



## **What is it?**

The **GAP Food Packing Program** is an opportunity to serve together with your church, youth group, or school group. Anyone from the ages 8 years to 108 years can volunteer.

Meal-packaging events are a great way to participate hands-on in Christian missions and relief work from within your very own community. The events are organized as a fun way to unite your group around the cause of helping the hungry and hurting around the world, while also creating an opportunity for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be shared.

## **What's in a GAP Meal?**

Each sealable IDES bag contains six 1-cup per serving meals which include four ingredients:

- *Soy* = nourishing protein
- *Dehydrated Vegetables* = vital nutrients
- *21 est. vitamins & minerals* = engineered for reversing malnourishment
- *Rice* = common grain carbohydrate to make each meal a filling one



## **Where Do the Meals Go?**

All GAP meals are shipped to specific Christian Church/ Church of Christ missionaries throughout the world that partner with IDES.

Thanks to *your* donation of time, energy, and funding, these missionaries are provided with the necessary amount of food they need in order to feed their hungry people groups and church families for an extended period of time—opening a door to build lasting relationships and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Both the body *and the soul* need nourishment.

## **What are the Logistics?**

- ***YOU*** are responsible for providing the volunteers and “Line Leaders” (1 per line) for the event.
  - Each packing assembly line is most efficiently run with 10-12 volunteers. For example, if your event will have five lines, you will need *at least* 50-60 volunteers, plus 5 Line Leaders. (*IDES can currently provide a maximum of 20 lines for around 200-225 volunteers*)
  - These Line Leaders ***are required to arrive at least 1-hour prior*** to the start of the packing event in order to help unload the truck and set up the lines. They will also be given a brief pre-training so that they can help streamline the training of the larger volunteer group at the start time. If multiple shifts, it is best if they stay.
- ***YOU*** are responsible for providing the space necessary to host the event, and the number of 6-8ft tables needed for the packing assembly lines.
  - Gyms, auditoriums, sanctuaries, or large gathering halls all work well.
  - 2 tables *per line* + 2-3 more for a boxing station
- A good measure to use for how much time the event should be planned for is: 60 volunteers can pack around 15,000 meals in just under 1.5 hours, plus 1 hour setup and 1 hour tear down. Normally, mobile packing events occur on Saturdays; however, there is flexibility depending upon the nature and length of the event.  
**Events must be booked at least 6 MONTHS in advance.**

# **Logistics Continued**

- ***YOU*** are responsible for fund raising for the event. There is a cost involved. Here's the breakdown:

- Each meal costs only 25 cents. That quarter goes a long way! It pays for the dry foods itself, the shipping logistics of getting it into hungry hands, and the operational costs of supplies and transportation for events.

15,000 meals = 53 boxes = \$3,750 (*\*minimum for INDIANA*)

20,000 meals = 70 boxes = \$5,000

30,000 meals = 105 boxes = \$7,500

50,000 meals = 174 boxes = \$12,500

100,000 meals = 348 boxes = \$25,000

\*Note: The further the distance away from IN, the larger your pack will need to be in order to cover the total cost involved.

\*Note: Please write name of your group and the date of your packing event in the memo line of any and all donations.

- **IDES** is responsible for bringing *all* supplies for the packing lines and the bulk dry food ingredients.
- **IDES** is responsible for giving a presentation prior to the start of the event, as well as brief volunteer training session.  
\*Note: Projector and computer needed for presentation. If you cannot provide, please advise and we will bring one.
- **WE** are all responsible for clean-up, loading the truck, and

praying together for the shipment at the close of the packing event.

## **Notes**

Thank you so much for your interest in IDES' GAP Food-Packing Program. We understand that budgets can be a concern, so we do have less expensive options available such as a smaller packing event hosted here at the IDES office in Noblesville, IN. Please contact us for more details.

As a service, IDES provides a certain amount of digital promotional materials (specific to your group) *available if requested*, to help advertise and get the word out about your event! These can be used for posters, inserts, mailing cards, email chains, social media posts, etc.

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