

# **Blue Bag Ministry**

Our Blue Bag Ministry is empowering Life Groups (LG) with the opportunity to minister to the homeless through filling bags with items and distributing them to anyone they come into contact with during their day.

## <u>Overview</u>

Working together as a Life Group, you will:

- Choose someone to coordinate this ministry within your LG;
- Take up an offering within your LG to buy supplies;
- Purchase the food supplies at a store and pick up Blue Bags & Gospel Booklets from church;
- In a gathering and a time and place suitable for the LG, put enough bags together so that each person can take 3 or 4 bags to keep in their car and distribute as needed;
- Pray for the ministry and the opportunity to hand out the bags;
- Share stores in your LG about your experiences of passing out the bags.

### Step by Step

- 1. As a LG, pray for the ministry and decide when you want to plan the bag stuffing event. It only takes about 5 mins for 10 people to stuff 50 bags.
- A few weeks before, take up an offering within your LG to buy supplies. LG's can choose to buy for and pack as many bags that are needed for the size of the LG. On average about 3-4 bags per person. \$20 is enough for approximately 50 bags.
- 3. Buy water bottles, crackers (no peanut products) and fruit snacks at any store such as Costco or Walmart. Only buy non-perishables and items that will stay well in a hot car. Consider packing utensils if you buy things like apple sauce or canned fruits. If you do buy canned items, be sure they can be opened without a can opener.
- 4. Contact <u>lauren@crossbridgecommunitychurch.com</u> to arrange pickup of the Blue Bags & Gospel Booklets to go in the bags.
- 5. At the stuffing event, include the kids and share stories about your experiences of passing out bags. Talk to the kids about God's love for the poor and broken-hearted.
- 6. Distribute the bags and put them in your cars to hand out to the homeless as you come upon them.

### Thank you for Making Christ Known!!

#### The Glocal Missions Team

Contact <u>lauren@crossbridgecommunitychurch.com</u> with any questions.