

Global Justice Week

Statistics:

1/7 of the world's population lives in slums.

By the year 2030 the likely number of people living in slums will reach to 2 billion people.

What You Can Do:

Get a nametag at CCF that says "1/7", and wear it around all day Thursday.

Change your Facebook status to say 1/7.



Thursday Devotional- Slums

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased"
Hebrews 13:16

"Rather, in humility consider others better than yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others"
Philippians 2:3-4

Learn More:

<http://goo.gl/rZuqu>
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/slum
<http://goo.gl/pXuli>

Daily Focuses:

Monday | HIV/AIDS

Tuesday | Child Exploitation

Wednesday | Natural Disasters

Thursday | Slums

Friday | Refugees

Today's world tells us that we should look out for just ourselves. Starting from an early age, we are taught that money and fame define who we are. We have to get good grades in high school to get into a good college. We have to do well in college in order to get a degree and a high paying job. We have to perform well in our job to get the promotion and make more money.

In Philippians it says that we must consider others better than ourselves. It's easy to get caught up in the world and just go through the motions, but think about what we could do if we really take to heart the words in Philippians.

One seventh of the world's population lives in slum conditions. Take a second to imagine that number...that's over 900 million people. Kibera, a large slum in Nairobi, Kenya, is home to over a million people in one single slum. The slum population in India is larger than the entire population of Great Britain. It is a worldwide condition affecting all types of people. These people have families, they have wives and husbands, mothers and fathers and children, they are just like you and me. As you walk past CCF today take a second to imagine what it would be like to live in a slum like the one constructed in the front yard. Imagine that as your home.

It all starts with knowledge. We act on what we know and what we believe. As we read yesterday, we believe that God is working for the good of those who love him, and that he works through us to bring help to others. What we know is that there is great work to be done. That is why people have to know; that is why there is a slum in front of CCF right now and it is why we are stepping outside of ourselves to get someone to ask why.