

Send North America: Los Angeles

Children's Missions Projects

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Every city, large or small seems to have hurting, hungry, homeless people. In downtown Los Angeles, there is an area called Skid Row. Skid Row has one of the largest stable populations (between 3,000 and 6,000) of homeless people in the United States. The sidewalks are lined with cardboard boxes, tents and shopping carts. North American missionaries offer the people there sandwiches, coffee and Jesus.

Your children can develop a compassionate heart for the homeless in your city. Plan an outreach through your class, your church or your Baptist association to reach out to those who are needy. Pack sack lunches and distribute bottles of water or cups of coffee in a park or under bridges where the homeless gather. Plan to volunteer as a group at your local soup kitchen.

Make sure to also provide the gospel and opportunities to accept salvation. Be sure to follow up in discipleship. This second part requires personal sacrifice. It is easy to provide physical things like food and water, but those things provide only temporary relief. What they really need is the bread and water that truly satisfies. This requires intentional, sacrificial effort on the part of the believer. It requires a relationship.

Note: When including children in this type of outreach, keep safety as a top concern. You will need plenty of adults to ensure the safety of the children. Assign each adult the responsibility of 2-3 children.

Connect with a L.A. church planter

Many times new church plants need tangible help with supplies for ministry evangelism events such as block parties, VBS, food pantries, etc. These are some things your children may be able to help new churches acquire. Go to namb.net/losangeles, and click on the Mobilize Me button to learn how your group can partner in a church planter's ministry to the lost in Los Angeles. A list of church planters serving in L.A. is also available there.

Children may also want to write letters of encouragement to church planters and their families. Contact the North American Mission Board in one of the following ways to learn how and who:

North American Mission Board, SBC

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Alpharetta, GA 30022-4176

Phone: 770-410-6000

Toll free: 800-634-2462 (Continental U.S. and Canada)

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You may also inquire by filling out the online form at namb.net/contact-us.