

## **SKIT**

This skit (*or, more accurately, this narrated pantomime*) can be used at the time of a minute for mission or as a children's sermon.

(The clown picks up a deflated globe, looks at it curiously, then tries to blow it up with no success. Alternatively, an ordinary person can walk up to the table and do the same, then lay the globe on a table or altar after he/she has no success, and walk away.)

**Narrator:** The world is in pretty bad shape. Millions of hungry people have nothing to eat because of drought, war, or poverty.

*(The clown takes an empty plate off the table while rubbing stomach, or a person can walk by carrying an empty plate and rubbing stomach hungrily.)*

Millions of people have no clean water and must bathe, do their laundry, bring their animals to drink in the same river water which people must drink. This dirty water makes them sick and their children die, but they have no choice.

*(The clown picks up jar of dirty water and holds it at arm's length with a disgusted look, or a person walks by with jar of dirty water doing the same.)*

Millions of people are victims of disasters C earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes. They become homeless with family members killed or injured.

*(The clown looks at pieces of wood or bricks and shakes head sadly, or person walks by looking dejected, with an armload of debris.)*

Millions of people want to work but have no jobs. Whole communities need industry but have no skills or money to start small businesses. Sometimes workers are paid such small amounts that they can barely feed their families.

*(The clown turns out pockets or shakes pocketbook upside down, or a person walks by doing the same.)*

Yes, the world is in terrible shape. There seems to be so little love or hope. What can we do? We can't save the world's hungry or homeless or poor.

*(The clown shrugs shoulders and throws deflated globe into trash can, or a person walks up to globe on table, throws it in trash can, and walks away shrugging shoulders.)*

Wait! Here come the Presbyterians bringing gifts. It seems they have taken One Great Hour of Sharing offerings and are able to help.

*(The clown perks up, looking around.)*

Here's food for the hungry--grains, vegetables and fruits. And seeds to plant so the poor can grow their own food. Look, there are tools too! Where did all this come from? Oh! The Presbyterian Hunger Program. Thank you, friends!

*(The clown nods excitedly and claps hands as messengers bring in a bag of groceries, seeds and a hoe, and put them on a table or altar. As messengers walk away, the clown gets globe out of trash can and begins to blow it up. Or the "ordinary" person walks back, looks at the gifts, smiles, gets the globe and begins blowing it up slowly as the narrator continues until all the gifts have been put on table.)*

Here are more gifts. There are tools to help the victims of disasters. Here are clean water and wells for whole communities. Here are blankets for the refugees. Did you say Presbyterian Disaster Assistance donated these things? Thank you, friends!

(The messengers bring blankets, jar of clean water, shovel and put them on the table. Clown or person shakes hands with messengers, then continues blowing up globe.)

Here come more friends with different gifts: tools to learn skills, and money to help the unemployed start their own small businesses. You say they want to help the poor to help themselves? That's the Self-Development of People program. Thank you, friends!

*(The messengers bring hammer and a large dollar bill and lay them on the table; clown or person dances around, blowing up globe.)*

I'm sure these things will help the suffering of our world in many wonderful ways. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering achieves far more than we realize as it touches the lives of people around the world. It fills the world with God's love!

*(The clown or person hugs the fully inflated globe, then holds it up high.)*

adapted from a skit by Karen Schmidt, Hunger Action Enabler Philadelphia Presbytery