

Older children or teenagers can arrange a car cleaning afternoon or a sponsored event (with the help of responsible adults!)

For adults there are a number of ways to have fun and raise funds at the same time.

- Hold an all day breakfast, coffee morning or cream tea and have a collection for AMEN.
- Have a games evening or a garden party with outdoor games. Serve international snacks.
- Have a recipe party where everyone brings a favourite dish and the recipe.
- Have a pamper evening.
- Have a themed meal – e.g. serve international dishes from the new AMEN recipe book.
- Use craft or cookery skills to raise money – people like to buy hand made cards, baby clothes or preserves.
- Hold a clothes or toy swap.



Practical hints

A large collection of coins can be very heavy!

Most supermarkets have a machine which will count coins and convert them into bank notes. This does involve paying a small percentage but saves hours of counting and bagging up small change.

Enthusiasm is catching!



AMEN, 79 North Road, Dartford, Kent DA1 3ND
Regd. charity no 1057626
E-mail janet@amentrust.co.uk



“Small change can make a big change”

Fund Raising ideas from AMEN

Arrange a collection of small change. Give people enough notice to let them start collecting their small coins ready for the collection day. If this becomes an annual event then people will save their coins on a regular basis and large amounts can be raised.

To get children involved, use ways of collecting the money which will engage their imaginations. A chain of coins laid around a church or hall is time consuming but very visual. One church promised to match the amount that the children raised in this way, thus giving them the challenge to get as many coins as possible.



For an appeal for water filters, each child was given an empty plastic bottle with a slit cut into it and taped round. These were labelled “AMEN Water Filter appeal.” The church was shown a short film about the water situation in Manila and a visual aid of unclean water in a bottle reinforced the message (water mixed with gravy granules and Worcestershire sauce makes a convincing polluted water sample!)



The children also decorated cakes and biscuits which were sold to raise more money.

For an appeal for **school bags** the children could be given a cheap pencil case and asked to fill it with coins. Pictures of the children who receive the school bags are inspiring – children love to design posters to promote a collection or decorate buckets to collect coins in.

