



Drew Williams and Josh Power are building a fire to cook their first meal in Ghana



Ramey Mull and Austin Siau are pounding casava flour with a pestle (looks like a tree and is) and mortar bowl. They made fufu bread from this. For lunch they had water, fufu bread and soup. The soup was made of tomatoes, casava root, okra, carrots and parsley.

Georgetown Presbyterian Church children go on a mission trip

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Five children from Georgetown Presbyterian Church have already experienced what it is like to do mission work — and to live without the luxuries they have — thanks to a trip they recently took to the Boston area.

Debbie Barron, head of one of the GPC children's ministries, said the trip to a farm in Rutland, Massachusetts took place in early August.

The 6th and 7th graders who participated are Ramey Mull, Hannah Fesperman, Joshua Power, Drew Williams and Austin Siau. Five adults also took part in the trip to the Heifer Mission farm.

Once there, the children and adults were divided into three groups. One group had to spend their time living like people in Guatemala.

Another group were living like they are from Poland and the third took on the roles of people from the Appalachian Mountains in the U.S.

That part of the trip was called Glob-

al Gateway.

It is a 24 hour experience in which the children made lunch, dinner and breakfast for themselves in one of the Global Village sites.

Each family was given an instruction book with recipes and a critical situation to solve which could only be read by the Head of Household.

They were given currency to purchase their food from the market, noting that \$2, or the equivalent, was already allocated to baby milk.

As part of the role playing, the baby may or may not survive. Should the "baby" not survive, the entire family was to mourn the loss for one solid hour by not doing any manual labor, no talking, no playing, no preparing or eating the meal.

They were to sit and contemplate the loss of life for an hour.

"It was an amazing experience. Our children got to see what hunger was really about. All they had were things like bread and soup.

They could not have the Cokes and candy bars they were used to having,"

Barron said. "They got to see that when they got hungry they got grumpy and testy. But, they knew they had to work together to collect firewood and prepare the food they had."

She said the entire group left with "a deeper appreciation for the things they have."

Barron said for years the GPC children have been collecting money for Heifer Mission which has used the funds to purchase animals.

The trip gave them an opportunity to see firsthand how their money is being used.

"Before leaving the farm, we presented Heifer International with a \$500 check for two camels," Barron said.

Heifer International is a global nonprofit with a proven solution to ending hunger and poverty in a sustainable way. Heifer helps empower millions of families to lift them out of poverty and hunger to self-reliance through gifts of livestock, seeds and trees and extensive training, which provide a multiplying source of food and income.



Hannah Fesperman is eating a carrot pulled from the farm.