

Church Hosts Children's Faith Promise

Kings Mountain First Church of the Nazarene hosted a Children's Faith Promise Sunday on September 22, 2013.

We served them mango curry with rice, pumpupdums with spicy mango chutney, and rasgulla. They drank hot chai tea with milk and sugar. It was exciting to see that most of the children tried the food and many of them discovered they liked it! One little girl asked for more of "that curddie."



A grocery store in my area has an aisle for ethnic foods, and they had Indian food. We have a large Indian population in our area, and I come in contact with them often, as I work at a bank. I asked some of them about rasgulla, and a few days later they called me to one of their stores and had a can for me. When the man at the store learned what I was doing for children at my church, he wanted to help me (even though he was of another faith)! God has helped me to develop relationships with the Indian population here in my community. They are not interested in attending my church yet, but they like to talk to me about India. They also try to teach me a phrase in their language when I tell them I will be speaking at a church. God is good.

There were several adults who came to help serve and "taste" the curry. (They enjoyed the food too!)

Christi Cummings, Kim Carroll, and Doug Sisk helped to organize the event; and the women and I dressed in Indian saris. (Whenever I travel, I always buy clothes for the ladies on the stage to wear.)

We talked about children in India, then we colored in an Alabaster Coloring book.* We talked about how important it was for everyone to give to World Evangelism Fund because it helps missionaries to go and share the story of Jesus around the



world.

I gave each child a bag and talked about the scripture in 2 Samuel 24:24 where King David said to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."



I asked the children to perform extra chores around their houses to earn money for World Evangelism Fund. I then explained that their working for the money will make their offering more special because it "cost" them something—their time. They will bring their offering back in one month.

It was a good day, and I think the kids and adults enjoyed themselves. The grandmother of a four-year-old said the little girl had dusted her house and even asked her neighbor if she could dust her porch so she could earn money for her missionary.

We set the children's goal for World Evangelism Fund at \$150.00 because they were asked to earn the money not to just ask for donations.

"Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."

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* Available at www.nazarenemissions.org/Stories/docs/Discipling/MCC/alabasterColoringBook.pdf