

COIN DRIVE DELIVERY PLANNING

As part of our Change not Chains Campaign we are emphasizing that in order to cancel the bilateral debt of the additional countries in the Jubilee Act, it would cost only 40 cents per US resident. If each citizen paid 40 cents per year we could eliminate the debt service to the US by some of the world's most impoverished countries. Poor countries currently must send \$100 million a day in debt service payments and free up their monetary resources for vital social services such as healthcare, clean drinking water, and adequate housing. One interesting way to illustrate this is for your group to deliver a jar full of this "pocket change" to your Member of Congress's district office.

GETTING STARTED:

Step 1: Brainstorm a list of places that you can have a coin drive.

Here are some ideas:

- A) Children could collect coins in Sunday School
- B) Start a collection at your work
- C) Start a collection at your local schools
- D) Collect coins during fellowship hour at church congregation



**MILLIONS FREED
FROM THE CHAINS
OF DEBT AND
GLOBAL POVERTY.**

CHANGE, NOT CHAINS

Places Where Coins Will be Collected	Person Responsible for Collecting the Coins
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Step 2: Get Supplies Ready

For containers you can use jars or cardboard boxes/coffee containers with slits cut into the top of the box. Label the coin containers explaining the project.

Here is some sample messaging:

40 cents = Millions freed from the chains of debt and poverty. Today, please donate for change not chains. The person who will be responsible for supplying containers is _____.

Step 3: Distribute containers and collect coins

The deadline for our coin collection will be: _____

Step 4: Designate a day that you will visit your Member of Congress the week of February 15th.

The date that you will visit your member of Congress will be _____.

The people that will attend the coin drop off will be

Name	Contact Information
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Step 5: Designate one person to read the letter to the staff at your drop off. The person who will be responsible for speaking at the meeting will be _____.

Step 6: Designate a time and a meeting place that you will gather at before your drop-off to collect the coins. The place we will meet will be at _____ and we will meet on _____.

Step 7: Do the drop off. Please designate someone to take pictures of your event and send them back to Jubilee USA so that we can share your event with others that are a part of the Jubilee family. The person who will be responsible for taking pictures at the event will be _____.

Step 8: Celebrate! Your group has taken action against global poverty.

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS TO HELP YOU GET READY FOR YOUR COIN DRIVE.

Get supplies ready:

- ◇ Containers: Use heavy duty zip lock bags, coffee containers with coin lids cut with xacto knives. You can also use water jugs.
- ◇ Labels for coin boxes explaining the project: Here are some sample messages that you can use.
- ◇ 40 cents = millions freed from the chains of debt and poverty. Today I donate for change not chains. Drop the debt for the world's poorest countries pass the Jubilee Act.
- ◇ Change Not Chains- This is my fair share as a US Resident to cancel the debt of the world's poorest countries to the US in the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Debt Cancellation
- ◇ This pocket change can bring real global change.

Plan Your Publicity at the Locations where you will be having collection coins:

- ◇ If you are collecting coins in a church or Sunday school ask your pastor if you can post a note in the church bulletin advertising your coin drive.
- ◇ In your community decorate some containers for neighborhood businesses and request their permission to collect coins in stores.

When Collecting Coins

- ◇ Bring heavy canvass bags to collect coins.
- ◇ Remind people as the due date draws near to bring in additional coins for your delivery.

After your Delivery:

- ◇ Announce the results and say thank you to the members of your community, businesses, and churches that participated. the whole school community (posters,announcements, newsletter, etc)
- ◇ Recycle containers, save anything useful for next time
- ◇ Be happy and proud of your work!

LETTER FOR COIN DELIVERY

We are here as constituents of Congressman/woman _____ to urge him/her to cosponsor the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation. We present this collection of our pocket change to represent our fair share as US residents to cancel the debt of the world's poorest countries. The global economic crisis forced an estimated 100 million more people into extreme poverty around the globe, and yet poor countries still send \$100 million per day in debt service payments to wealthy countries. For just 40 cents per U.S. resident per year, we can expand debt relief to countries who need it most.

The Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation would expand debt relief eligibility to 22 additional countries that desperately need it.

- ◇ The Act would give up to 62 countries the chance to qualify for debt cancellation, up from the current 40 that are eligible under the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries and Multilateral Debt Relief Initiatives.
- ◇ The Jubilee Act calls for a removal of economic conditions from debt cancellation, like requiring impoverished countries to privatize much-needed resources or freeze all hiring and salaries for health care workers. This will help more poor countries to qualify for debt cancellation, as well as channel more resources towards poverty alleviation.
- ◇ The Jubilee Act fights corruption and makes governments more accountable to their citizens in poor countries. It encourages input from civil society in directing new funding to fight poverty, greater transparency, and better financial management, making them more accountable to their own citizens.
- ◇ The Jubilee Act recognizes the mistakes of unsustainable lending and harmful economic conditions imposed by creditors resulting in poor countries suffering through the debt crisis and crushing poverty.
- ◇ The Jubilee Act requires responsible lending from creditors like the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in the future, preventing another debt crisis like that of the 1980s.
- ◇ The Jubilee Act calls for an audit of lending of previous governments to those impoverished countries to determine if the debts are odious or illegitimate.

We urge _____ to cosponsor the Jubilee Act. The passage of the Jubilee Act would bring life-giving debt cancellation to the world's poorest countries, providing them with critical resources to reach the Millennium Development Goals. We hope that Representative/ Senator _____ will accept this offer of change and break the chains of debt.