

**Everything
you always
wanted to know
about**



**the
Missions Auc-
tion**

Community Bible Church

WHO

The CBC Missions Auction exists to bless our Missions Family. We support 24 missionaries who serve all over the world. Money raised at our auction is used to give a "bonus" to each missionary and is also used to fund emergencies that may come up in the lives of our missionaries. Last year almost \$40,000 was raised!

Be sure to learn more about each of our missionaries through the Missions Conference when many will be at CBC, and also through the prayer list and update letters they send out throughout the year.

WHAT

What is an auction? An auction is a sale where items are put up for bids, and people can enter into the bidding if they want to buy that item. Each person is given a bidder number so the auctioneers can keep track of who buys what. If you win a bid, you will need to show your number so they can mark it down. When you leave, your total will be added up and you pay at that time.

You never know what an auction item might go for, especially at CBC! Once in a while you'll get a real bargain, but other times people will bid against each other to see how much they can pay for a jar of jelly or pickles or a blackberry pie. And be sure to be there for the sale of Linda Esbenshade's beautiful cake! Many other great items are offered as well, like quilts, crafts, paintings, floral arrangements, handmade furniture, theme baskets, and tools. Some things up for bid are for future events, like a special meal, a weekend get-away, a trip to a baseball or football game, or even a turkey hunting day with Pastor Jeff!

WHEN

Since the auction is for the benefit of our missionaries, we have changed the timing in the past few years so it coincides with our annual Missions Conference. The auction this year will be on **Saturday, March 24**, beginning at 9:00 am and going until 3:00 pm

(or maybe a little later!). Many of our missionaries come to the auction and help as runners or elsewhere, and also take time to visit with people. This can be a great way to spend some time rubbing shoulders with many of them!

WHERE

The auction is now held in the **MPR at CBC**. Over the years, the auction has outgrown the original location in Dale Hiestand's barn, a tent behind the old church, the Maytown Fire Hall, and the Riverview Elementary School.

Childcare is also held on site, with our Junior and Senior High students providing activities for three-year olds through fifth graders throughout the day.

WHY

In 1985 the Women's Fellowship group came up with the idea of having an auction to raise money to be able to give our missionaries a surprise gift. It was so successful that it became an annual church-wide event. Although the money is no longer a "surprise" for our missionaries, it is greatly appreciated

Here's one "thank you" we received last year:

"Dear CBC, We just wanted to thank you for the gift from the proceeds of the mission auction this year. Thanks to everyone involved for making it possible. We will be able to use the money to offset the cost of our airline tickets this summer when we travel home for a year of home assignment. We look forward to seeing many of you and even participating in the auction next year!"
Thanks again, Brad and Rebecca Howe.

This is WHY we do the auction every year!

HOW

How can YOU be involved? You can be involved in several ways!

1. You can plan to donate something to the auction. An auction is only as good as the items that are there for sale, and the congregation at CBC has always stepped up and given above and beyond.
2. Come to the auction and be a buyer! It is a great way to have some fun while showing love for our missionaries and what they are doing for the Lord.
3. Help is also needed on the day of the auction in the kitchen or by donating fresh baked goods for the food table.

Donations for the auction need to be brand new or handcrafted. (The auction is not the time to clean out your basement or garage.) If you have a skill or hobby that produces interesting items, that is a great place to start. If you love to cook and make special meals, or have a family cabin that you could donate for a weekend, that is another way you can contribute. Please let us know of any larger donations so we can promote them!

We will begin accepting donations at the beginning of March. Tables will be set up in the back hallway, to the right of the MPR. You can drive right up to the back door if you have any large items to drop off. Watch for more details to come out as we get closer to the date.

Donations will be accepted March 3 - 24, 2012 in the hallway along the side of the MPR.

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