

Project Liberia Fundraisers

Devastated after 14 years of civil war, the churches of Liberia are trying to rebuild themselves, and at the same time, reach out to their hurting countrymen, offering Christ's hope to a hopeless nation. As Christian brothers and sisters, we can also offer the hope of Christ by helping the Liberian churches to reconstruct demolished buildings and serve the needs around them through programs and ministries designed to bring about positive, long-term changes in the families and communities in which they serve.

The E.C. Church in America has committed to pray for and raise funds to support the work of the thirty-nine E.C. Churches of Liberia. MMK's Can Help! Please prayerfully consider leading your group of children in a fundraising project that will support the ministries of the Liberian churches as they work to rebuild their communities and their country. Consider some of the following ideas, and then take off from there to brainstorm your own ideas that will fit your own group. Kids can be powerful motivators and excited workers when they feel that what they are doing is worthwhile and important.

*Consider putting together a bake sale or spaghetti dinner for your church and community members. Advertise well, get the help of parents, and have the kids present a brief program telling about the needs in Liberia.

*Consider organizing a walk-a-thon or a bike-a-thon. Have children and families get sponsors to donate money for the Liberian churches. Prepare a flyer to give to sponsors to explain the plight of the Liberian people and how we can help.

*Consider raising money through a "chore sale". Allow children to volunteer their services to do chores or help with household or yard projects in return for a donation toward the Liberia fund.

*Consider setting up a semi-permanent snack stand in your church. Serve coffee, and other drinks and homemade cookies or treats before or after Sunday School time on Sundays for a set number of weeks. Include a donation basket for the Liberian churches at your stand, and pass out flyers to your customers about what you are doing.

*Consider organizing a church wide yard sale in your church parking lot. Each family should set up their own donated items and then return to take home what is not sold. Advertise that all proceeds and monetary donations will go to support the churches of Liberia.

*As a variation of the above, consider organizing a used book sale or a clothing sale. Set a blanket rate of \$.25 or \$.50 per item to make it simple. Donate leftovers to the local library or homeless shelter.

*Consider working with a local business or restaurant. (Maybe someone in your church owns one) Some businesses will match an amount you earn, thereby doubling your efforts. Some businesses will donate a percentage of the profits earned in a given amount of time, or the profits from all sales accompanied by a specific "coupon".

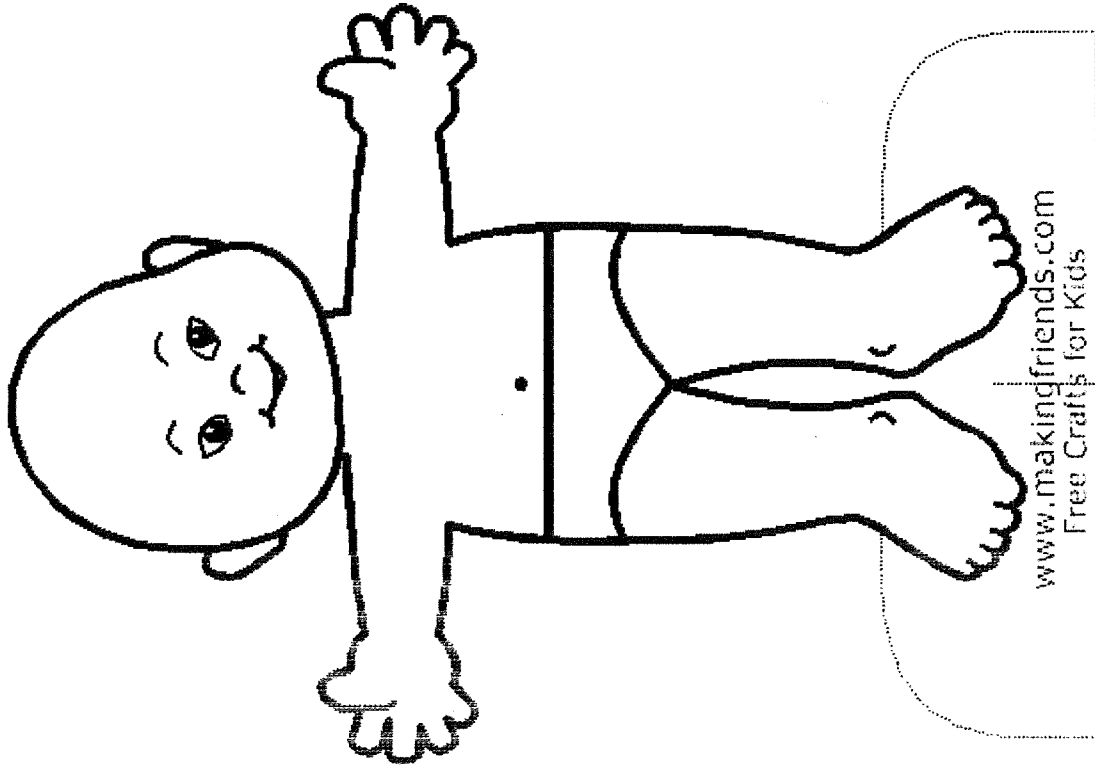
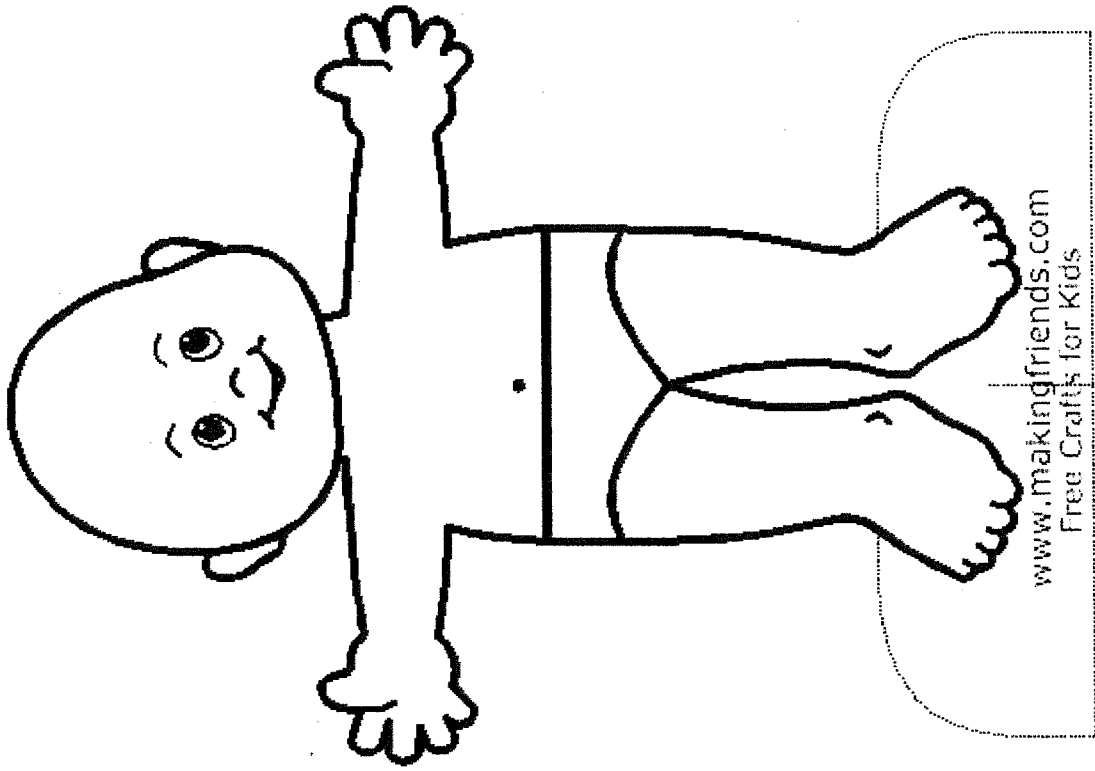
Whatever you come up with, be creative and get your group excited about it. Work together and get the help of parents and church members. When you are finished, you can send all donations to :

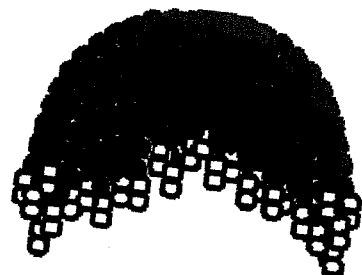
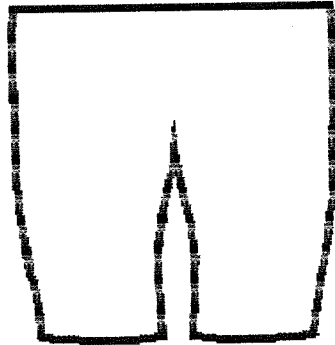
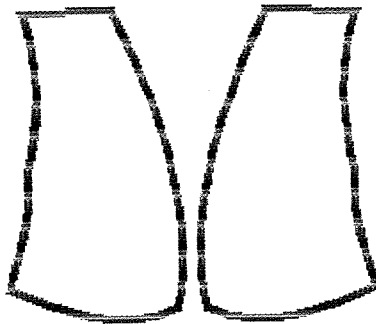
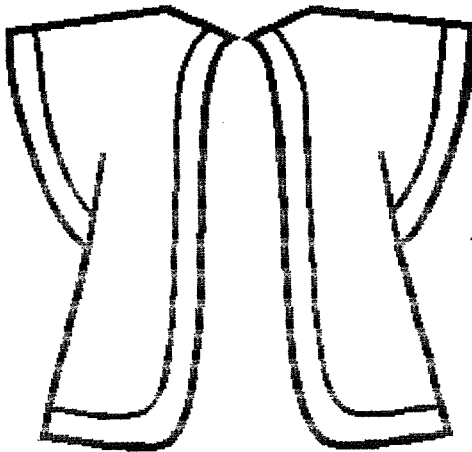
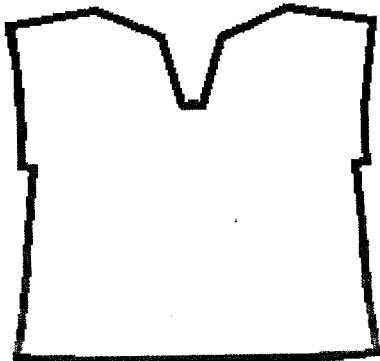
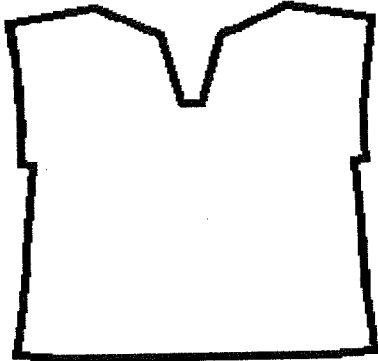
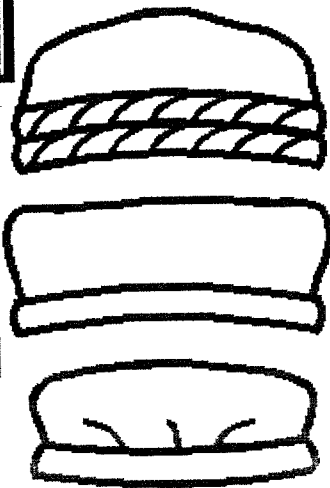
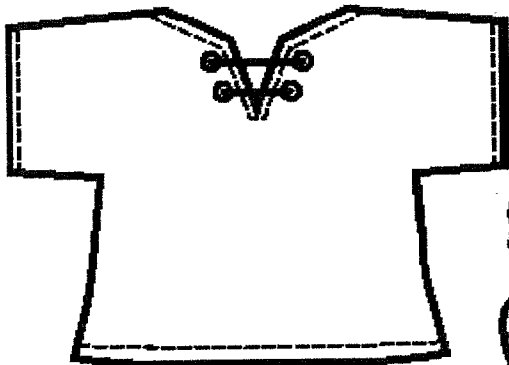
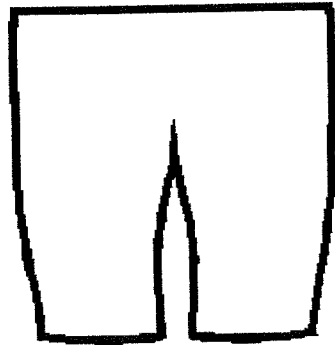
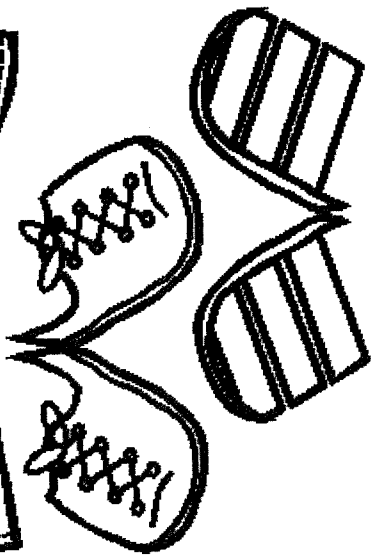
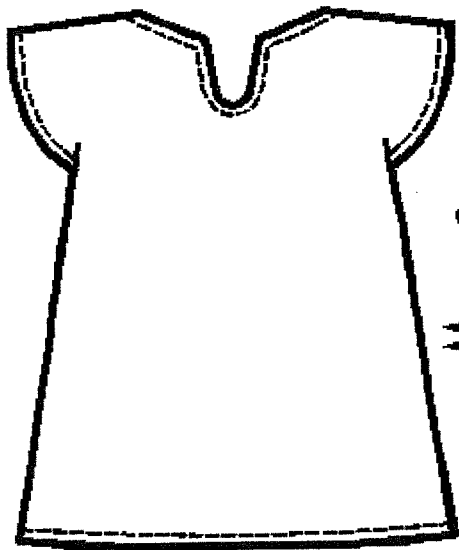
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With your donation, please send along a story, or even pictures of the ideas you came up with to earn money for the Liberian church. It may be possible to pass those stories and pictures on to the Liberian people. What a wonderful blessing to our brothers and sisters to find that American children loved them enough to creatively earn money for their ministries.

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