



Out on a Limb

Objective:

This activity is an interactive way for participants to learn about poverty while spreading the facts about poverty to others. The objective is to hang items from tree limbs that represent poverty facts so other people become informed about poverty.

Set Up and Material:

- Tree Hanging facts (included in this activity). Enlarge and laminate these tags.
- Items that illustrate each fact. Find these items in garage sales, basements, or thrift stores.
- String, scissors

Activity Instructions:

Divide participants into groups of two or three. Give each group a kit that includes one Tree Hanging fact, corresponding items, string, and scissors. The groups will use the string to hang the facts and corresponding items in visible places such as tree limbs, door frames, the backs of chairs, etc.

- If groups are going outside to hang items from trees in their neighborhood, send a leader with each group.
- If you want to hang these items in the church, consider having leaders climb on ladders and hanging them from the ceiling.

Not sure about “Corresponding items?” Here’s a hint:

Fact: Three out of four rural Nicaraguans don’t have access to safe drinking water.

Corresponding Item: Get four plastic water bottles. Fill one with clean water and fill three with “dirty” water. Hang them from the same tree limb.

Be Creative! Gather items that represent the fact to give it greater impact.

Tree Hanging Facts



3 out of 4 rural Nicaraguans don't have access to safe drinking water.



Nearly one billion people entered the 21st century unable to read or sign their names.

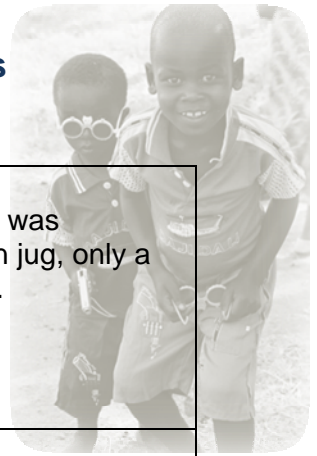












Hunger Challenge

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 <p>Half the world's population lives on an income of less than \$2 a day.</p>	 <p>If the entire world's water was represented by this gallon jug, only a tablespoon of it is usable.</p>
 <p>Presently, 2.4 billion people lack access to improved sanitation.</p>	 <p>More than half a million women die in pregnancy and childbirth every year. Of these deaths, 99 percent are in developing countries.</p>
 <p>Less than one percent of what the world spends on weapons was needed to put every child into school by the year 2000. It didn't happen.</p>	 <p>Nearly 1.2 billion people in the world live on an income of less than one dollar a day.</p>
 <p>More than 100 million school-age children in the developing world are not attending primary school.</p>	 <p>One in ten households in the U.S. is living with hunger or is at risk of hunger.</p>
 <p>In the developing world, 850 million people are illiterate; nearly two-thirds of these are women.</p>	 <p>The basic health and nutrition needs of the world's poorest people could be met for an additional \$13 billion a year. This is less than Americans and Europeans spend on pet food annually.</p>