WHAT IF YOU COULDN'T READ?
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LITERACY IS A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE

- 32 million adults in the United States are unable to read.¹
- The link between academic failure, delinquency, violence and crime is welded to reading failure.¹
- 85% of all juveniles who interface with the court system are functionally illiterate.²
- More than 70% of inmates in America’s prisons cannot read above a fourth grade level.³

Sources:
¹U. S. Department of Justice
²dosomething.org
³BeginToRead.com
The Three Primary Elements of the Reading Changes Lives Initiative

1. September 2014 – One Read – Rob Shindler’s *Dogs and Hamburgers*

2. March 2015 – March Forth for Literacy

3. July, 2015 – General Synod 2015 in Cleveland – Service projects will work with community partners in the Cleveland area. Cleveland is one of the challenged areas in the country regarding illiteracy. We are asked to bring new books to Synod to be shared with children and adults within the northeast Ohio area. They will also collect school supplies for our Global Ministries partner in Cairo.
WHAT CAN **YOU** DO?
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?