

FUND RAISER PROJECT....Purse Sale

When our Women's Ministry Team attended the training workshop in Atlanta, Georgia this summer and we heard that our theme for this year was "Good to Go" we were so excited! Our creative juices started to flow and PURSES, PURSES, PURSES, was all we could think about!

What woman doesn't love purses! We decided that one way to raise some money for a special project our church is involved in was to have a giant used purse sale. We collected over 700 used purses from our church, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc., We rented our local community building, advertised in our bulletin and placed "USED PURSE SALE" fliers in all the local beauty shops. We then cleaned and priced the purses the day before. We made sure that the prices were very reasonable. We even had a section at the purse sale for "little girl's purses". The best way we found to put a price on each purse was to use a colored plastic zip tie (the kind you use to tie all your computer wires together with). Then we had a poster board with "White = \$1.00 Black = \$2.00, etc. "

The day of the purse sale came and we were so surprised! God sent women from everywhere! Our youth also had a bake sale that day! We raised over \$2000!! A lot of the women that attended said, "What a neat idea!" God used something as simple as purses to bring so many together and we had a great time.

The money was raised for the Dorcas House in Burkina Faso. Pete and Alice Brokopp are very dear to our church and our youth and this is a ministry they are involved in for the women of Burkina. I have attached the brochure from the Dorcas House for your information.

Whether you use this idea for raising money for this years National Project or another mission's project, it was so much fun and God really blessed! If anyone has any questions, please e-mail me at j.turnq@verizon.net

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