



# Go-ments for Fall 2011

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Now that you're "being" at church on the weekends and "doing" a small group, you're ready to take the next step. It's time to get "going." These "Go-ments" will help you go out into the world and become the hands and feet of Jesus. Each week there is a different "Go-ment" idea for you and your small group. These simple, yet important opportunities allow us to boldly love those around us. Go pray. Go serve. Go give. Just go!

## **Week 1: Pray for our International mission partners:**

Karl & Sue Peterson (Mexico)

Dale Lusk (Covenant Merge Ministries)

The Restrepos (Spain)

Mario Valdez (Covenant Merge Ministries)

Steve and Debby Holm - (China - China Services Ventures)

World Vision (Mhlosheni)

International Justice Mission (slavery and trafficking world wide)

Uganda (dental mission trip)

Reynosa ( orphanage mission trip)

## **Week 2: Total Cereal Drive for Open Arms**

Bring a box of Total (or another kind of healthy cereal) this coming weekend!

Open Arms of Minnesota provides home-delivered meals for people living with illness in our community. Open Arms began preparing and delivering meals in 1986, serving five clients in the first week. In 2010, we delivered our 2 millionth meal with the help of hundreds of volunteers! Open Arms currently serves to approx. 650 people living with breast cancer, HIV/AIDS, MS and ALS each week. We also provide meals to family members or caregivers of our clients.

### **Week 3: Invest & Invite**

Find 5 different people that you can invite to the “Fall Festival” that takes place at our Woodbury campus on Friday, October 28 from 6:00pm – 8:30pm or to “Trunk or Treat” that will take place at our Eagan campus on Sunday, October 30 from 3:00pm – 7:00pm! Volunteers are also needed.

### **Week 4: Serve**

This is the week where you should select, contact, and schedule where you, your family, or your small group will serve. If you need help, email Lisa at [LisaAdams@CrossroadsChurch.cc](mailto:LisaAdams@CrossroadsChurch.cc) or sign up for one of our fall celebrations at either campus.

### **Week 5: Pray for our local ministry partners and those they serve:**

Urban Ventures (poverty in South Minneapolis)

A Touch of Home (soldiers serving overseas)

Open Arms (people with illness in our community and their families)

Bundles of Love (newborns born into poverty in Minnesota and their families)

Loaves and Fishes (meals for the homeless in St. Paul)

Calvary Baptist Meal Ministry (meals for the homeless in Minneapolis)

World Relief (refugees and immigrants)

Local food shelves

### **Week 6: Donate your winter coats!**

It’s cold in the winter and there are many people, including families with small children, that are homeless and live in shelters or on the streets. We want to help in a small way by providing coats for as many people as we can! Bring your COLD WEATHER COATS (not lightweight) this weekend to either campus and we’ll get them to shelters and people who need them.

### **Week 7: Invest/Invite**

This week, think of someone you don’t know well (like the neighbor a few doors down), or someone you know that needs Jesus (like that co-worker who and invite them to something! Take some time and invest in someone. It might be an invitation to come to your house for dinner, out for lunch on a lunch break, or a walk around a nearby lake. Be bold. Be brave. And pray that God would do a good work through you while you take the time to do something Jesus-like!

### **Week 8: Bucket Weekend**

We will be bringing out the bucket this weekend! All funds will be donated to the Friends in Need Food Shelf for their "Share the Joy" program. This program provides Thanksgiving basket or Christmas gifts to families living in the Cottage Grove, Newport, and St. Paul Park area. There are also volunteer needs and ways to adopt families or baskets if you or your small group are interested.

### **Week 9: Bucket Weekend**

The bucket will be out again this weekend and the funds will be donated to the Christian Cupboard. The Christian Cupboard is a non-profit organization that provides food for those in need, living in Woodbury, Oakdale, Landfall and South Maplewood. The holidays are always a tough time for families who are in need...please be sure to keep them in your prayers and remind yourself of all the things that you have to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

### **Week 10: Gift Giving - Water and Wells in Africa**

In the developing world, 4.5 million children die each year, directly or indirectly, due to contaminated water, and poor sanitation and hygiene.

Starting this weekend, for \$30 you can give the gift of clean water and honor someone special in your life by giving gifts that demonstrate God's love. You will be purchasing clean water for a child in Mholsheni, Swaziland and you will receive a mug and card to give as a gift. Giving to the Clean Water Fund will help bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to communities — helping cut child deaths by more than half!

### **Week 11: Donate Socks, Hats and Mittens**

Many immigrants who come to the US have never worn socks. Imagine kids wearing their flip flops in this weather! We want to make sure that all of the refugees that come to Minnesota this year have socks on their feet, a warm hat on their head and mittens for their hands. Bring new or gently used items to either campus this weekend and we'll get the items to World Relief.

### **Week 12: Invest & Invite**

It's time to think about who God has placed in your path that you need to invite to Crossroads for Christmas services. Invite someone from work. Your neighbor. Your friend. Encourage your kids to invite their friends. Try to hand out 5 invite cards. Be bold. Be obedient. You invite, God will do the rest!