

PULPIT Announcements

The worship leader and pastor of a HOPE Packs church have a very important, but very simple task, to make HOPE Packs a successful and enjoyable activity for your church: Encourage and remind your congregants to participate. Here's how:

Sunday before Kick-Off Sunday

- Make a brief announcement about the HOPE Packs Kick-Off coming on Sunday, such as:

Our church has a great opportunity to help two people at the same time! By participating in the HOPE Packs campaign beginning next week, (DATE), through (DATE), our church will provide meaningful work for the adults at Elim's Adult Services AND will provide essential school supplies for children in local communities. Please pray about this opportunity as a family ~ to help build a hopeful future for local children in need while also providing meaningful work for men and women with disabilities.

- If you and your HOPE Packs Coordinator have identified a goal, share that goal with the congregation.
- If Elim's ministry is new to your church community, please show the "Intro to Elim" video (located on the HOPE Packs webpage) sometime before, during, or at the end of your worship services.

Kick-Off Sunday

Remind your members how easy and fun it is to get involved with HOPE Packs by:

- Telling your congregants that today's the day to receive their donation envelope and bookmark gifts for your HOPE Pack campaign. Remind them that dozens of other churches are participating in this campaign to provide HOPE Packs for disadvantaged children in their communities.
- Make sure to pass out the cards and envelopes to every congregant.

- Show the first HOPE Packs video during your worship service.
- Remind your congregation about your HOPE Packs goal (if applicable).

Next Two Sundays

Please take a brief opportunity to remind your members that the HOPE Packs campaign continues. Encourage congregants that their participation can make a life-long impact on many local children. Even more, it can mean work for Elim's adults, something that gives purpose and dignity to their days. Don't forget to show videos 2 and 3 in these weeks to give your congregation a deeper view into who they are impacting.

Final Sunday

Remind your congregants that today's the day to return their HOPE Packs envelopes. Direct them to the proper location for drop-off. Also remind them that they can make online donations at elimcs.org/hope-packs. Let your congregation know that their donations will be returning to Elim that very week and you'll be getting a report back from Elim in the fall. Encourage the congregation to pray for the impact of your church's drive, both in the lives of the adults who assemble the kits and the children receiving HOPE Packs.

HOPE Packs Report

Following your campaign, at some point in the fall, you will receive a report from Elim about exactly how many HOPE Packs were provided by your church and by all the participating churches combined.

Please share this report with your congregation and encourage them to get involved with Elim's ministry as a volunteer.

