

Austin Catholic Youth Operation Kid to Kid Report

Each year during VBS, our children participate in a service project called Operation Kid – to – Kid. Last year our group made 125 Prayer Bears to be sent to Group, Inc. to be distributed overseas. This is a story from one of those deliveries. Thanks Kids!! Keri

God Sightings

With 88 Prayer Bears stuffed into a large trash bag, Group VBS Director Missy Lowery set out for a mission she'd never forget. Destination? Kenya, Africa!

Once she landed on African soil, Missy and her sister handed out 22 Prayer Bears to some very surprised and delighted children. Next she joined a big celebration where children gathered around a tree called "The Tree of God" in Swahili-because it is so large and tall. Around this stately tree, children sang and heard Bible stories. What a joyous time!

As children swarmed around the tree, Missy quietly counted the children, when one of the women realized that more than 80 children were there-and only 66 Prayer Bears remained.

It was pretty clear that some of the children would not receive a special Prayer Bear. So Missy and her sister prayed about it. Soon it was time to pass out the Prayer Bears, one by one.

The 64th child received a bear.

So did the 65th.

And the 66th.

Then Missy approached child number 67...reached into the bag...and pulled out a bear!

There was a bear waiting in the bag for the 68th child.

And the 69th.

And the 70th.

And every child gathered around "The Tree of God."

After the very last child received a bear, a volunteer peeked in the bag and discovered...there were two left.

Anyone hungry for some loaves of bread and fish? I know I was when I heard Missy's story.

With our amazing God, all things are possible. And in that little village in Kenya, God provided a cuddly bear for every single child.

This kind of miracle is something I like to call a "God Sighting"...seeing God in action.

My prayer is that *you* see God at work in your ministry, too-and that you have an abundance of "God Sightings" before, during, and after your incredible VBS!

Blessings,

Jody Broisma

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