

Dig For Victory



During these tough economic times everyone has to be thinking about how to make ends meet and how to save money and how to secure the food we put on our tables. Before the Second World War started Britain imported about 55 million tons of food a year from other countries. Understandably, the German government did what they could to disrupt this trade. One of the main methods used by the Germans was to get their battleships and submarines to hunt down and sink British merchant vessels.

With imports of food declining, the British government decided to introduce a system of rationing. This involved every householder registering with their local shops. The shopkeeper was then provided with enough food for his or her registered customers.

The government also introduced a **Dig for Victory** campaign that called for every man and woman in Britain to keep an allotment. Lawns and flower-beds were turned into vegetable gardens. Over ten million instructional leaflets were distributed to the British people. The propaganda campaign was successful and it was estimated that over 1,400,000 people had allotments.

It is my belief that as a people we need to be moving towards a self sufficient lifestyle relying less on supermarkets and more on what we can produce for ourselves. We need to **Dig for Victory!** One of the ways we can do this is to grow our own food.

There are a number of our members who have allotments and gardens that they use to grow food.

Ellen White states in the Adventist Home page 141, "Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provision; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one." Some of us may not be able to leave the cities now but we need to raise our own provision now! All members can be involved in this project and all will benefit. Perhaps you could turn it into an evangelistic project by establishing a Farmers Market and invite the community to come in and buy the produce. Why not encourage your church family to participate in this project and **Dig for Victory!**

If you want to be a part of this food security project I am proposing the establishment of an Adventist Allotment Food Producers Association (AAFPA) bring together those of us who have expertise in this area to move towards self sufficient living. Your task will be to forward to Mavis Bramble Stewardship Secretary a list of names and contact details of the food producer's, allotment owners, and farmers in your church. You can reach Mavis at mbramble@secadventist.org.uk. Once these details have been received we will then convene a meeting to establish a regional organization with the view of having local Area and District chapters.

Let us come together and **Dig for Victory!**

The One Can,Can Project

The One Can, Can project is a food bank initiative started at the Edmonton SDA Church, it's aim is to help alleviate hunger in the community, One Can at a time. Members are encouraged to buy an extra can of food each week to be brought to and stored at church for the purpose of it being distributed to those in need. One Can, Can make a difference to a family who would otherwise go to bed hungry.

What can you do to help the hungry in your community? Join in! One Can, Can make a difference!

For further information please contact me at rdelisser@secadventist.org.uk

Make a difference,you know you can!



EDMONTON SDA FOOD BANK PROJECT

ONE CAN, CAN!



BECAUSE ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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