



TOOL KIT *User Guide*

Welcome to "God's Kingdom Banquet" 2016

This packet is designed to give you tools to promote your 2016 World Services effort. In addition to raising much needed funds, this is an opportunity to encourage personal spiritual growth in your people. Embrace this special ministry!

Did you ever imagine that a Facebook post could help promote the USA Eastern Territory's World Services effort? This year it can! See the section in the packet on "Using Facebook."

WHAT "GOD'S KINGDOM BANQUET" IS ALL ABOUT

This is about your people expanding their point of view beyond the local corps or center. With your guidance you will help them see the world as Jesus does; not seeing people as "outsiders" but rather as those we want to invite and support so they too can enjoy a place of honor in God's kingdom.

Using the Matthew 8 story of the Centurion as our starting point, and using the sermons provided, you will be able to focus your people on the following:

- WEEK 1 THE JOY OF SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**
- WEEK 2 THE PROMISE TO SUPPORT FELLOW CHRISTIANS**
- WEEK 3 THE PREPARATIONS FOR MANY TO COME INTO THE KINGDOM**
- WEEK 4 THE KINGDOM CELEBRATION**

WHAT'S INSIDE THE PACKET

- A full-color poster announcing the World Services theme.
- Coin boxes and offering envelopes to promote participation in your Ingathering.
- A DVD that includes an introduction to our World Services effort by Commissioner Barry C. Swanson and four inspiring video stories of Salvation Army World Service ministry from our Partners in Mission territories, following the weekly subjects. A brief synopsis of each week's video is provided in a Video Guide – Stories of World Services.
- A full-color master for a Sunday bulletin cover presenting this year's theme and a full-color Sunday bulletin insert master for each week of the World Services effort, with references to various Salvation Army ministries around the world.
- A four-week sermon series focused on the theme and four weeks of coordinated Children's Time ideas for use during the worship services.
- Banquet ideas, recipes and a master to make invitations to your banquet.
- Sunday school "Others" party ideas.
- Ideas for promoting World Services with your advisory board or council.
- A "Partners in Mission" flyer listing our partner territories and a flyer listing USA Eastern officers serving outside of the territory.
- Suggestions for "Using Facebook."

IDEAS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Go through all the Tool Box materials. Involve your Corps Council and local leaders so they can support the effort and give their input. Be sure to also share with people who participate in the worship services and other activities.
- Display the poster.
- Use the four weeks of World Services sermons, videos, and Children's Time suggestions that have been provided. The weekly subjects help get us where we are going, to God's Kingdom Banquet!
- Become familiar with the sermon materials. While the sermons can be shared as is, many will take the material and personalize it for their own style of presentation, adding other illustrations or ideas, as they feel appropriate.
- Preview the videos to decide how they can be best used in your settings. Prepare the equipment to be used so that the videos can be shown without disrupting the program in which they are used. They can be used on Sundays, but also at other programs.
- Put the Banquet and any additional programs you are going to include, such as the suggested Sunday school party, on your calendar. Let your people have the joy of anticipation! The Facebook option may well generate additional interest, tell your people about it.
- If you are doing special fund raising events to reach and exceed your World Services goal, they too should be announced and advertised well in advance. Distribute the coin boxes so there is time to use them. Encourage sacrificial giving. Self-denial, to help others, is still key.
- Prepare for the Ingathering so it is an important, dignified but joyous time of worship, celebrating your commitment to World Services. A suggested worship service outline is included in this kit.
- Prepare for a special banquet using the suggestions in the packet.
- Continually promote the World Services campaign through newsletters, Sunday bulletins, posters, announcements, and web sites.
- Become aware of one or more of our Partners in Mission, by way of their websites, SA Yearbook or other connection, so you can personalize World Services. See the Partners in Mission flyer.
- Point out stories of ministry outside the USA that you find in SAConnects, The War Cry or other online and printed Salvation Army sources.
- Incorporate the weekly World Services themes into your Sunday school activities. Have a Sunday school "Others" party. Suggestions can be found in the packet.
- Contact Eastern Territory officers serving overseas to get their involvement in your effort. Ask how your corps or center can pray for them. See the listing of USA Eastern officers serving outside the territory in the packet.
- Don't forget to plan for the education and involvement of your advisory board or council, suggestions are included in the packet. You may be surprised to learn who has a strong interest in missions. The video stories may be especially effective in this setting.
- Use the "World Services and Stewardship USA East" community Facebook page. Do you want to get people involved in World Services? Do you want them to see how they fit in the big picture? This activity, shared across the territory, might help generate interest and participation.

WEBSITE

<http://saconnects.org/worldservices/>