

# LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORTS RIGHTEOUS RIDES ATLANTA HUB



It was FBC Thomaston that provided the first van for the Atlanta hub 12 years ago.



This year's VBS theme, "God at Work," was a springboard for introducing how Righteous Rides supports God's missionary work.

## SUMMER VBS SUPPORTS RIGHTEOUS RIDES

By: Dannie Smith, Atlanta Hub Coordinator

This summer First Baptist Church of Thomaston, Georgia, featured Righteous Rides as their Vacation Bible School missionary project. All week long children and their leaders watched videos of missionaries serving in various parts of the world.

VBS children arrived each day with sandwich bags filled with coins to put in the offering buckets; boys and girls competed to have the "boy bucket" or the "girl bucket" tip the scale, showing who had donated the most that day. And each day, the children were led in a CHEER for Righteous Rides and all the missionaries. At the end of the week, the final total of the missions offering was revealed. The children had given \$1722! With over 150 vans in the fleet now serving missionaries, the financial donation will certainly be put to good use.

One by one or in excited groups, children would arrive daily with an item for a missionary kid of their own age—toys, crayons, games, travel cups, and more. These were collected to place in goody bags for missionary kids traveling in a van. Volunteers from the Righteous Rides Atlanta Hub shared photos of missionary kids receiving their own personalized goody bags. The goody bags are a fun, practical project for the VBS kids to contemplate and donate towards. They donated almost 200 items that will be used to show care to missionary kids from all over the world. We are so grateful for the gifts received!!

More importantly, it was encouraging to hear of so many children responding to the gospel when the invitation was given. We trust these children will continue responding to Jesus's commission to go and tell as they grow in the grace and the knowledge of the Lord!

Thank you, FBC Thomaston, for your generosity and support!



Dannie Smith talks with the kids about the need for supporting missionaries with reliable transportation.



For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.  
Hebrews 6:10 NLT