

Students Go Hungry to Feed Others

Students in the United States and abroad not only turned down their plates to fast during World Vision's latest 30 Hour Famine, they also helped raise money for starving children in other countries.

In late April, participants fasted for 30 hours, performed community service projects such as feeding the homeless, cleaning up shelters and giving care packages to hospital patients. Some students even slept outside to try and duplicate the experience of young people in impoverished nations. Partakers also raised money to donate to World Vision's efforts to end child hunger and build wells in nations around the world.

At press time, the total amount of money raised was unknown, but organizers were hoping to collect \$12 million as a result of the famine. Since 1992, students worldwide have raised more than \$130 million for the project.

But for some kids, saying no to food was a challenge. "I wanted to open their eyes so their compassion for the hungry would increase," said youth minister Ross Runnels, of Canoe Creek Christian Church in St. Cloud, Fla. He said it was

important for
students “dragging their heels” to get involved with the
famine.

Students are sacrificing by:

- » **Fasting for 30 hours**
- » **Sleeping on sidewalks**
- » **Feeding the homeless**
- » **Making care packages**