

# COINS FOR KIDS 2023

## 2023 Fundraiser Packet

Follow us on our adventures  
as we raise money for Coins for Kids

**AFRICA OASIS**



# Welcome!

Thank you for choosing to support Coins for Kids!

As leaders, we have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus by supporting missions through BGMC/Coins for Kids.

Coins for Kids is the National Girls Ministries missions giving project of BGMC. It was created to give girls the opportunity to develop a heart of compassion through an emphasis on missions. As girls pray for missionaries and give money to support missions, our desire is that they will feel the call to go and participate in missions themselves.

This Coins for Kids packet was developed to take your missions experience to a new level. The goal is to share details about this year's project. This packet includes fun activities, a devotion, and fundraising ideas to help leaders share the vision of this ministry with the girls under their leadership.

The Coins for Kids project this year is Africa Oasis. As a ministry, Africa Oasis helps to provide clean drinking water in Africa. Access to water, clean water, changes *everything*—health, educational opportunities, and family finances. Coins for Kids will raise money to provide bucket water filters and water education to African families. These filters have been proven to eliminate over 99 percent of all contaminants and bacteria in water. One filter provides enough daily water for a family of up to ten people and, when properly cared for, can last for a decade. This will be a life-changing benefit for many African families.

As leaders, we want to encourage you to lead by example. Lead by being the first one to pray for and consider supporting Africa Oasis. God has called us as leaders to model what Jesus commanded us to do in His Word.

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

## Blessings!

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# Coins for Kids- Getting Started

This packet is just the beginning! Every year the National Girls Ministries office selects a project to highlight. Resources are provided such as this Coins for Kids Fundraising Packet, a promotional video that highlights the current missions project, and additional resources that are available at [ngm.ag.org/CFK](http://ngm.ag.org/CFK). As you introduce this year's project, help your girls make the connection about how their involvement with Coins for Kids is making a difference in the lives of girls just like them around the world!

## Make a Plan

Make a plan to introduce this year's project to your girls. Use any of the available products and resources so your girls can get involved right away. Provide each girl with a **Coins for Kids Promo Card** and play the promotional video during your time together.

## Set a Goal

Challenge the girls to set a goal to give for the year. Provide a time for your girls to pray and ask God what He would

have them do in response to the need presented with the 2023 project. You might be surprised by what they will give! Use the *Faith Promise Cards* and the *Coins for Kids Goal Coloring Page* for girls to write out their goals. Remember, these are amounts that will exercise their faith in giving, not just what they have to give.

## Get Started

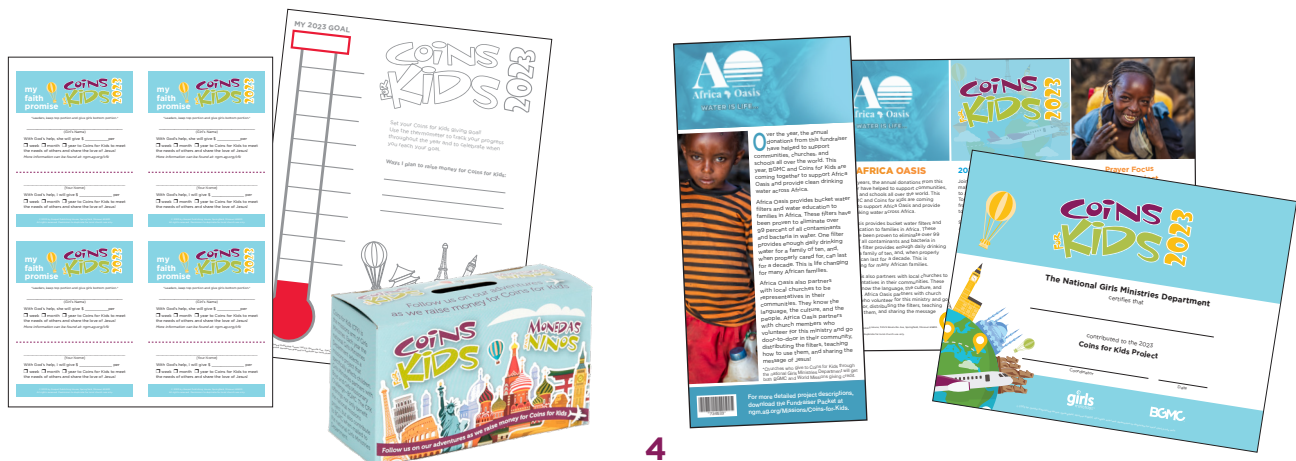
Provide each girl with a **Coins for Kids Offering Box**. Set aside a time each week, month, or quarter to collect the boxes from your girls. As your girls begin to give, celebrate with them by presenting each girl with a *Coins for Kids Giving Certificate*.

\* **Bold** indicates products are available for order at [MyHealthyChurch.com](http://MyHealthyChurch.com).

\*\* *Italic* items are available for download at [ngm.ag.org/CFK](http://ngm.ag.org/CFK).

## Keep Going

Don't stop now! Plan for regular times throughout the year to highlight the 2023 missions project, engage your girls



in missions-focused activities, remind girls of their giving goals, and collect their missions offering. Use this packet as a guide throughout the year to keep missions as an active part of your ministry to girls.

### **Nationwide Girls Ministries Event**

The National Girls Ministries team offers a free downloadable, themed packet each year with all the details you need to plan and execute a great event. During the event, we encourage leaders to challenge their girls to bring an offering for Coins for Kids.

### **Send It In**

Send in the funds that you have collected for Coins for Kids to the Assemblies of God national office. You can also submit offerings online at [www.giving.ag.org](http://www.giving.ag.org). Simply search for the “Coins for Kids” account. You may also fill out the Designated Offering Form in this packet and you can send it in the mail. Be sure to submit your Coins for Kids offerings by December 31, 2023. Anything submitted after that will automatically be applied to next year’s project.

### **Celebrate!**

Once the total is tallied from the giving year, share it with your girls and celebrate in a big way! Thank them for the difference that they are making across Africa by helping to provide clean drinking water.



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Africa  Oasis

**WATER IS LIFE...**

# Coins for Kids 2023



# Africa Oasis Feature

**W**ater is life, but it can also be death. By the end of this day, hundreds of African children under the age of five will have died from illnesses linked to unclean drinking water. And that number will be repeated tomorrow and the next day and the next. Millions more will be sick, miss school, and struggle with malnutrition for the same reason. There are places in Africa where they have access to water, but it is not clean water. They can use this water for household chores and bathing, but it's unsafe to drink. Imagine that the only water you have access to is dirty and often makes your family sick. What would you do?

Drinking contaminated water can cause severe diarrhea, typhoid, cholera, dysentery, and even polio. This project is going to change that for many women, children, and entire communities. Through your partnership with Africa Oasis, you will help to bring the gift of life-giving water to multiple communities, touching thousands of lives! Access to water, clean water, changes everything—health, educational opportunities, and family finances. Because of this project, communities will have water that is not associated with sickness and death. They will have access to an abundance of beautiful, refreshing, uncontaminated water. Africa Oasis is excited to partner with Coins

for Kids to provide bucket water filters and water education to families across Africa. These filters have been proven to eliminate over 99 percent of all contaminants and bacteria in water. One filter provides enough daily drinking water for a family of up to ten people and, when properly cared for, can last for a decade. This will be a life-changing benefit for many African families.

## **Here's a description of the strategy:**

Africa Oasis always partners with local churches. They are our frontline, on-the-ground resource. We know that God created the local church to be His representative in communities. In Africa, we have over eighty thousand local Assemblies of God churches. These churches are embedded in their communities. They know the language, the culture, and the people. They are present day in, day out, and they never leave. Aid organizations, teams, and even missionaries come and go, but the local church stays.

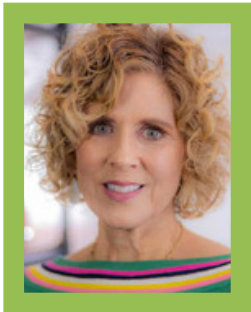
Church members volunteer for this ministry which allows them to go door-to-door in their community, distributing the filters, teaching how to use and care for them, and presenting the exciting news of the Living Water! Word and deed! This is Africa Oasis.

# Meet the Missionary

**C**oins for Kids is partnering with missionary Suzanne Hurst. We had the opportunity to connect with Suzanne and learn more about her and Africa Oasis.

**Interviewer:** Hey, Suzanne! We are so excited to get to know you more. Can you tell us a little bit about your story, how you got plugged into Africa Oasis, and how long you have been involved?

**Suzanne:** I went to Africa many years ago as a registered nurse, eager to use my health training to help African communities. I was amazed at how many illnesses that I saw Africans struggling with that were



preventable. This gave me a passion for working on health promotion and illness prevention. I have done this for many years in Africa. When the African AG leadership wanted to create a ministry that would help guide our compassion ministry efforts, I was asked to be the director. I knew I had to jump on board!

**Interviewer:** Wow! That is incredible and such a neat opportunity! How amazing that God directed all that and opened those doors. Do you have a favorite memory or story from your time in Africa so far?

**Suzanne:** Yes! A favorite memory I have is when we lived on the coast of West Africa. We did a huge African road trip with our family of five. We have three kids and drove all the way to Timbuktu and back! Yes, there really is a place named Timbuktu. It was an amazing adventure. One New Year's Eve, we rode camels out into the Sahara Desert with a group of Tuaregs (a nomadic people group) and ate a local dish under the stars while sitting on a sand dune. To this day, it is one of my adult missionary kids' favorite memories.

**Interviewer:** Oh, wow! What a cool experience! What is the craziest animal you have seen in Africa?

**Suzanne:** An okapi. It's only found in the Congo. It's very unusual, like a cross between a giraffe and a deer.

**Interviewer:** I have never heard of them! I can't wait to look up what they look like. So, just a few more questions to get to know you and some of your favorite things! Are you ready?

**Suzanne:** Totally!

**Interviewer:** What is your favorite color?

**Suzanne:** Oh, this is hard as I love lots of colors! I would say, maybe orange.

**Interviewer:** What is your favorite food?

**Suzanne:** I also really love food. I love food that has a lot of flavor and spice, so I am going to say Ethiopian food.

**Interviewer:** Okay, what is something you enjoy doing for fun and find relaxing?

**Suzanne:** Hiking! I love walking around outside and being out in nature.

**Interviewer:** One final question. The money we raise for Africa Oasis, what will it go for specifically?

**Suzanne:** Great question! The money specifically will be used for purchasing water filters. The cost of a water filter is about thirty-five dollars each. A water filter will help to provide clean water for up to ten people a day and will last for about a decade.

**Interviewer:** That is so awesome! So as we come together, we can help a lot of people have clean water in Africa!

**Suzanne:** We sure can! We can change the world, together!





**For thirty-five dollars, you  
can provide clean drinking  
water for up to ten people  
a day for a decade!**



# Make Your Own Water Bottle Holder



## Materials for Each Holder

- 16.9 ounce empty water bottle
- Craft foam
- Self-adhesive craft foam shapes
- 7 feet neon green Rexlace plastic lacing
- 20 plastic pony beads
- Lanyard hook
- Hole punch
- Pen
- Scissors
- Ruler

## Directions

**1.** Wrap the craft foam around the bottle. Mark the size on the craft foam with a pen and cut a piece to fit around the bottle.

**2.** Use the hole punch to punch eight holes evenly spaced on all four sides of the craft foam wrapper.

**3.** Cut a piece of Rexlace about three feet long. Use it to lace the short sides of the wrapper together from top to bottom like you would lace a shoe. Tie the ends together in a knot. Slide the pony beads onto the ends of the Rexlace. Tie another knot to hold them on.

**4.** Cut another piece of Rexlace about two feet long and lace it around the top of the wrapper. Tie the ends in a knot. To make a handle, feed a pony bead onto one of the loose ends of the Rexlace, then

tie a knot after the bead with the other piece of Rexlace. Tie four more pony beads onto the Rexlace, then add the hook and tie one more knot.

**5.** Slide the water bottle into the wrapper. Stand the wrapped bottle on the craft foam and trace the bottom. Cut out a circle of craft foam for the bottom.

**6.** Punch eight holes evenly spaced around the edge of the circle. Cut a piece of Rexlace about two feet long. Lace the circle onto the bottom of the wrapper. Slide pony beads onto the ends of the Rexlace. Tie a knot.

**7.** Decorate your water bottle holder with the foam shapes.

As you use your water bottle holder and pause for a drink, take a few minutes to pray for the people in Africa!



# Africa Feature

**A**frica is the second-largest continent in the world and there are fifty-four countries in Africa. There are more than 1.4 billion people who live in Africa. The continent of Africa has one billion people more than the United States. That is a HUGE difference!

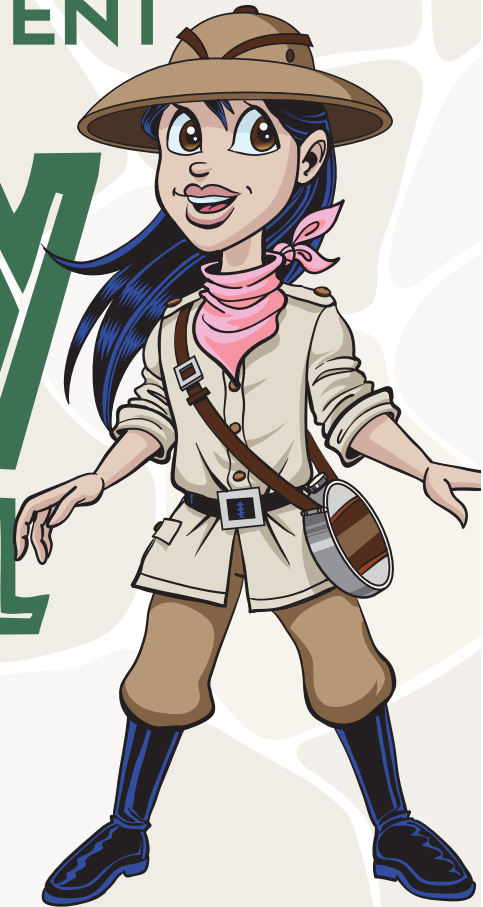
- In Africa, 75 percent of the population does not have access to clean water.
- The largest country in Africa is Algeria. The country with the most people is Nigeria, with more than 219 million people.
- The largest city in Africa is Lagos, Nigeria.
- The Nile River is the longest river and it runs 4,258 miles.
- The tallest mountain in Africa is Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Mount Kilimanjaro also has three volcano cones, and the highest peak is 19,340 feet.
- There are more than three thousand different people groups living in Africa and most of them have their own language and culture.
- Africa is known to have the Big Five game animals. These animals include the lion, leopard, black rhinoceros, African bush elephant, and African buffalo.



# 2023 GIRLS MINISTRIES EVENT

# WILDLY WONDERFUL

PSALM 104:24



## What Is the Event Theme and How Do You Use It?

Every year, National Girls Ministries releases an *Event Theme Planning Guide* to give you intentional, focused material that is designed to strengthen and minister to girls, with a special emphasis on missions. These materials give you devotions, activities, and discipleship material to use in a variety of ways.

This event can be scheduled on any date during the year that is most convenient for your church or district. For elementary-age girls, it's a great way to launch the year and invite guests to church. The event is

designed for any church to use as a girls-only event. It is a great tool for outreach to the community!

The 2023 Girls Ministries Nationwide Event theme is *Wildly Wonderful*. During the Girls Ministries Nationwide Event, girls will go on a safari adventure and discover how Wildly Wonderful our Creator God is and how He has wildly and wonderfully created them.

Not only is the event fun for girls, but the *Wildly Wonderful* event will also talk about Africa Oasis and give the girls hands-on experiences to see how important clean drinking water is.

# Fundraising Ideas

## January: Pop Out for Missions

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Challenge your girls to give up soda pop (or something else) during the month of January. The money that they would have spent on soda pop (or candy or snacks) could then be given to Coins for Kids, which will help to provide clean drinking water this year in Africa.

## February: Parents' Night Out

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Host a date night for parents to go out on the Friday before/after Valentine's Day! Some activity ideas for the kids would be movies, cookie decorating, game night, pizza or snacks, and simple crafts for them to do. Determine the cost of hosting the event and recruit a team of volunteers who will help during the night. You can charge per family or child to cover childcare and supplies, and ask for a donation of Coins for Kids. Have promotional cards there for the parents to learn about the project.

## March: 10-10-10 Challenge

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Encourage the girls to find and ask ten people to give ten dollars to Coins for Kids and clean water in Africa. Ask parents to help by posting it on their social media. Explain that with the purchase of one water filter, ten people can have clean water for up to ten years!

## April: Silly String for Coins for Kids

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Purchase Silly String and have the girls buy a can for five dollars. At a designated time, girls can spray the Silly String on a leader. This works best outside or in an area without carpet.

## May: Womens' Craft Night

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Host a fundraising craft night for women at the church. Encourage the girls to bring their mom, grandmother, or someone close to them to come and participate. If you do a paint night, see if you can get a local artist to come in and help teach painting techniques to the group.

## June: Walk-a-Thon

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Create a pledge sheet and give a copy to each girl a few weeks before the event. Have them get people to donate toward your missions project. Schedule your walk-a-thon during the time you meet, and walk together around your church grounds. While you are walking, spend time praying for missionaries in Africa.

## July: Lemonade Stands

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Ask the girls in your group to set up lemonade stands around the community and raise money for Coins For Kids. On a Sunday, host a lemonade stand for the entire church and have the girls help to run it.

## August: Ice Water Challenge

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Label a bucket for each leader on your team. Throughout the month, have girls put money in the leaders' buckets. For fun, you can include a photo of each leader on her bucket. At the end of the month, the leader with the most money raised gets ice water dumped on her. Set a goal and, if the girls reach that goal, then all of the leaders will get ice water dumped on them.

## September: After-Church BBQ Lunch

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Provide an after-church lunch for people to purchase and eat together. Have the girls sell tickets the week before the lunch. Serve smoked pulled pork on a bun, coleslaw, baked beans, and potato chips! Yum!

## October: Rake Leaves

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When the leaves drop in the fall, encourage the girls and their families to rake yards to raise money for Coins for Kids.

## November: Ducks of Giving

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On the bottom of one hundred rubber ducks, put a dollar amount with numbers from 1 to 100. Ask people to adopt a duck and donate the amount equal to the number on the duck they choose. Encourage them to pick a meaningful number such as a birthday, anniversary date, or favorite number.

## December: Jingle Mingle Christmas Market

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Recruit local craft vendors to host a table and sell their craft items at a vendor fair. Charge a fee for vendors to set up their tables. Along with that, host a bake sale during the event with all proceeds going to Coins for Kids. Ask local businesses to give to a silent auction at the event. This can be a great opportunity for people to buy last-minute Christmas gifts and shop locally.



# Designated Offering

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## COINS FOR KIDS 2023

Africa Oasis Project

**AMOUNT**

