

Caleb's KCRM Birthday Project

Two years ago, Caleb Pennington began talking about serving a meal to the homeless at Kansas City Rescue Mission (KCRM). However, he discovered he had to be 8 to do so. On February 20, 2013, Caleb turned 8; and on Wednesday, March 27, Caleb and his dad will join the teens from Southwood Church of the Nazarene in serving a meal to the homeless at KCRM.

In addition to serving the meal, Caleb gave up presents for his birthday party to ask that others would donate much-needed items for those at KCRM. If you would like to help with Caleb's Birthday Project, please donate the following items by Sunday, March 24. There will be a specially marked box in the foyer where donations can be placed. Questions? See David or Virginia Pennington.

Most-Needed Items

- Flat-fitted twin-sized bed sheets
- White tube socks
- Men's briefs
- Bath towels
- Disposable shavers
- Shaving cream
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Cough drops (menthol)
- Over the counter cold remedies
- Cold cereal
- Dressing for salad
- Coffee

David Pennington
Raytown, Missouri



Editor's Note: Caleb Pennington is the son of David Pennington who works at the Global Ministry Center (GMC). The Nazarene Missions International team learned about Caleb's special birthday and was so impressed that some of us gave birthday gifts for Caleb to donate to Kansas City Rescue Mission. This item was from a flyer that Caleb's dad created for their church and the GMC to know about the "birthday gifts." We believed Caleb's generous spirit is one that should be commended, and we hope to have a photo in a future Mission Connection of Caleb surrounded by his "gifts" to KCRM. We thought this story might inspire other children and churches to also give of themselves. If you know of children who exhibit generosity toward others, please send an e-mail to gsawrie@nazarene.org with details and photos, if possible.

The Latest on Caleb's KCRM Birthday Project

In the March 2013 *Mission Connection*, we told you about Caleb Pennington's birthday project to provide needed items and to serve a meal at the Kansas City Rescue Mission (KCRM) when he turned eight years old. Caleb attends the Southwood Church of the Nazarene in Raytown, Missouri, and we were inspired by Caleb's selflessness. On this page are photos of Caleb's adventure.



Caleb requested people attending his eighth birthday party to bring supplies for the Kansas City Rescue Mission instead of gifts.



Setting tables at the rescue mission.



Caleb fills bread baskets in preparation for dinner.



Getting ice in preparation for dinner.



Caleb finishes his own meal after eating with some of the homeless men.

Do you know of a child in your church or on your district whose story should be told to inspire others? If so, send stories and/or photos of the event to gsawrie@nazarene.org.