



## BOL kidz learn fun lessons about serving others

**T**HE Children's Ministries Department has set out to teach our young ones the importance of spiritual growth and serving others. "We want to instill the service ethic in them while they're young," says Leader **Lynniece Garnett**. "We're trying to teach these principles in fun and creative ways that they can relate to and understand."

Some of these Children's Ministries activities were shared at the recent Ministry Fair. Among them was the **ADRA for Kids Garage Sale**, during which BOL children donated and sold their clothing, books, and toys. The nearly \$300 raised went to the Adventist Development & Relief Agency for Kids program to help provide food, shelter, books and essential supplies for needy children around the world. Lynniece noted that \$300 goes a long way in some economies: \$1 provides a day of school for a Bulgarian child; \$2 buys school supplies for a Salvadorian kid; \$2 educates a displaced Somalian child in a refugee camp. Meanwhile, BOL parents were encouraged to visit the ADRA for Kids website to show how every charitable effort directly impacts other children.

Another recent activity was the "**Good News Treasure Hunt**," an alternative to the traditional Easter egg activity. The hunt was held in the church garden to teach the children about the Passion Week, leading up to Jesus' resurrection. The children hunted for Easter-themed clues hidden throughout the garden. Those who solved the "good news clues" received prizes. The children also enjoyed goody bags of healthy snacks and participated in crafts and storytime.



Regarding future plans, the Children's Ministries Committee is considering a Vacation Bible School, an October Festival, a family shelter Christmas party, and Children's Church. Lynniece is seeking more volunteers to help with activities. She is also asking parents of children aged 3-11 to complete a survey to help determine the ministry needs of our children. For more information about the survey and about Children's Ministries in general, e-mail Lynniece at: [niecena@gmail.com](mailto:niecena@gmail.com). ☞ PHOTOS

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