)</p> <p>Participate in The World's Biggest Lesson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.basiced.org/ • http://www.campaignforeducation.org/ • http://www.j8summit.com/en/usa

3. Gender Equality	Encourage women in typically male-dominated fields		Microloans International Justice Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.kiva.org • http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/cms/ • www.care.org •
4. Reducing Infant Mortality	Donate Pre-natal Vitamins		Birthing Centers (Ethiopia), Tropical Health Alliance Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://thaf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=frontpage&change_css=blue&Itemid=1 •
5. Improve Maternal Health	Connect with local birth centers at hospitals, and find out what their needs are	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make baby blankets for new moms to receive at the local hospitals 	Financially support birthing Centers (Ethiopia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/india_fight_mortality.html •
6. Combat Disease	Donate blood Purchase and use Product(red) items	Encourage your students to volunteer at the local hospitals. They can accrue community service hours and see the effects of disease first hand	Purchase bed nets with Bite Back	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.globalaidsalliance.org/ • http://www.keepachildalive.org/ • http://www.stoptb.org/ • http://www.nothingbutnets.net/ • http://biteback.net/ •
7. Environmental Sustainability	Recycling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum • Glass • Plastic • Printer ink cartridges • Soda can tabs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling program • Celebrate Earth Day • 	Have your school purchase recycling containers. Our Home and School moms take care of turning in the recycling for us, and then the money comes back to the school. Everyone wins!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC Plant Earth Series (DVDs) • http://www.worldwildlife.org/ • An Inconvenient Truth (Book, DVD, lesson plans) http://www.climatecrisis.net/takeaction/carboncalculator/ • http://www.wsscc.org/ • The Story of Stuff (DVD) or www.storyofstuff.org • http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/education/teens/index.htm • http://www.nature.org/?src=t1 • http://green.yahoo.com/calculator/ • http://www.earthinstitute.columbia.edu/sections/view/9 • http://www.ecomall.com/biz/kidslinks.ht

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8. Global Partnerships	•	•	•	•