

# Journey of Justice

... a Publication by the children of Glendale Baptist Church

## What Is *Journey of Justice*?

Thanks to my good friend, **Katie Cook**, whom many of you may know through the **Baptist Peace Fellowship** and **Seeds Publishers**, I was given the idea to work with the Glendale kids this summer on a newsletter that would incorporate the information they learned about missions and its relationship to justice. Thus, not only did the Glendale kids learn about various mission projects in Nashville, as well as those projects connected to Glendale Baptist Church, they also learned about journalism — how to conduct an interview, how to choose the right photo to tell a story and how to make the information compelling, interesting and inspirational. Each Wednesday we gathered to put the pieces of the story together, as well as to hear from church members and partner organizations about the work they do to improve lives in Nashville and beyond. Without further ado, the children of Glendale Baptist Church present to you, in their own words, *Journey of Justice*.

— Claire McKeever-Burgett, Glendale Pastoral Intern  
& CBF Summer Intern, 2010



## From the Mouths of Children

According to Walden and Reid,

“*Journey of Justice* is a newsletter about helping the community, and is a journey to learn how to get the right thing done.”

Sam adds, “It tells about people travelling all over the world helping people who don’t have enough to eat.”

When asked, “What is the ‘right thing?’” the children respond, “The right thing is what’s helpful to the earth, as well as helping people when you can without a price.”

Paul observes, “Doing the right thing is spreading inspiration and helping people know that it’s not as much work as you think.”

The children want all those who read this newsletter “to think about helping others and being nice.” After you read *Journey of Justice*, “we want you to be informed of new ideas of how to help.”

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# Sabbath House

## *Prayers, Thoughts and Reflections from the Glendale Children*

*Thanks to Eileen Campbell-Reed, the Glendale Children were able to learn about Sabbath House in North Carolina and were invited to think about mission not so much as doing but as being. Their reflections on Sabbath House, below.*



*Sabbath House in Bryson City, North Carolina.*

“Sabbath House is a place to go rest, pray and relax. You don’t have to do anything there. You’re away from technology; you get to float on the creek and read. It recharges your batteries. It allows for peace and more control. It stimulates the brain and the body. At Sabbath House you are able to connect with nature and reorient your life with God and others.”

**“Remember the Sabbath day,  
and keep it holy.”  
Exodus 20.8**

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### **A Prayer for Those Seeking Sabbath**

*For Amy, David, Lara, Danny and Mia  
from the Children of Glendale Baptist Church*

Rest, peace, love, kindness, fun with each other, closer together, no obligations, nothing, freedom, disconnect & reconnect, energy, contentment

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### **Watersheds:**

#### **Question and Answer**

Q: What is a watershed?

A: Any piece of land that slopes downward. Glendale’s front lawn is a watershed!

Q: Where does the water go?

A: To a creek or river and then eventually to the ocean.

Q: What is the connection between recycling and taking care of the earth and watersheds?

A: Because what we put on the earth and in the water effects water everywhere. Bad things can kill fish and make water taste bad.

### **Did You Know that Glendale is a Watershed?**



Sadie, Patrick, Walden and Celia learn from Darlene Panvini about watersheds on a muggy Wednesday evening in July.

**REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.**

# Healthy, Local & Accessible Food: A Visit With Chickens & Community Food Advocates in Nashville

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Patrick *with* Tonya *from the* Re/Storing Nashville Campaign *and* Community Food Advocates, *feeding chickens and learning more about healthy, local, accessible food.*

Visit [www.restoringnashville.com](http://www.restoringnashville.com) for more information and to find out how YOU can help.

## A Word from Patrick about Re/Storing Nashville

Re/Storing Nashville focuses on the people and places in Nashville who don't have good access to grocery stores. By the time these folks get to the closest store and then return, most of their food has gone bad. Most of these people do not have cars and must rely on the city bus system to get them to and from the store.

The Re/Storing Nashville campaign is working to provide mobile food carts and alternative ways to get people food. They also are working with local businesses, city council members and community members to try to bring grocery stores to places that need them most. The corner of 12th and Edgehill is considered a food desert and could really use a grocery store in that location.

Tonya, pictured left, is a resident of the Edgehill neighborhood. She works with Re/Storing Nashville to bring more food to her community.

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# What YOU Can Do to Help!

## *Straight from the mouths of Glendale's children*

"Learn about Glendale's missions." - Sadie "Pick up trash!" - Ren "Don't pollute." - Celia

"Try to pray every day." - Sadie "Protect Animals." - Celia "Be nice." - Ren "Be an example of hope." - Paul

"Do Room in the Inn." - Reid "Recycle everything you can." - Sadie "Be good." - Ren "Grow a garden." - Sadie

"Get involved in something!" - Paul "Have fun!" - Ren "Exercise, stay strong. Don't eat too much candy." - Sadie

"Eat less processed foods. Eat more healthy and fresh foods." - Sadie "Write letters!" - Celia

"Share what we have." - Celia "Give helpful, good advice on how to help." - Walden

"Encourage people that if they don't agree NOT to start a war." - Sam  
(Erin: "I wish we could tell that to the president.")

"Try not to pull branches off trees when they are still alive. (It's okay when they are dead.)" - Sadie

"Give money when you can." - Sadie

"Be gentle with each other." - Danny, channeling his sister, Emmie.

# One Billion People in the World Are Hungry!

## *Glendale Children Learn How to Affect Change by Writing Letters to Congressperson Cooper*

When the kids gathered with Sharon Hiett in late July to learn about how to affect policy and create change, they learned all kinds of things like what an advocacy group does (like Bread for the World), how many people in the world are hungry (1 billion, which includes many children) and what causes hunger (not enough jobs, lack of money for food, low pay, poor education, the unfair treatment of women and natural disasters.)

Most importantly, they learned that kids can do something about hunger—like writing letters asking for change, helping out at Luke 14:12, giving food like peanut butter at last year’s food drive, raising money at Crop Walk and praying—adding hungry people in the world to their prayers at night. The kids of Glendale were quick to recall that it was important to mention the significance of writing their letters on empty plates.

“The plates represent the empty plates of the 1 billion people who are hungry in the world. Congressperson Cooper should pay attention to these letters when he gets them,” said the kids.

When asked why we should write letters to our Congress members in the first place, the kids respond, “Because he [Congressperson Cooper] has the power to make change.”

Sounds like Sharon Hiett and Bread for the World made a lasting impression on the kids.



*Glendale kids with their letters to Congressperson Cooper, asking him to support the Childhood Nutrition Program.*

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## The Last Word

### *One-word prayers from the Glendale Children*

**Happiness** (Patrick)

**Helpfulness** (Reid)

**Laughter** (Celia)

**Hope** (Paul)

**Joy** (Walden)

**Kindness** (Sadie)

**Love** (Marissa)

**Peace** (Joanna)

**Energy** (Erin)

**Justice** (Danny)

**Sleeping** (Owen)

**Wisdom** (Emma)

**Love, again!** (Sam)