

## 2008 Year in Review



## Work Continues as Cholera Flourishes in Zimbabwe

Thanks to your support, Feeding The Nations (FTN) was able to help 24 nations and 10 states in 2008. Thousands of children and adults received vital nutrition and the Word of God because of you. But while we celebrate those changed lives, our work is far from being done.

Currently the nation of Zimbabwe fights a horrific crisis. An estimated 75,000 Zimbabweans have been affected by a recent cholera outbreak. Reports show 3,600 people have already lost their lives to this preventable disease. All 10 of the nation's provinces have fallen victim to the outbreak and with no existing medical infrastructure, the government struggles to assist its own people.

Medical supplies are on their way, but they cannot heal the sick without the missing component of proper nourishment. FTN is sending \$290,000 worth of aid, four 40-foot containers with 85 tons of food and vitamins. The relief will bring 921,000 meals to those in need. Celebration Center and Life Ministries in Harare, Zimbabwe, is ready to receive these resources and distribute them to the sick and hurting. But to make this happen, we need your help.

Your support will help FTN get this vital nutrition to those who need it most. Please join our mission in helping us fight this cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe. To help, simply go online to [FeedingTheNations.org](http://FeedingTheNations.org) or send your donation with the enclosed reply card provided. Any gift will make a difference and show the people of Zimbabwe that they matter. ■



### Inbox Updates

Don't wait for snail mail to get the latest news from FTN. Sign up for our email updates so you can stay current on all the life-changing work we are doing. Be a part of God's call to reach the hungry, forgotten and destitute by subscribing at [FeedingTheNations.org](http://FeedingTheNations.org).

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This past year brought many hurdles to Americans from the economic downturn to the near collapse of the housing market. Yet even during such difficult financial times, so many of you still found it in your hearts to help the less fortunate. Because of you, FTN was able to assist 24 nations and 10 states throughout 2008. Over the last 4 years we have now been able to reach 45 nations with an estimated \$56 million worth of aid. None of this would have been possible without your loving support. We thank you for joining with us to show Christ's love and generosity to those less fortunate. And we look forward to reaching more nations with even greater aid in 2009... and beyond.

**Bangladesh** • Purchased 2,525 blankets and 2,550 scarves within the country to provide warmth for over 5,000 people and to help stimulate the local economy after Cyclone Sidr left 3,447 dead and more than 20,000 homeless.

**Botswana** • Provided over \$77,300 worth of food, vitamins and seeds to those in need.

**Myanmar (Burma)** • Gave \$41,000 of aid after Cyclone Nargis left tens of thousands dead and millions more hurting. FTN team members used \$25,000 to purchase food and water within the country. The remainder bought eight Vortex® Voyager water purification systems that clean 200 gallons of water per hour or 4,800 gallons per day, with all eight in operation.

**China** • Joined with World's Children Fund to purchase \$31,220 worth of food, water, blankets, tents and medical supplies after an earthquake with the force equal to 400 nuclear bombs left just under 70,000 dead and millions homeless.

**Ethiopia** • Sent 131,000 pounds of food worth \$175,000 to help the needy people in Gondar and Addis Abba. At the Beta Israel encampments on the outskirts of Gondar 10,000 Jews live. With their belief in Jesus even as Jews, they have been rejected by Israel, area Christians and Muslims, and the Ethiopian government. They have no money, medical care, food or clean drinking water.

**Burkina Faso & Niger** • Teamed with Gleanings for the Hungry to supply several hundred people with 41,500 pounds of dried peaches and nectarines worth \$63,785.

**Haiti** • Reached the hurting nation (including 12 orphanages) with 190,000 pounds of vitamins, assorted canned vegetables, fortified cereals and liquid nutritional supplements worth \$133,326. Four storms in just four weeks hit the country, unleashing destructive winds and rain, flooding entire villages and leaving an estimated million people homeless.

**Honduras** • Assisted 400 orphans of The Amor Cristiano International Orfanatorio Emmanuel in Guaimaca with 87,200 pounds of food worth \$88,456, thus providing the children with 541,728 meals.

**India** • Supported 700 school children with lunches five days a week in four cities. FTN also provided \$20,000 to help persecuted Christians in Orissa receive food and shelter. The resources aided 55 children and 90 adults who had been living in the jungle for 69 days with no proper food or clean drinking water. Nearly 87 of the adults were dehydrated and suffering from injuries, while 38 children were suffering from illness, malnutrition and dehydration. The support made it possible to transport the children to a hospital 10 to 12 hours away.

**Israel** • Supplied supplemental food assistance for 200 families in four cities thought out 2008.

**Kenya** • Partnered with Global Assistance to ship 541,278 vita-meals worth \$92,092 to a nation gripped by an AIDS epidemic. In addition, FTN gave \$250,000 worth of prenatal and children's multi-vitamins to clinics and hospitals. A new medical clinic was opened along with the three churches built by FTN in 2006 and 2007.



**Nicaragua** • Reached 183,000 people who were desperate for nourishment due to increasing food costs. Over 2,000 pastors joined together to distribute the food and preach the Good News in 15 of Nicaragua's states. As a result, over 124,000 people gave their lives to Christ.

**Sudan** • Provided 285,000 vita-meals valued at \$54,500 to feed thousands of children in need. The food is still en route now and will hopefully be arriving soon to help nourish these children.

**Uganda** • Sent 750,000 bowls of vegetable soup worth \$90,000 for the orphans and widows in Kampala, Uganda. The shipment will be arriving soon to help feed those in need.

**Zimbabwe** • Gave 87,000 pounds of food, planting seed, clothes and supplies to orphans, vulnerable children and the destitute throughout several villages in Zimbabwe where 50 percent of the nation's people depend on food aid for survival.

**Togolese Republic** • Worked with Dominion Faith Ministries to supply the hungry of Togo with 43,700 pounds of food.

**Tanzania** • Assisted the Free Pentecostal Church of Tanzania in giving 86,122 pounds of food and vitamins. An additional 121,473 pounds of yellow corn was purchased within the country to feed five villages.

**Malawi** • Nourished orphans, widows and those in need with 87,400 pounds of food worth \$120,000.

**Zambia** • Supported 4,000 orphans in 15 Christian orphanages and schools by giving them 167,000 pounds of food, 2,000 Bibles, as well as school and health kits. Over the last three years, FTN has given them 442,000 pounds of food and supplies worth \$4 million.

**United States** • Blessed 10 states with a total of 608,000 pounds of assorted food, vitamins, medicines, hygiene products and clothing.

**Russia** • Team members visited 80 homes throughout several small villages around Kakisalmi and Priozersk, bringing desperately needed food and encouragement to a place gripped by alcoholism, absolute poverty, extreme cold and dark depression. The team brought food and the love of Christ to the nearly forgotten villagers.

**Mexico** • Gave 80,000 pounds of food and vitamins to those in need.

**Ghana** • Provided approximately 2,000 pounds of over-the-counter drugstore items and assorted vitamins to two ministries in Ghana.





## THE President's COLUMN



2008 has been a year of challenge and a year of great blessing...

a challenge because of the world wide economic downturn we have seen hitting every sector of society, including humanitarian organizations and Christian ministries, and a blessing because of the many adults and children who were helped and blessed by our food and fueled by our prayers.

The JOURNAL begins in Bangladesh and the stories end in Russia, Mexico, Ghana and our main story of Zimbabwe. We reached so many in 2008, but there is still more to be done.

James 2:15-17 talks about the plight of a destitute people with no food or shelter, *"If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."*

We cannot just say "be blessed" and go on our merry way deliberately oblivious to the need. As believers we must mix our faith with works and our works with our faith.

Let us, His Body reach out and give more than we have reached before. This year let's stand in agreement with the Word, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* [Phil 4:19] Together may we stand in unity and determination to *"Do what God's Word says: Don't merely listen to it."* [James 1:22] Let's act on it!

President



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Showing Thanks



Again, we thank you for joining with us in 2008 to make a great impact for the cause of Christ throughout the world. The above image shows some of the thank you letters we received from the ministries we helped. They are a reminder of the real lives, heartbreaking stories and deep needs that our assistance helps touch. Because of you, we are able to offer hope to so many living in hunger, sickness and darkness. Because of you, grateful people around the world have met Christ in a very real way.

**Thank you.**



## Millions of Meals

Over the last three years, FTN has now given over 13,000,000 rice and vegetable meals to many nations around the world. That figure does not include all the other food products, vitamins, clothes, Bibles, school supplies, medicines and more that have been sent.

We have many partners who make this possible and would especially like to thank Feed My Starving Children, Kids Against Hunger, Gleaning for the Hungry, World In Need, Global Assistance, Hope In Action, Reach Now International, World Children's Fund, Cross International and Medical Missions International. Together we can touch the world for Christ.