

## Minute for Mission

**WHEN TO USE:** *Before Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday*

In Romans 12:13 we are told: Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. This congregation certainly obeys that command.

As you are probably aware, next Sunday is the FOOTBALL Super Bowl. Our church will also have our S-O-U-P-E-R Bowl (of Caring).

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger. We are joining other churches, schools, organizations and individuals across the country to fight hunger and poverty by collecting dollars in soup pots next Sunday. What is collected stays in the community to help fight hunger, but we report our total to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters so that they can come up with a grand total.

Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, the founder of Souper Bowl of Caring, said, "It is a way for young people to put God's love into action by developing a heart for helping others. The goal is for these young people to see they can make a difference and for them to continue contributing through volunteerism when they reach adulthood."

In 2010, over 13,000 groups raised over \$10 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other helping charities. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, over \$60 million has been given to help those in need. The Souper Bowl of Caring most often benefits local food banks and soup kitchens, but world hunger organizations, denominational missions and other international ministries have also been recipients of Souper Bowl of Caring dollars. Our collection will go to (*charity name*). May God bless our gifts.