

Feed the need: 10,000 meals have been packed, shipped off

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Hale joined about 80 other students in the school's gym Friday, packing 10,000 meals of dried rice, soy, vegetables and a nutrient mix sealed into individual meals for Feed the Need, a nationwide fundraiser sending basic meals to people facing extreme hunger.

About 80 of North Coast's 100 students have raised more than \$16,000 since October. One-third of the proceeds goes toward the meals, while the rest supports North Coast Christian School, a registered nonprofit.

Packing party

The students who raised funds, decked out in green and orange Feed the Need T-shirts and blue hairnets, took shifts on a production line in the school's gym Friday. Plastic bags in hand, students went from station to station, as their peers scooped in measured amounts of dried rice, vegetables, soy and a yellow mineral/vitamin mix, a basic packet of sustenance heated in warm water by the recipient.

Kirstin Salmi, principal and a teacher at North Coast Christian, said fundraisers like Feed the Need help connect kids with a mission, whether its serving overseas or in their community. Of the 10,000 meals, Salmi said, 8,000 will go to Haiti, and another 2,000 to Clatsop Community Action's Regional Food Bank.

Helping the younger kids pack were school staff and parents, including Rhonda Muhr, a main organizer of the Feed the Need fundraiser. "Christ served others, and we want to instill that in our kids," she said.

Supporting school

The school will use its two-thirds of the fundraiser to build an outdoor basketball court, install a rock-climbing wall in the gym, upgrade its buildings and enhance curriculum for students.

"With a nonprofit, we have no government money," Chris Schauermann, the school's superintendent, said. "It's donations and tuition. That's how we survive."

The school gives out thousands of dollars in scholarships to students each year, he said, and has held an auction for 25 years to raise money. This year, he said, the school was contacted by the Champion Group, which organizes Feed the Need and other fundraisers for charities, ministries and schools.

The Champion Group gave North Coast Christian a goal of \$35,000. The 10,000 meals have been packed and shipped off. The school had raised only \$16,739 as of Monday afternoon, including support from more than 20 local businesses. Schauermann said the fundraiser was the biggest the school could have taken on, but that students are dedicated to raising the full amount. "We tell the kids, 'You know; Jesus was a giver, and the Bible says it's more blessed to give than it is to receive.'"



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ABOVE: North Coast Christian School fourth-grader Sophia Ely reacts as other students and teachers pour food into bags to be sent to Haiti on Friday in Hammond. BELOW LEFT: Jaise Wright, sixth-grader at North Coast Christian School, pours rice into a bag to be sent to Haiti.



North Coast Christian School students, teachers and other volunteers work to fill bags with dehydrated food to be sent to Haiti on Friday in Hammond.

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