

YOUTH MOMENT FOR MISSION

This reflection aims to give youth a global perspective on their potential impact by comparing the cost of popular items in the United States to the cost of providing chickens for a family in Indonesia (\$24).

Leader: How many of you know what the CROP Hunger Walk is? It's a walk to support communities facing hunger all around the world. This year we're focusing on how our footsteps help families and villages in places like Indonesia end hunger by raising chickens and planting vegetable gardens. Do you know why chickens are important? Chickens lay eggs, which can be harvested to help introduce protein into a family's diet, or they can hatch and the chicks will grow up into adult chickens and lay their own eggs.

It costs about \$24 for CWS to provide chickens for a family. I am going to show you a few pictures, and you'll be able to see how the same amount of money spent on one of those items could help families in Indonesia.

[Show picture of the Amazon Echo Dot] Who has seen one of these? These devices were very popular last Christmas, and I'm willing to bet a few of your families have one - or something similar. This Amazon Echo Dot costs \$50. What if I told you that the same amount could help two families have a healthier diet?

[Show picture of the Nintendo Switch] Let me show you another one. Who knows what this is? This is Mario and Link's latest toy, the Nintendo Switch! Now these devices normally cost \$300!! That same amount could help more than 12 families get started raising chickens that they can sell for extra income.

Who has seen *Spiderman: Homecoming*? Remember the scene where Peter comes home and Ned is there and drops the Death Star Lego set? Well, that 4,000-piece Lego set costs \$500!! [Show picture the Star Wars Legos]. Now as great as that set might be and the hours it will take to put it together, what if I told you that same \$500 can help feed more than 20 families?

One last one. [Show picture of iPhones] Who has one of these - or maybe your parents have them? Last year's iPhone 8 still costs \$700! What if I told you the same \$700 could help an entire village, and could feed nearly 30 families!! I share this reflection to encourage you to recognize the gifts in your life and encourage you to find ways to share your blessings with others because it takes so little to make a big difference. Shall we pray:

Please help us to spend wisely and not excessively. Help us to be better stewards of the resources You have blessed us with. Help us to learn to be content with what we have instead of always wanting more. Help us to feed those who are in trouble. We can help so many and we ask for Your guidance. Amen.

VEGGIES, EGGS AND A SIDE OF HOPE.









