



Christmas in August is a ministry of the Women's Missionary Union and provides a simple way we can directly help North American Mission Board missionaries by sending them supplies they need for their ministries. The collective effort to purchase and gather the items, pack them, include notes of encouragement, and pray over them is all part of a meaningful opportunity to learn about, pray for, and support a missionary.

This August we will be collecting supplies for **Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Peru, IN**. Led by Pastor Brad Eckerley, the Church is engaging its local elementary school through Buddy Bags, which are filled with kid-friendly, individual-sized, nonperishable, and nutritious food items that children can prepare on their own. The school has approximately 500 students, and over half of the families qualify for the free-and-reduced lunch plan, which means they fall below the poverty line. The Buddy Bag meals/snacks will help sustain children during longer breaks when school is not in session. The church would also like to encourage the teachers — who purchase school supplies and necessities for their students out of their own pocket — with gift cards.

Items Needed

individual microwavable mac and cheese sleeve cup or other single serve microwavable meal

juice boxes

shelf-stable fruit (applesauce, fruit strips, or individually packaged fruit cups)

instant oatmeal packs, granola/fruit and grain breakfast bars, muffins, or toaster pastries

meat sticks

individual trail mix bags

individual fish-shaped/cracker/snack bags

individual bags of ramen soup

small bags/sleeves of cookies

microwavable Chef Boyardee bowls

Amazon gift cards

Donations must be received by Wednesday, August 21 for packaging.