2022 AiG VBS

Recipient Child Stories

**DAY 1: Meet Mimi, from Rwanda**

WHERE: On today’s adventure, Harper takes us to the country of Rwanda, on the continent of Africa. Most of the land in Rwanda is used for farming and livestock, though the many hills make growing crops very difficult. Long periods of dry weather can also affect how much farmers are able to grow each year. Because of this, many people in Rwanda live in poverty.

WHO: Mimi’s father died when she was still very young. Now her mother has to provide food for Mimi and her four siblings all by herself. Because their home is far from the city, there are limited employment options for Mimi’s mother to earn a living. Because she is the only one in the family who is working, there is not a lot of income to buy food and clothing.

One day, a pastor from a local church traveled all the way out to Mimi’s home to deliver a box of food. The food was able to feed Mimi, her siblings, and her mother for several days. Mimi was thankful that her stomach didn’t hurt anymore. The pastor shared with the family about the God who created them in His own image and how much He loves them.

**DAY 2: Meet Isaac, from Haiti**

WHERE: The tropical country of Haiti is located in the Caribbean just southeast of the state of Florida. It shares an island with another country, the Dominican Republic. More than half of the population of Haiti lives in poverty. In rural areas, families survive off what they are able to grow in their farms, but even this is often not enough to feed everyone.

WHO: From a very young age, Isaac began to learn about farming. His family have all been farmers as far back as anyone can remember. Because farming doesn’t earn his family a lot of money, they can’t afford to send him to school to learn how to do anything else. Isaac wonders how he will be able to do the only thing he knows how to do when he must rely on a wheelchair to get around.

When a local pastor visited Isaac and his family, he brought them a box of food from Children’s Hunger Fund. In addition to bringing food, the pastor also shared with Isaac about the God who created him. Isaac learned that he is a child of God and that he has just as much value as the other kids who are able to walk.

**DAY 3: Meet Roan, from Albania**

WHERE: The country of Albania is located in Europe, just east of Italy. Albania is known for beautiful beaches, forest, mountains, and ancient ruins, but despite Albanian hospitality toward tourists, deep prejudice exists toward many who live there. Today, we’ll meet a boy named Roan, who lives in the country of Albania.

WHO: Even though Roan has lived in Albania his entire life, he is constantly being told that he doesn’t belong there. Because of his Roma heritage, his family is treated unfairly, and his father is not able to find regular work or buy food for the family. With everyone telling him he is unwelcome, sometimes it is hard for Roan to feel like he is special or valuable.

Roan was surprised when a pastor from a local church knocked on his door with a smile and a box of food. He is not used to friendly visitors. The pastor gave Roan a box of food! This was precious to Roan, because his kitchen cupboards were getting pretty empty. More importantly, the pastor told Roan that he is precious to God.

**DAY 4: Meet Garma, from Myanmar**

WHERE: Today, we’re learning about a little girl who lives in Myanmar, a country in Southeast Asia. Myanmar is also sometimes known as Burma. For almost half of the year, the southern part of Myanmar experiences a rainy monsoon season, often leading to flooding in many of the villages throughout the country.

WHO: Garma is used to rain. Her house has occasional leaks, and ramps allow her to get across large puddles that form everywhere. But this year, the rains were worse. They destroyed actual buildings! Her school building and her father’s work were only two of the hundreds of buildings that were destroyed by this year’s monsoon season. Now, Garma doesn’t know when she’ll be able to go back to school, if she’ll have to move to another city, or even if she’ll have food to eat that night.

A visit from a local pastor did more than provide her family with food for the week; he offered them a reason to hope! She learned that the God who created her, who is bigger and stronger than any storm, loves her and offers her eternal life through His Son, Jesus!

**DAY 5: Meet Hector, from the United States**

WHERE: Today, we’ll meet someone living right here in the United States. Even though America is one of the wealthiest countries in the world, poverty still exists all around us. Chances are, they live in your neighborhood or go to your school. Even if one or both parents work, they might have expenses that mean that they struggle buying food or paying rent.

WHO: Hector’s dad drops him off at school early every day before heading off to the first of his two jobs. Hector eats his free breakfast from the school quickly so he can be done before his friends get to school. He doesn’t want them to know that his parents can’t afford to buy food for him at home. He understands that his mother’s medical bills are expensive, and that it’s not their fault that they are poor, but he wishes he didn’t have to worry about having food to eat.

A pastor of a local church heard about Hector’s situation and came to their door with a Food Pak from Children’s Hunger Fund. He didn’t judge them because they sometimes had to pay for medicine instead of groceries. Instead, he prayed for them and shared with them about Jesus and God’s plan. Some members of his church even pitched in to help cover the next month’s rent!