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### **A NOTE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND COORDINATORS:**

Please use *KidsPak* projects with children at your church. As you engage your children in these activities, my hope is that they develop a greater sense of Christian stewardship, and a greater awareness of the activities of the broader church.

KidsPak is on our web site! Visit [www.mennonitechurch.ca](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca)

When it comes time to forward the collections to Mennonite Church Canada, please use the *contribution form* that accompanies this booklet. (If you or your treasurer needs an extra copy, call me and I'll send you another one, or you can download one from the web site.)

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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A SUNDAY SCHOOL KIT TO HELP CHILDREN FOSTER A SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

## God's love is for everybody! songs for small and tall

*Sharing the resources for the Missional Church*

*'Our God is a God who makes friends,  
Our God is a God who makes friends,  
Our God is a God who's faithful to the end,  
Our God is a God who makes friends.'*  
—excerpt from the chorus of the Bryan Moyer Suderman song 'A God who Makes Friends.'

Mennonite Church Canada has produced a new CD recording and study book that helps congregations nurture their spiritual lives and share the story and invitation of Jesus with others. The CD and study book will be released in November 2002.

In many of the Sunday Schools across Canada, children and adults have been singing songs from the CD *God's love is for everybody: new children's songs for the missional church*. Introduced at the 2001 Assembly in Abbotsford, these CDs went like 'hot cakes,' and before we knew it we were on the phone to our production company to order more! It has been thrilling to see how the catchy and powerful songs from this collection have caught on in churches, big and small. It has reminded us of the impact of music and the goodness of singing the truth we 'keep in our hearts.'



In November, 2002, an expanded version of the 'God's Love is for Everybody' CD and an accompanying study book is planned for release. The study book will provide activity ideas that relate to the message of each song. Song titles from this CD include: *Disciples in Training, When God's in Charge, God Loves a Picnic, When You Learn to Follow Jesus You Will Act A Little Strange*, and others. It is our hope and desire that we also take these wonderful lyrics, and what they teach, to our neighbours across the street and around the world. Learning from these songs in your worship and children's singing and story times can make a difference in our world.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The songs in this CD provide many 'teachable moments' about God's desire and purpose for God's church and this world, in easy-to-understand terms. Purchasing these for your church and friends is a wonderful way to spread the good news.

\$16.95 /CD; 24.95 /CD and Study Book  
(plus GST and Shipping and handling)

*Below are some suggestions on how your group(s) can participate in raising money for Missional Education/Music projects, such as the children's CD, as well as how your church can share this music with others.*

**SONGS FOR SMALL AND TALL ACTIVITIES:**

Raise money to purchase "God's Love is for Everybody: Songs for Small and Tall"



- 1) Buy CDs for families in your congregation
  - For families with elementary school aged children
  - For a certain age group in your

Sunday school (eg: graduating class)

- 2) Use the songs in this CD for worship, teaching, devotions, activities
- 3) Give a gift of CDs to your neighbours:
  - To your neighbourhood drop-in centre
  - To an after school program
  - To the children's ward in a local hospital
  - To day care centres

- 4) Sponsor CDs for missionary children and their neighbours
  - Help Mennonite Church Canada give a CD to our missionary families, by sending in enough money to cover the cost of a CD and study book. You may wish to choose which family.

(See the World of Witness prayer directory for Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, available in your church or from Mennonite Church Canada.)

- 5) Plan a Concert using these and other singable songs
  - Take an offering to support this congregational project

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**KIDSPAK ORDER FORM:**

Send to Mennonite Church Canada, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4

**Congregation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of CDs (\$16.95 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of CDs plus Study Book (\$24.95 each)

**Individual:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of CDs (\$16.95 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of CDs plus Study Book (\$24.95 each)



## Motorcycles, ministers and a message!

### *Planting churches in Thailand*

How does a Christian find support and fellowship when there is no church for miles around? This was the question that a woman named Budee asked herself for many years after she became a Christian. She lives in the village of Ko Khrang and belongs to the Isaan people of northeastern Thailand. Budee became a Christian nearly 30 years ago. Since there are no churches in this area she had no contact with other Christians.

It was only when she met Pat and Rad Houmphan, workers with Mennonite Church Canada Witness, that she discovered that there were in fact two other Christians living near her village. Through the evangelism work of Pat and Rad Houmphan, and an assistant evangelist, Grandpa Nah, a small fellowship is now developing in Ko Khrang village, and Christians are gathering weekly for worship in the nearby town of Borabur.

The Houmphans have been ministering among the Isaan people of northeastern Thailand since 1996. The area around Borabur has few Christian churches and other missionaries were called back home. The Houmphans invite people to faith in a



Grandma and Grandpa Nah giving the traditional Thai greeting.

way that makes sense to people of the Isaan culture. Their ministry requires that they travel by motorcycle and car to visit Christian homes, teach

the discipleship classes to new believers, and encourage the emerging churches.

Grandpa Nah also spends a lot of his time traveling on his motorcycle to share the good news of Jesus' love. He shares Bible stories with people who have never heard them, and encourages people to listen and hear God's call.



Pat Houmphan leads a baptismal group in prayer before entering the river.

## STORY TIME:

Grandpa Nah and Pat & Rad Houmphan travel by motorcycle and car through Thailand's countryside, bringing God's word to people like Bang Awn, a high school senior who lives in Ban Daeng village.

*Here is her story...*

Bang Awn had a troubled childhood. Her parents separated when she was six, leaving her to live with her grandparents. The other children at school always teased her, saying, "she was the kid with no parents". Every Mother's Day and every Father's Day, there was always some kind of competition at the elementary school. Bang Awn would earn awards, but her parents would never show up. She shared in her testimony, "My parents never came to see me receive the honor and I was feeling sad and hurt." Many times Bang Awn felt that she had so many problems that she didn't want to live anymore. However, she would question, "If I die where will I go?" Although she sometimes wished she could die, this question gave her the will to keep on living.

When Bang Awn was in grade nine, she had a chance to learn about Christian faith through the mail. She learned that God created the world and everything in it, including people. However, Bang Awn was not sure if this was true and didn't know if she dared believe it.

Two years later, she learned that a group of Christians in her village were getting together each Sunday. She went and met the missionaries and other believers. Bang Awn took the Abundant Life Course with Pat Houmphan, the missionary that God had sent to work in her village 4 months previously. As she took the course, she learned more about Jesus who died for her sins. She came to accept that God really did create everything. She also learned that God loves her very much and He is her

parent. Bang Awn writes, "Now, I never feel lonely anymore, because I know that God loves me. I didn't feel bad to those who used to tease me during my childhood, because I know that I have God who is my Father."

Bang Awn just graduated from high school and she is attending a Bible college in northern Thailand. She believes that

God wants her to return to her village so that she can serve her neighbours and help them know more about God as well.



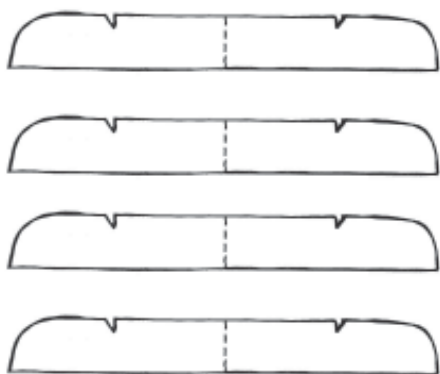
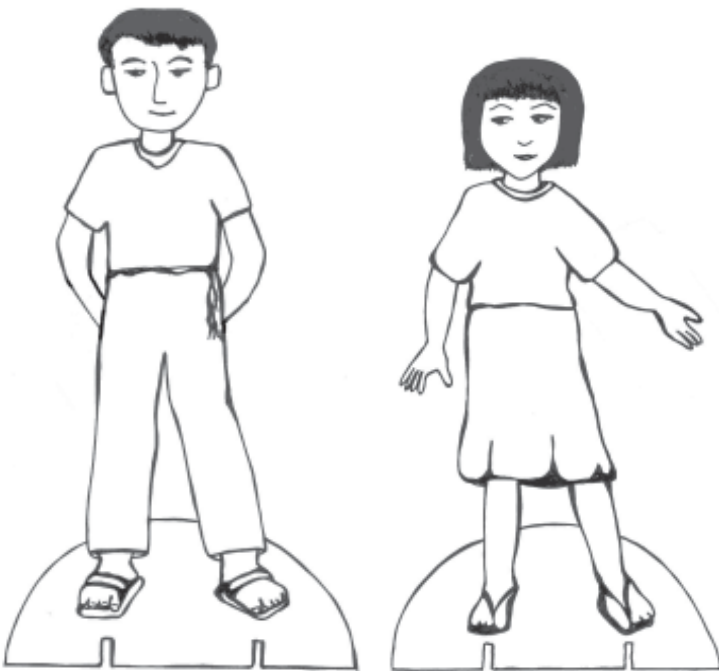
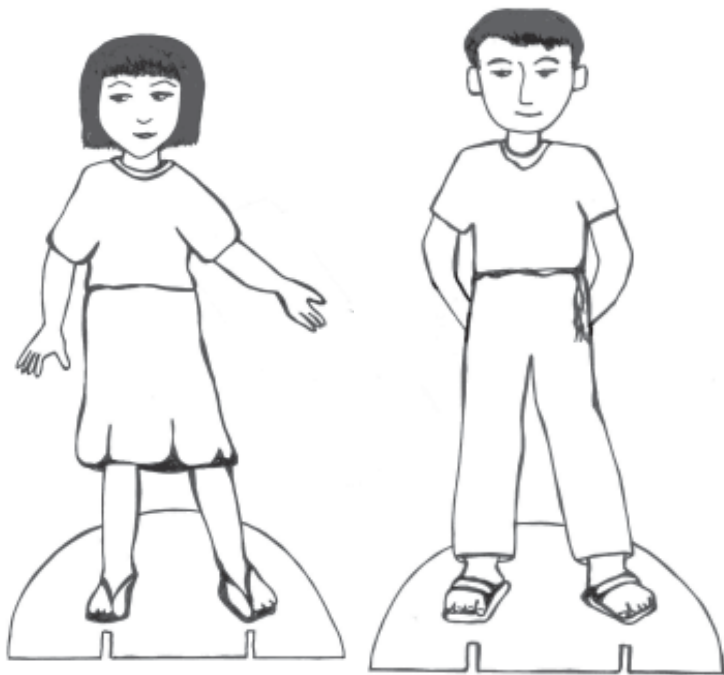
Rad Houmphan and Janet Plenert, Witness executive director, share a Thai meal (Rad said it was OK to sit on the table or on the floor to eat!).

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Your gifts will help Rad and Pat make contact with new Christians around Borabur and care for Christian groups that have already been created there.

You will also help with the cost of transportation for Grandpa Nah as he makes friends and talks about Jesus with the people that he meets.

The Living Water Church Community Center is part of this project too! It is a gathering place for Christians in Borabur as well as a space that provides computer training classes for the people in the area.



Cut out stands, fold along dotted line and place into the slots on the bottom of the paper figures.

## ACTIVITY:

### HELP

You can help Grandpa Nah, his wife, and Pat and Rad Houmphan bring more people to church!

### BUILD

Build a shoebox church in your Sunday School classroom or in your Sunday school group gathering session. For every \$5 that comes in, cut out and make a paper figure (pattern included). Then, place the person into the church in Thailand! (You can photocopy the inside of the church and the patterns for paper people.)

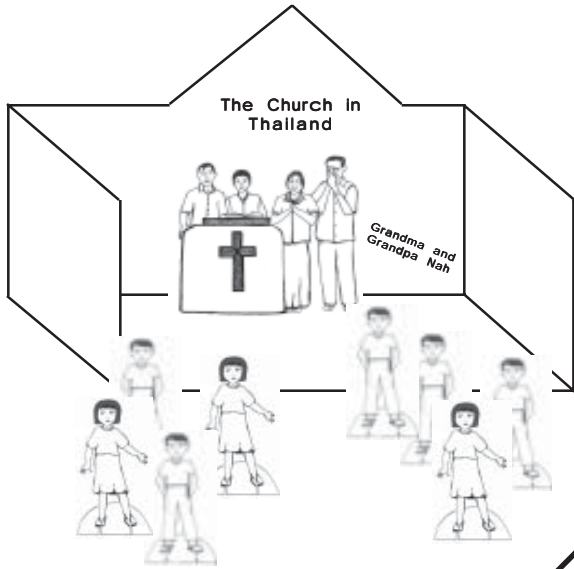
### FILL

See if you can fill your shoebox church with people from the countryside in Thailand. Make your own stand-up figures to place in the church.

### SHARE

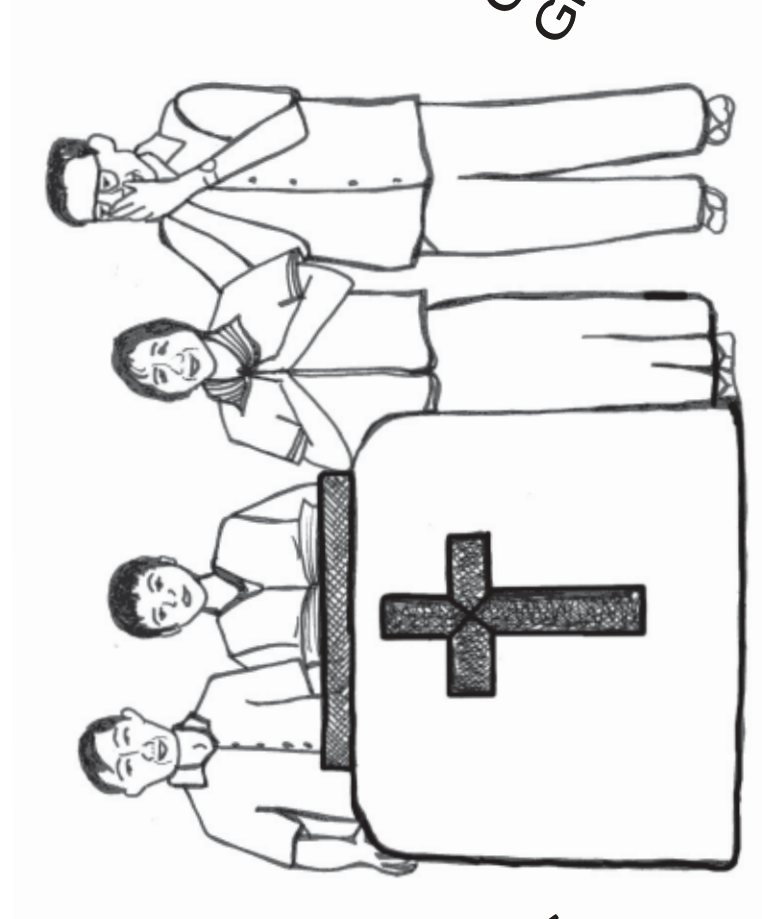
Tell the children how much joy their gifts bring to places like Thailand where they have to operate on “shoestring” budgets.

**Copy the left side of the page to make enough cut outs for your class (one for every \$5 raised).**



The Church in THAILAND

Photocopy the picture of the church in Thailand (at 200%) and glue onto the back of the shoebox diorama. As money is raised, add the stand-up paper dolls to the scene.



Pat and Rad Hounphan



## Macau Family Life Centre

### *Building blocks for strengthening family life in Macau*

Having a church where you can meet with friends, have fun, and learn about Jesus is something that many of us take for granted. But there are some places in the world where there are few Christians and few churches where followers of Jesus can meet together. Macau is such a place.

Macau's main island is very small (17 square km) with 450,000 mostly Cantonese-speaking people living there. Macau is one of the most crowded parts of the world and has only a few Christians.

Macau was a Portuguese colony until December 1999 when it became a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China. It is also the first Christian territory in Asia to become non-Christian. In 1600, Macau was 95% Christian, but only about 7% of the population is Christian today.

Gambling and prostitution are major money-earners run by the so-called "Triad gangs" who wage wars for control of this lucrative "industry." Because of all the violent and sad activities going on, Macau really needs strong Christians to live there and teach others a better way to live - by believing in Jesus.

In 1996, Mennonite missionaries, George and Tobia Veith, came to Macau to start a



Christian ministry. They are now leading a multi-cultural team of mission workers from Hong Kong, Indonesia, and the USA. In the fall of 2001, a Family Life Centre was opened as the hub for a variety of ministries.

With ten donated computers, the centre has attracted many young people who want to learn computer skills and take

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Your gifts will help:

- a) provide a safe place for children to come after school
- b) support the cost of English and computer classes
- c) contribute to the cost of the Kids' Club and youth activities in Macau

English classes. The classes are taught by short-term mission volunteers in the YES program who often become good friends with their students. Volunteers also tutor students with their English homework.



George Veith, a local pastor and Shirley Liem work at being a Christian presence in Macau.

women in jail and leads a group of Indonesian Christians who worship at the centre.

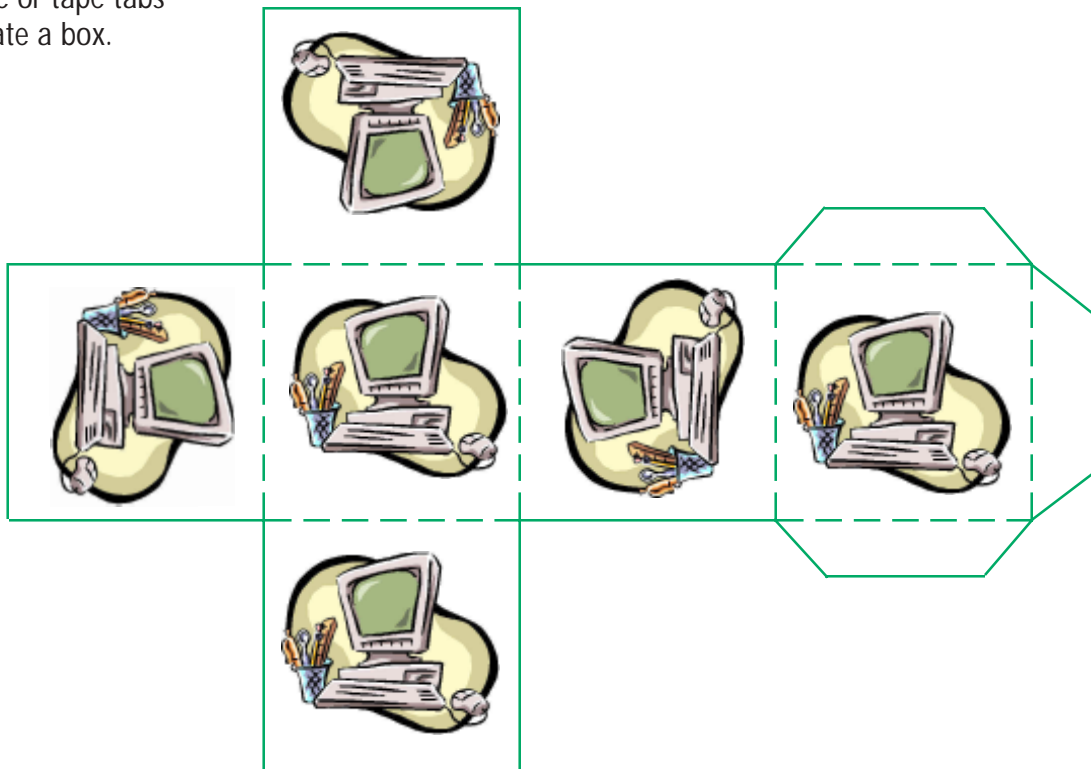
Through all of these ministries, local people learn to know a church that proclaims Jesus as Lord, and who cares for them. As people come to the Family Life Centre they also come

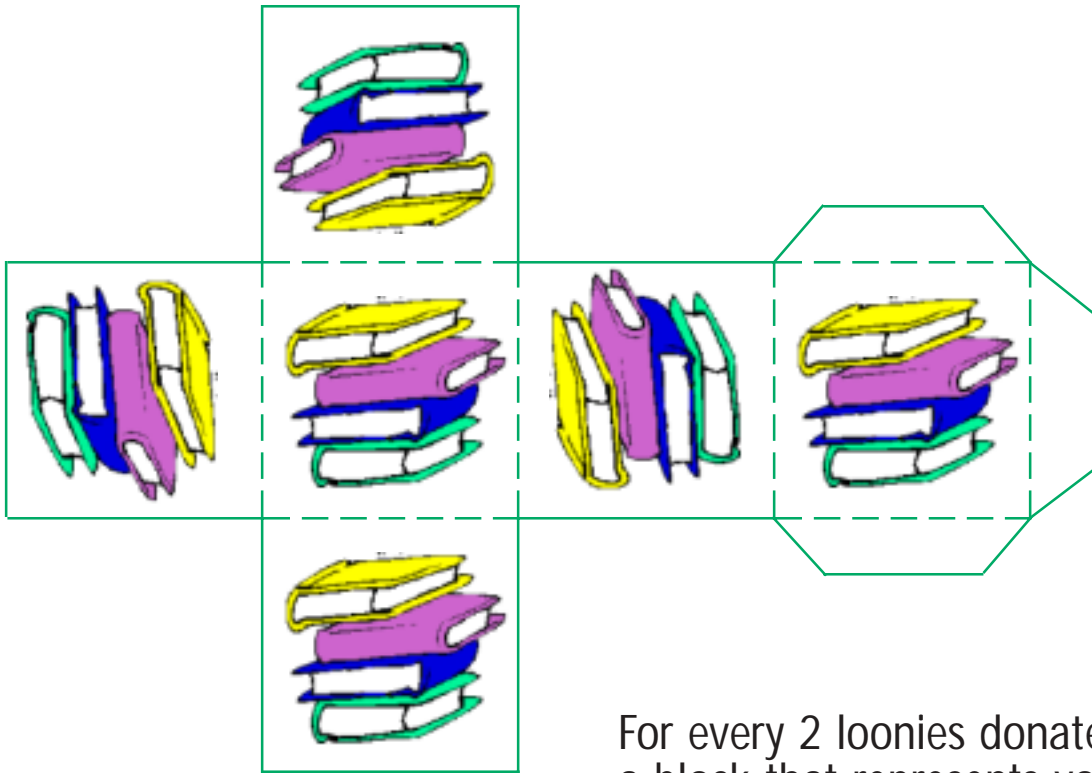
Together with Crystal, a mission worker from Hong Kong, George Veith leads a Sunday Kid's Club and a Sunday evening youth group. Shirley Liem, a mission worker from Indonesia, provides a visitation ministry to

to know the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ. The church in Macau will slowly grow stronger through this ministry.

**ACTIVITY: MACAU FAMILY LIFE CENTRE BUILDING BLOCKS:**

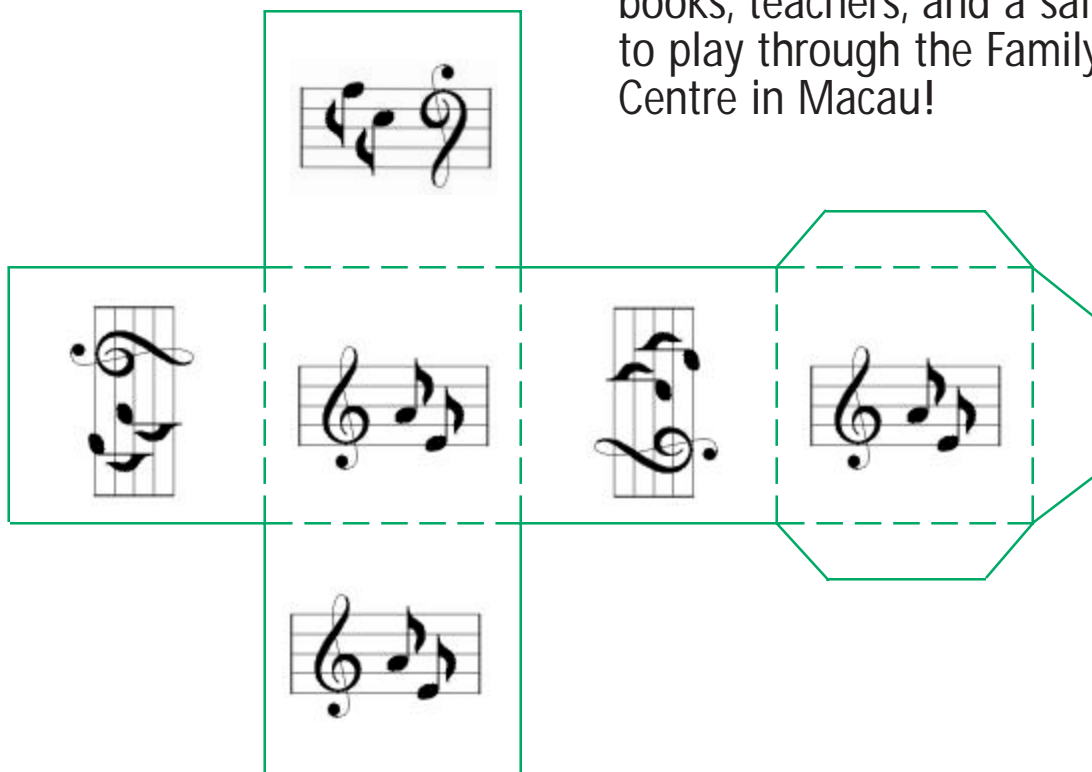
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2. Cut out building block pattern.
3. Fold along dotted lines.
4. Glue or tape tabs to create a box.

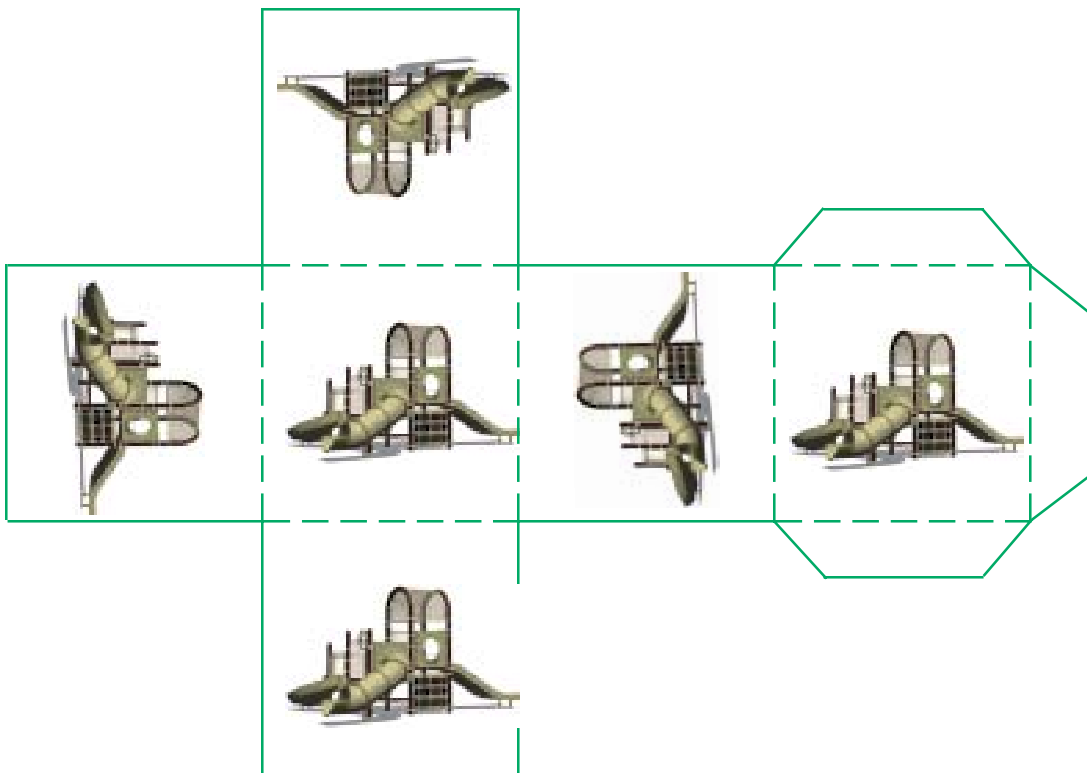
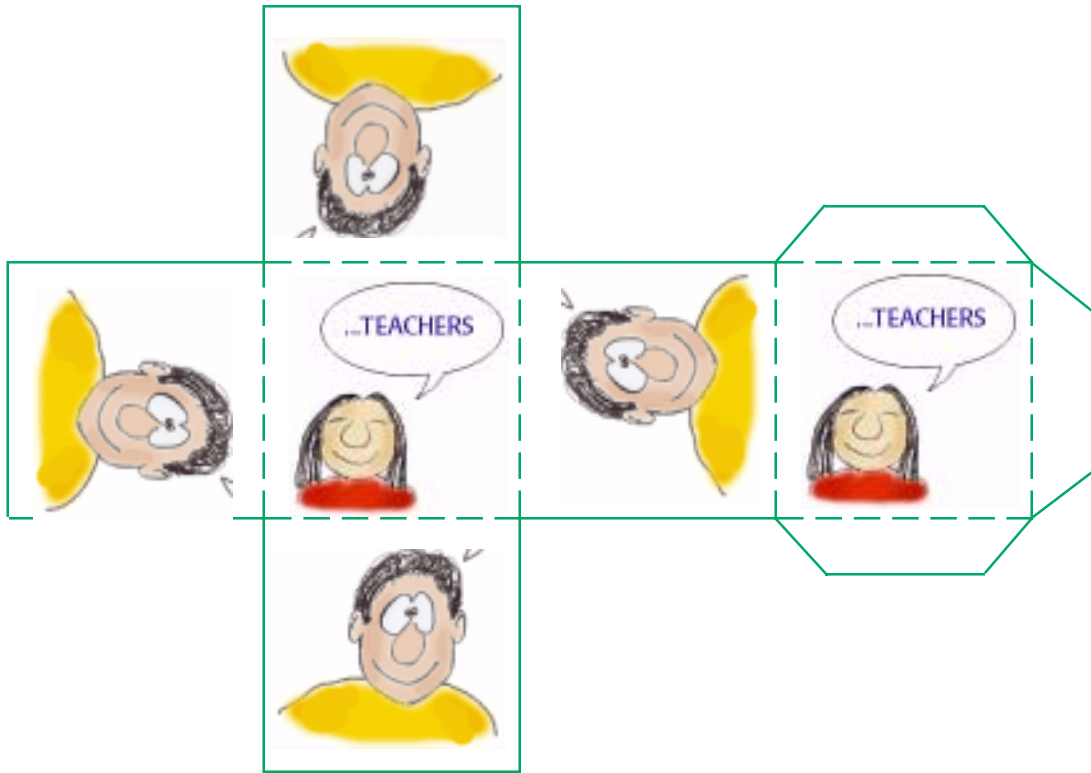




For every 2 loonies donated, build a block that represents your children's donations. See how high you can stack your building blocks.

Your gifts bring music, computers, books, teachers, and a safe place to play through the Family Life Centre in Macau!





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## “Our Family” grows...

### *Mennonite World Conference brings the global Anabaptist family together*

#### WHAT A FAMILY!

Getting to know *Our Family* around the world.

Every Sunday close to 2,000,000 people attend a church something like your church. You sort of know the people in your church. But what about all the people who live in places you don't know much about? Who in the world are they?



Ethiopian girl

In their hearts they are people like you and me, people who want to live in God's way, who love their friends and families. They are people who dream, pray and love God. On the outside, however, they look and act differently than you and I. To see what we have in common we need to get to know each other first.

God continues to create an amazing global family. *Our Family* is a creative way of celebrating the faith we have in common.

#### WHAT IS *OUR FAMILY*?

*Our Family* is an art and photography exhibition that is being put together by

the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery in Winnipeg, MB. I think calling the Assembly a *family gathering* probably makes it sound like more fun than calling it the *Global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference*, especially if you like your cousins!

We'll let you know when *Our Family* arrives close to where you live. There will also be a book with lots of pictures and stories that you'll be able to buy so you can remember, pray for, and be thankful for our global family.

#### PHOTOS

What will you see when you visit the exhibition? You'll see photographs of men, women, and kids from many

#### PROJECT SUMMARY

*Our Family* will help bring art and photos of Mennonite and Anabaptist artists to Mennonite World Conference 2003 in Zimbabwe. Will you be a sponsor? *Our Family* is a project of the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery in Winnipeg, MB. Help from people around the world is needed to support the development of this project.

countries where there are Mennonite churches. You'll see pictures of kids playing, moms and dads at work, people in church, single people and families in their many different kinds of homes. You'll see kids and adults from countries you might know nothing about. You'll get to know "family" members from

Canada and the United States. Big deal, you might say. But, you know what? Kids from other countries are interested in getting to know you, too. While you get to know kids from Cuba, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, France, Germany, Switzerland, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Congo, Angola, Taiwan, Indonesia and Japan, many of them will also get to know you.

## ART

The exhibit also includes artwork. Not long ago many people in the church thought art wasn't important. Now we realize that God has created wonderful artists all over the world. Sometimes they can see things differently than us. It's interesting and educational to see art from other countries and cultures. Artists are excited to have the chance to show you their artwork. They often say the church has never been interested in them before. I hope you'll like their art.



Brazilian cornhusk doll maker Esther Prachnau Strobel. She invented the way to make these beautiful figures. Many people now copy her because of her success. Esther sells her dolls as far away as Japan.

## COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE

Ray Dirks, curator of the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery, is putting together *Our Family*. He is visiting our church family members in lots of different countries. He has already traveled to half the countries that will be in the exhibit. He needs

to go to the rest by Spring of 2003. You are invited along!

When Ray goes to a country, he stays with a Mennonite family, gets to know them, goes to work with them, hangs out with the kids, eats all kinds of food he's not used to, visits interesting places and goes to church. He takes a lot of photographs and videotape. He meets artists and asks them to make pieces for the *Our Family* exhibit. Ray can send photos and video to your Sunday School if your church asks. See what it's like to live and worship in other countries (and what it's like to videotape from the back of a motorcycle in the crazy traffic of India). You can get internet updates from the Gallery webpage, too!

## STORIES

Ray has traveled to Taiwan, Indonesia and Japan, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. In March 2002 he jetted to India, France and Switzerland. Info/photos/scans and video are available from all these places. Along the way, he's meeting lots of neat people and discovering wonderful stories.

Switzerland



### Lien-Nu Huang, Taichung, Taiwan

In 1992 Lien-Nu Huang created a beautiful painting in a traditional Chinese style. She entered her painting in a large, international exhibition in South Korea. When the exhibit finished, the important gallery where it was held asked to buy the painting. Lien said no and took it home to Taiwan.

Paraguay



For nine years Lien didn't know why she refused to sell the painting. In July 2001 she felt God was telling her to donate the painting. But Lien didn't know where to donate it. She called Debbie Lin at the Mennonite church office in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan. Debbie told her about the *Our Family* exhibit and that Ray Dirks was, in fact, coming to Taiwan in a few weeks. Lien saw this as an answer to prayer and the reason she painted her beautiful painting back in 1992. She was thrilled to give it to *Our Family*.

Hyderabad, India



### Lisa, Hyderabad, India

Lisa is the daughter of photographer GK Rufus. Rufus and his family are Mennonites living in the city of Hyderabad, India. Lisa was very excited about having a visitor from Canada.

Yalve Sanga, Paraguay



Paraguay

Rufus wanted Ray to visit the village where his father had been the pastor of the Mennonite church for 52 years before he passed away in 1993. Ray and Rufus stayed at Rufus' mother's home, sleeping outside under the stars in her courtyard. All the people in the village were very friendly. It is a fantastic, beautiful place. Rufus' family came to the village for the weekend. On Saturday morning, Lisa asked Ray to come into the dirt street in front of the courtyard door with her.

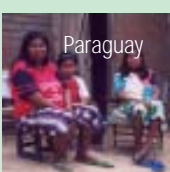
Brazil



Taiwan



Paraguay



In this part of India, women and girls decorate the ground every Friday making a border around the house and courtyard walls with a white powder. They make special designs in front of the doors. Lisa said to Ray, "Uncle, come look!" Lisa had made a big design in front of the courtyard door saying "Welcome Ray, Katie, Lauren and Alexa" (Ray's wife and daughters). Ray felt completely at home and welcome in that little Indian village on the other side of the world.

## WHAT DO WE THINK OF OTHER COUNTRIES?

Stories of generosity and hospitality like those of Lien and Lisa are common all over the world. Often we hear only bad things about India and many other countries. But you know what? Most of the people in those countries are like Lisa. They are wonderful, warm and beautiful, just like you. When you support *Our Family* you are agreeing that God created all people in His image, that we are all equal, and that in our Mennonite/Anabaptist family we can celebrate our differences and our similarities and give thanks to God as the head of "our family."



"Welcome to our home!" Every week women in Akuthotapally, India make pretty designs on the ground around their houses.



An Indian girl with a dove. The dove is a symbol of peace and a symbol used a lot by Mennonites. I thought, what a beautiful picture, a Mennonite girl in India offering the symbol of peace to her family around the world. She has a rare skin disease that makes her lose the colour in her skin. Behind her stands her cousin who is mentally handicapped. They come from the other side of the world. They don't look "normal" to most people but they are our brothers and sisters, they are loved by God as much as God loves us and they are a part of "our family." That makes me say, "Thank you God."

## FUN ALONG THE WAY

### MAKE A GARLAND

If you are a special guest in a church in India, somebody places a garland around your neck. A garland is a big necklace of flowers and other colourful things – plastic streamers, different coloured paper, etc. The garlands are beautiful and make the guests feel honoured. Pick a Sunday when your Sunday School will honour guests and tell your church about *Our Family*. You will need long pieces of string, some flowers and plastic streamers. Or, go ahead and use anything that can be used to create a

bright, colourful necklace. If you don't have flowers or streamers you can make paper flowers or cut out designs that you draw in Sunday School and string them together. During the church service have kids place the garlands around the necks of people who they think are special or are visitors. People will wonder what is going on! Then you can explain that you are copying a ritual your "family" members do in India to say 'welcome' and 'we are glad you're here.'

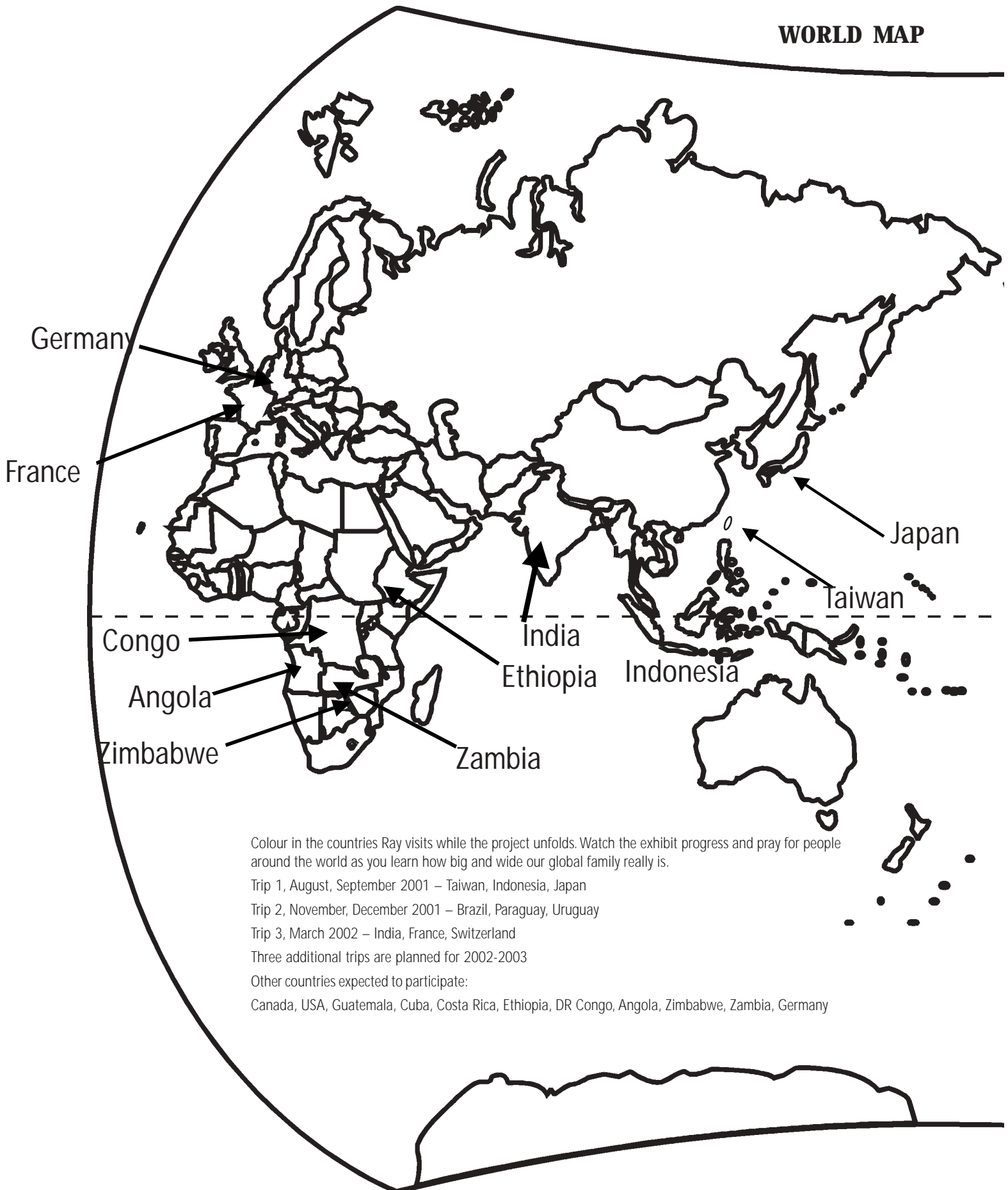
### DECORATE YOUR CHURCH SIDEWALK

Every Friday women in the village of Akuthotapally, India paint a mud/clay border around the base of the walls of their houses and courtyards. Then they draw on the border by pouring a white powder in swirling designs onto it.

Ask your church for permission to make designs on the church sidewalk leading to the church doors. Then get some sidewalk chalk and Sunday School kids can draw designs (just pretty shapes, they don't have to be pictures) along both edges of the sidewalk leading to the doors. In front of the doors write 'welcome' on the cement (don't do this on anything other than cement!).

People will come to church and wonder what all the designs on the sidewalk are for. Then, during the church service you can tell them about *Our Family*. If you don't have a cement sidewalk, have kids draw and decorate a sidewalk on a long, rolled out sheet of paper and put it in your church entrance. Individual sidewalks, designed and decorated on construction paper, is another alternative. Use pasta, pipe-cleaners, beads, and sparkles to make the designs colourful and unique.

# WORLD MAP



Colour in the countries Ray visits while the project unfolds. Watch the exhibit progress and pray for people around the world as you learn how big and wide our global family really is.

Trip 1, August, September 2001 – Taiwan, Indonesia, Japan

Trip 2, November, December 2001 – Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay

Trip 3, March 2002 – India, France, Switzerland

Three additional trips are planned for 2002-2003

Other countries expected to participate:

Canada, USA, Guatemala, Cuba, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, DR Congo, Angola, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Germany



### UPDATES

For updates along the way - stories, photos, video—contact Ray Dirks, *Our Family*, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4, Toll free 1-866-888-6785

### BE A SPONSOR

If your church is choosing to support *Our Family*, let us know and we will add you to our list of sponsors.

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## Our God is an awesome God!

### *Put John and Pat Pankratz on the road north to First Nations!*

John and Pat Pankratz are grandparents who retired from teaching so that they could spend time with children in Native communities. They load up their van with crafts, lesson materials, rocket-making materials, and snacks. Praying for God's guidance and safe travel, they head to communities like Cross Lake, Pauingassi, and Bloodvein, in Manitoba, and Siksika First Nations in Alberta.



Pat Pankratz teaches about sharing our resources during craft activities at a Cross Lake Bible lesson.

When they arrive, they get settled, light a fire in a wood stove, or turn up the heat and they wait for children to come. Their coming is usually announced on the local radio station and posters. Thirty to fifty children and youth from ages 5 to 15 come to sing, act out Bible stories, and participate in crafts and projects. A favourite song is, "Our God is an Awesome God".

John & Pat report, "After singing, we settle in to listen, dramatize and discuss Bible lessons (like David and Goliath). We learn about giants in our lives, not taking revenge, friendships, and forgiveness."

A favourite activity for the children is making and launching rockets with help from the Pankratzes. They love to see them rise into the pitch dark in Pauingassi, into the crisp air of Cross Lake, and the blue cloudless skies of Alberta. Scott, in Cross Lake said, "I missed my hockey practice tonight because I wanted to work on my rocket!" Denny was anxious to find his rocket cone after it had been launched so he could use it for a school science project.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Native Ministry workers, John & Pat Pankratz use their faith, enthusiasm, love of children, and many years of cross-cultural teaching experience, to present Bible lessons to children in Native communities. These week-long classes are becoming highlights for the children and they are supported by community leaders and parents. Your loonies and toonies can help make these experiences possible for Native kids.

A week of Bible lessons, singing and crafts ends with a special craft and a wiener roast. It is great to have parents join with their children for this closing celebration.



with children in Native communities. These are special times for the children as well. Many of them don't have the opportunity go to Sunday School or "clubs" regularly.

John and Pat look forward to these trips and to singing and sharing about our "awesome God"

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## ACTIVITIES:

### FIND

the communities referred to on a map.

### SING

the song, "Our God is an Awesome God."

### SHARE

one of your favorite songs with John and Pat and Native children (send it to them at 1216 – 77 University Cres., Winnipeg MB R3T 3N8).

### LOOK

for a report from John and Pat in INTOTEMAK (your church should get a copy four times a year).

### INVITE

someone who doesn't attend Sunday school or clubs to come with you. Give them a chance to participate, have fun, and learn about God the way you do.

### BUILD

a rocket or an airplane out of toilet paper rolls and construction paper, then make mobiles or hang them from the ceiling.

### CREATE

a large person-sized rocket to put on the wall with a "scale" on which children can record the money they collect and watch their donations rise.

### LOCATE

a large cardboard refrigerator or freezer box and help the children make an airplane, ferry, floatplane, van, boat, truck, or snowmobile. (Explain to the children that these are just some of the ways that Pat and John travel in the north.)

### PUT UP

a large piece of paper on the wall to serve as a landscape mural – draw roads, hills and lakes and then add pictures of different modes of transportation. Copy, colour, and cut out construction-paper shapes of airplanes, ferries, floatplanes, vans, boats, trucks, or snowmobiles and paste these on the landscape (or find pictures of different modes of transportation in magazines and add them to your mural).

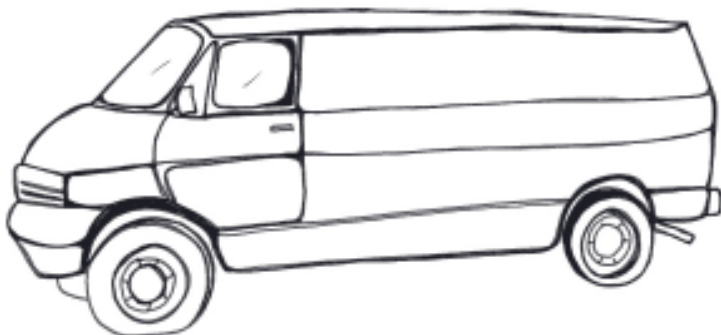
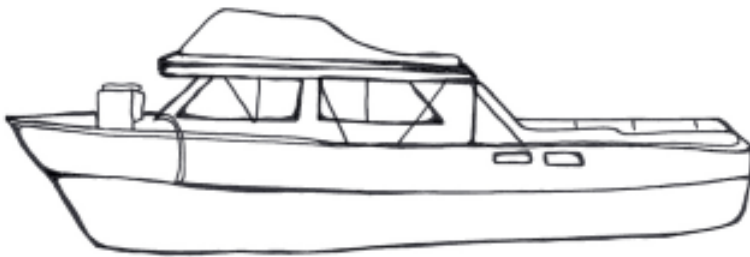
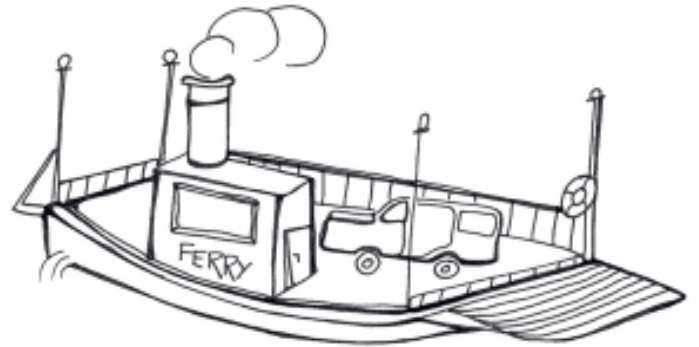
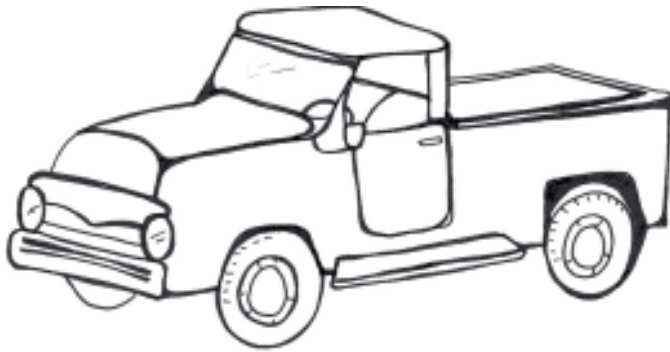
## SUPPORT JOHN & PAT'S WORK!

**4 loonies** will provide craft materials for a student for a week

**1 toonie** will help a lot with the snacks and wiener roast for each child involved

**5 toonies** will pay for lesson materials for a week of Bible classes.

**200 loonies** will pay for a trip into a northern community for either Pat or John.



Copy, colour, and cut out these pictures to place on your mural. Talk about the many ways Pat and John Pankratz travel to reach Native children with the message of good news through Bible stories and crafts.

# KidsPak in Review

KIDSPAK - A SUNDAY SCHOOL KIT TO HELP CHILDREN FOSTER A SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

Thank you for being part of God's mission in the world. By supporting *KidsPak*, children have the opportunity to learn about themselves, their congregations, and Mennonite Church Canada as they all work together to further God's purpose across the street and around the world.

We estimate about 10%-15% of Mennonite Church Canada Sunday schools participate in *KidsPak* projects. Imagine what could happen if 50%, 75% or even 100% — participate in just one or two projects each year!

## KidsPak Project Summary

### 1997-1998

Doorways to the future - CMBC building fund .....	3,956.02
Gather around the campfire - Native Camp - Native Ministries .....	5,063.12
Never enough money - MVS Welcome Inn - Ministries Commission .....	3,650.57
What's (not) on TV? - Resources Commission .....	2,159.00
Make your own Choices - Peace & Justice Office, Resources Commission .....	1,863.57
Band-aids and Bibles - Zaporozhye - Ministries Commission .....	12,856.55
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>29,518.83</b>

### 1998-99

Cow Lending Library - Ministries Commission .....	13,912.09
Roses, Not Rubble - Peace & Justice Office, Resources Commission, Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) .....	2,948.50
Books for families - Resources Commission .....	2,503.64
Send students on service - CMBC .....	1,885.48
Kids Company of 1000 - Leadership Commission .....	1,087.47
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>22,337.18</b>

### 1999-2000

Keeping Connected - Resources Commission .....	1,404.78
Hearts for Peace - Peace & Justice Office, Resources Commission, Mennonite WorldConference, Global Anabaptist Peace and Justice Network .....	2,537.55
Tool time - Native Ministries .....	10,178.17
Don't let the rain come down! Colombia school roof project - Ministries Commission .....	13,183.90
Learn to serve - CMBC service internships .....	1,647.67
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>28,952.07</b>

### 2000-2001

Soul Food Guide - Resource Centre, Resources Commission .....	464.25
Trees, treasures and time capsules - Mennonite Heritage Centre .....	642.60
Coins for Camp - Native Ministries .....	3,169.87
God, guns and guerilla - Ministries Commission .....	3,699.58
The forest is my worship place - CMBC service internships .....	422.87
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>8,399.16</b>

### 2001-2002

*Totals include monies received to June, 2002*

Reach around the world - training pastors, Formation .....	554.21
Our world-wide Family - Sharing faith through art - MHC Gallery .....	936.48
Planting peace - peace packets for resourcing congregations, Formation .....	1,653.75
Watering God's Garden in Cuba, Witness, International Ministries .....	1381.12
Tell me the stories of Jesus, Witness, International Ministries .....	346.87
Ancient Echoes, Witness, Native Ministry .....	108.03
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>4980.46</b>

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Dylan and Brett Zacharias unpack one of the Peace Packets created for teaching about peace in MC Canada congregations, Sunday schools and clubs programs (2002)



Tell me the stories of Jesus! This project shares Sunday school materials and supports church work in Niedergoersdorf, Germany. (2001)



Coins for camp (2000) has helped purchase the tents and equipment necessary to run the Native Ministry summer camping program.



**Examples of art**  
collected by Gallery  
curator, Ray Dirks, for  
the "Our Family" exhibit  
at Mennonite World  
Conference 2003 in  
Zimbabwe.

– from the series **"animals at the  
stable that night"** by Tibebe  
Terffa, Ethiopia, charcoal on paper



– **Adam and Eve**  
by Pamungkas Gardjito,  
Indonesia, oil on canvas



– **Face of Christ**  
by Aming Prayitno,  
Indonesia, oil on  
canvas



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