

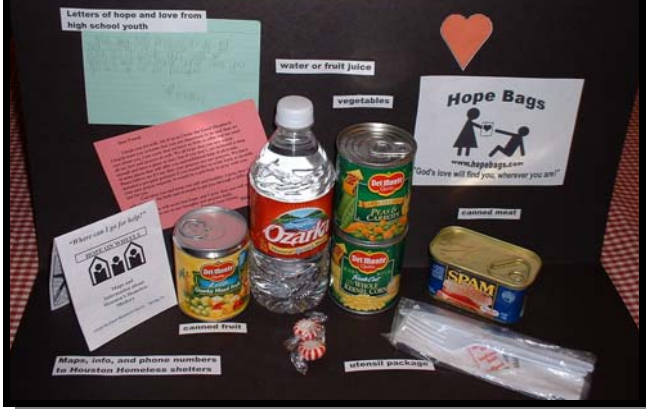
The answer is E!

None of the suggested responses is very effective and a cash gift might be misused, so how can we as Christians fulfill God's call to tend these sheep?

Give them food, love and hope!

Put the three items above in a plastic grocery bag (let's call it a Hope Bag), put it in your car, and the next time you encounter a homeless panhandler, give them the Bag! Or even better yet, get your whole church or youth group to do it! Here's how it works:

Contents of a Hope Bag



The "Food"

A non-perishable meal of pop-top cans

Meal ingredients:

1. Plastic knife, fork and spoon (or picnic pack)
2. 1 bottle of water or fruit juice (12 to 16 ounces)
3. 2 canned vegetables (8 ounce with pull-tops)
4. 1 canned fruit (8 ounce with pull-tops)
5. 1 canned meat (small Spam, chicken or tuna with pull-tops)
6. Several hard candies or gum

The "Love" (free!)

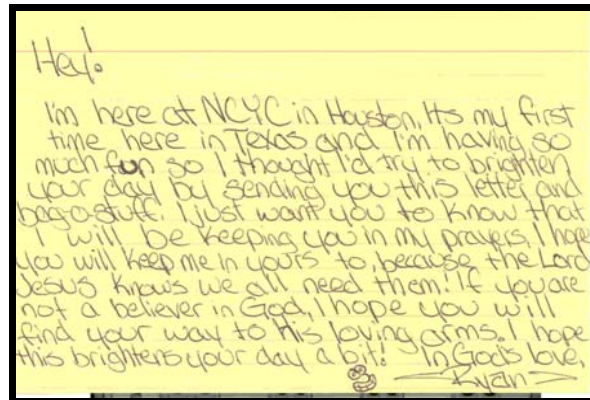
Letters of love, hope and concern, written by youth or adults



Personal letters are the heart and soul of Project Hope Bags. Rather than ignoring the homeless, we choose to "flood" them with God's love and concern! Each Hope Bag contains one or more short letters written by the youth. The letters do not contain any personal information, just the loving, reassuring touch of God!

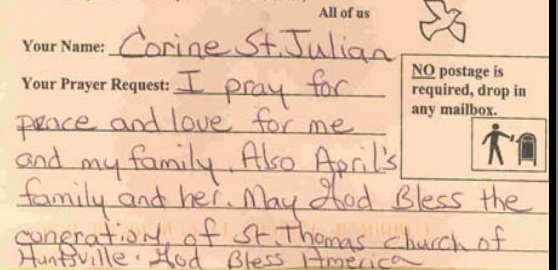
Suggested Phrases to use:

We care about you	We will pray for your family
We will remember you	God loves you
We will not forget you	You are not alone
I'm sorry	Peace be with you
God bless you	We will pray for your safety
We will not ignore you	Be hopeful
Take care of yourself	We love you



The "Hope"

Hello My Friend,
I hope you are well. I am sorry that this is all we have to offer; I hope it helps. We have included this pre-paid post card for you to write back to us. If you respond, we will pray for you, we will not forget you, and we will not let others ignore you. It doesn't matter who you are; we want you to know that we care and will always care. May God be with you now and forever,



Hope Bags often contain a map to local shelters and a pre-stamped return postcard that the homeless can mail back with their prayer requests! Returned cards are shared with the church or youth group, and their prayers are added to our own!

