



## Awareness Week 2012

Dear Teachers and Chaplains,

Welcome to the Awareness Week resource web pages for 2012! We hope that you have the chance to use the materials to teach and encourage your students to be part of service and development work in our world.

The theme for Awareness Week (19th—23rd March, or when suitable for your school) is **Food Matters**. This theme explores issues of food in developing countries.

**The main goals for this Awareness Week curriculum include:**

- To understand that God has a great concern for people who are poor and hungry.
- To understand the impact and effects of hunger.
- To understand world hunger as an issue of injustice and unequal sharing of the world's food resources.
- To understand the role and work of the church in its efforts to alleviate world hunger and how ALWS may assist in that role.
- To understand that all people have something to contribute.

We have not set one country as the focus as we normally do. This is to give schools a choice of their focus. If you have been learning about the famine in Africa, then your *Food Matters* focus may be more appropriate to continue to look at what happens when there is not enough food (Kenya, Sudan, Ethiopia). Other schools may want to look at Cambodia to fit in with the Teacher Study Tour (and student tours). Your school may also be happy to learn about the

world and food issues in general—we hope we have enough resources to satisfy all! Please let us know if you would like additional resources—we want to help and support you in your teaching!

The Bible verse selected for use in Awareness Week this year is:

**“Give us today the food we need...” Matthew 6:11**

We hope you can explore the Bible verse to reflect God's wish for all people to have adequate food to eat each and every day. There are also many other verses suitable for you to use on this theme on the relevant Bible verses page.

As well as looking at how we can offer love, support, care and a helping hand to our brothers and sisters across the world, Awareness Week provides an ideal starting point for considering issues of poverty, injustice and cultural awareness. We hope that you can pick up curriculum issues appropriate to your school.

Awareness Week in your school may be a whole school focus with a number of coordinated activities to raise students' awareness of the issues. This will also facilitate their action in response to what they have learned. Awareness Week may be class-based in which students could take responsibility for activities that develop their understanding of the issues. This will also encourage the class to share what they have learned with the school community.

Whatever the focus, we hope you find the following materials stimulating and a great resource for you and your students. Awareness Week links beautifully with the



Christian Studies Curriculum and Life Long Learning Attributes implemented in your school. You could also use these materials in Geography, SOSE, English or in your Pastoral Care times. Awareness Week also offers fabulous opportunities for those schools who are serious about offering Service-Learning curriculum opportunities for students.

It is our prayer that through these learning experiences you and your students will grow in understanding about what it means to serve our neighbours. We pray that the experiences will fill you and your students with hope and a sense of purpose, knowing that each individual can make a difference through his or her service to others.

Please do not hesitate to contact ALWS staff if we can be of any assistance to you or your school.

Yours in Christ  
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