

# 30 Hours of Hunger

The youth group is doing 30 hours of hunger this weekend, 8/23 to 8/24. We'll see how they did Sunday.

OK, here are the results.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 teens and 5 adults participated in the 30-hour famine activity. The teen's voluntarily fasted from 12pm Friday to 6pm Saturday. They were given juice at specific times and had water in between.

Their time after check-in began with a devotional from Pastor Bob and a time of prayer, preparing their hearts to be opened to hear what God had to say to each of them individually. Because the teens were sleeping outside in cardboard boxes, we allowed them 1 hour to prepare their sleeping quarters for the night. Some were quite fancy while others were simple and made on a whim.

Over the course of our time together, we were able to do 3 service projects. For one we were able to stain a shed and power wash a deck in preparation to be stained for a NRBC family. They were overjoyed with what the teens were able to accomplish. In another, we split into 3 teams, rotating about every 45-50 minutes, pulling weeds, digging trenches, and digging out other areas around the church. For our final project we made cards for various NRBC members and missionaries.

In between the service projects we had devotionals, praise and worship singing, prayer times along with 3 specific areas of focus, focusing on orphans, 68-hours of hunger, and the Haiti orphanage. After each focus area we spent considerable time in prayer praying for specific needs for them. It was also a time where we sought God, asking Him how he would like us to respond personally.

The fasting ended with a meal common to Haitian refugees. It consisted of rice and beans in a wrap.

Although positive remarks and 'how fun it was' were heard, the leaders goal was for each teen to go deeper in their walk with Christ and for the teens to see what plans God has for them individually. The leaders ask for your continued prayers for the teens and adults who participated in this event, that hearts will be opened and changed as God wills them to be.

If you want more gritty details, feel free to ask the teens questions about their time, such as how was sleeping out in a cardboard box? How did it feel to have to walk to get your juice/water for the day? Would you want to do that every day? ( In some places it takes 2+ hours one way to get the water they need to drink and use for cooking) Quiz them about Ukrainian orphanages, 68-hours of hunger, and the Haitian orphanages and babies.



