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## Zambia

### Continuing the Commitment

Zambia is one of the 10 poorest countries in the world. Over 1 million children live on the street and many are orphaned, making it ever-so important for us to continue supporting 5,500 children in 17 Christian schools and orphanages with one meal a day.

Over the past five years, we have provided nearly \$7 million worth of food. This year alone, four containers with a total of 1,140,000 rice/vegetable meals have been sent to this nation. Thanks to our administrators on the ground, Dave and Connie Keating, those meals have been safely received, stored and distributed to the children in need.

Thanks to your support and partnerships with other organizations, such as Kids Against Hunger and Fox Valley Lutheran Schools, we celebrate these continued feedings. Over 300 kids took two days and packed 285,000 high-quality meals. Well done, Fox Valley, and thank you.

### A Recipe for Nutrition

Why are the rice/vegetable meals that we send to nations such as Zambia so important? In discussing his efforts in Zambia, Dave Keating, president of Missions Touch Ministries, explains:

Most of these children receive only one meal a day and any food served at home is at best, "tummy filler." .... After serving the rice casserole meals to schoolchildren over a period of even a month or more, we begin to see significant changes in the children's overall health. Children are excited to come to school and they are more attentive, and learn more. Many parents and/or caregivers have commented to us on numerous occasions about the significant energy increases that they have seen in these children.

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### SEEING RESULTS

Dave and Connie Keating have spent five years living in Lusaka, Zambia. For the past three years, they have worked as our administrators there. Because of their efforts, we can rest assured that all our provisions will be properly received, processed, stored and distributed—no easy task with so many children in need. To achieve this, the Keating's live in a secure location and oversee our storage facility in Zambia.

**So what results are they seeing?**



*The food provided has made a tremendous difference in the lives of these children. Teachers and parents alike have noticed significant changes in alertness, energy and classroom participation.*

*Attendance at school often doubles once a feeding program is established.*

*Grades have gone up where our feeding programs have been in place for more than a year.*

*The children easily recognize and are very excited to see the "food truck" arrive each month. Often the children come out and help off-load the food. Even the little ones want to carry something.*



Cambodia



## Zimbabwe

### Receiving Gratitude

Currently two 40-ft. containers of over 500,000 meals are en route to Zimbabwe as part of our continued support. We recently received a note of thanks from Tom Deuschle of Celebration Centre in Harare for 270,864 meals that they were able to distribute to over 12,500 people in 26 different institutions:

*Many homes have written to us letters of appreciation for the rice meals explaining what a big difference this food is making to the children. Some have said they use the meals as breakfast, lunch or supper; others have said they also use them as a form of packed lunch for school going children; still others say the fortified rice provides variety to the children's meals....*

*Thank you for donating these nutritious fortified rice meals, and feeding the underprivileged in the Nation of Zimbabwe! You are making an indelible mark in people's lives!*

## Cambodia

### Supplying Rice

We were pleased to have worked alongside Caleb and Sarah Wehrli (son-in-law and daughter of the late Rev. Billy Joe Daugherty) of Inspire International in reaching Cambodia. Through our partnership, we were able to purchase rice within the nation to give to those in need. Six villages received the provisions as part of their daily food distribution programs.



## Malawi: Hope and Higher Education

We recently provided the Shekinah/Kalibu Initiative for the Care of the Elderly and Orphans with a container of rice/vegetable meals. The organization works in the Mgoni Village in the Nsanje district, where it is building housing for orphans and widows. Many children have been orphaned due to diseases such as HIV/AIDS. Typically the village would take responsibility and care for the orphans, but many have left to seek better opportunities elsewhere such as in South Africa. Shekinah/Kalibu provides the children with food, shelter and education. In fact, their educational programs have been so successful that students have gone on to such prestigious universities as Cambridge.



## Haiti

### Sending Seeds of Hope

Since the quake first struck Port-au-Prince earlier this year, we have given over 600,000 pounds of much needed food, tents, water purification systems and seed corn. Thanks to our partnership with Pioneer Seed Company, 640 x 55-pound bags of yellow seed corn were sent to Haiti to reach the hungry and hurting. That is a total of 35,200 pounds of planting seed that could fill 2,000 acres and has the potential to yield 8.4 million pounds of shelled corn.

## Honduras

### Giving Thanks

In Honduras, 65 to 70% live in poverty. That's why we are so thankful to have partners such as Casa de Esperanza and Zion Ministries who are working hard to spread the word of Christ, while feeding the hungry. Casa de Esperanza recently distributed one container of rice/vegetable meals to two Christian medical clinics and five feeding centers that feed 1,100 children daily. Marc Tindall of Casa de Esperanza said, "This food is such an amazing blessing to our ministry and the kids that are fed with it."

Zion Ministries distributed the rice/vegetable meals to over 1,000 children at the Zambrano public school. One boy who received the food walks miles every day to get to class. If he has breakfast, it is a cup of coffee and a corn tortilla. Another child happily took arms full of food back to her siblings who live in extreme poverty.



## Moscow: Healing the Homeless

Our Finland office has reached approximately 15,000 homeless in Moscow through weekly provisions of food, shelter and Gospel lessons. Sixty-year-old Petr is one such person. He lived on the street and developed gangrene in his feet. The doctors said they would need to be removed. Depressed and angry, he contemplated suicide. But then someone invited him to attend one of the gatherings. He heard about Jesus and had someone pray for his legs. He came back in three days to show everyone that his feet had been healed—a true miracle.



## Moldova

### Helping a New Nation

We are pleased to announce that we have added Moldova to the list of countries that have received our assistance. Thanks to our partnership with Hope and Mercy Charity in Suvorova, Moldova, we provided the Transnistrian Region of primarily Russian speaking people with 271,000 meals. The main recipients of the food have been nine orphanages in that region, with as many as 1,200 children, along with a network of pastors and their churches, and local villagers in need.



## Uganda

### Droughts, Floods and Now Food

The people of Uganda planted their fields and waited for the rain. It did not come in time. When it eventually arrived, it brought floods, destroying any meager crops that did exist. Along with the uncertain climate, many people live in fear due to rebel groups and the persecutions they carry out on the innocent.

In response, we worked alongside World Children's Fund to supply the hurting nation with a container of rice/vegetable meals. We received this note in response:

*This consignment has come just in time... especially for the orphans and widows.... We had "child-headed homes," these are children who were about 13-years-old, taking care of their siblings. We watched them boil the food stuff. Their parents were killed by the notorious rebel group called the "Lord's Resistance Army," they caused mayhem in the northern parts of Uganda as is seen by the woman whose lips were cut off with a razor blade by the rebels. There were thousands of people waiting patiently in the hot sun for their bags of food to be given to them.*





### THE President's COLUMN



Jesus told his disciples,  
“*They need not depart; give ye them to eat.*”  
~ Matthew 14:16 & 17

Such a simple command, but what an overwhelming reality. There are over 6 billion people in the world. 1 billion of them are hungry. And yet we are not overwhelmed for Philippians 4:13 says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

As believers we can't sit still and allow ourselves to be overwhelmed. We have a responsibility to this generation and the next. We must put what we have in the Master's hands and believe God for the miracle of multiplication — just as he did with the small boy's five loaves and two fish. In Matthew 14:18 Jesus said, “Bring them to me.” Did the disciples stop at being overwhelmed? No, they brought the food to Jesus. And the result was a miracle. Everyone was fed and leftovers were collected.

You who have given, God bless you and thank you for your prayers and concern for the children. We may never know the impact of our prayers and our giving, but we are believing God for the eternal rewards and souls brought into the kingdom of God.

*Steve Russell*

President

## Nicaragua

### Making New Partners

We are pleased to have started working with **World Missions Outreach** in Managua, Nicaragua. The organization feeds a hot meal every day to over 15,000 children who live in extreme poverty. They work with 100 different feeding programs in schools and churches throughout the nation. Since November 2009, we have supplied them with over 1 million meals.



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