



## Ukraine: Easing the Winter Ahead

Ukrainian winters can be brutal. Last year alone, hundreds of people lost their lives to the freezing temperatures. On October 18-28 we want to help prevent that from happening by partnering with Heart to Heart Ministries, to provide food to 11 orphanages in western Ukraine. Last year, some of these orphanages had to choose between paying for heat or food. As a result, children lost their lives. By stocking their pantries before the winter hits, that choice won't be necessary and lives will be saved. A team of six people, including two from FTN will be going to purchase food staples, such as flour, rice, sugar, and cooking oil, in the country. They will then deliver the items to all 11 orphanages.

Our friend Tonya was there recently. She said, "It would be a huge blessing to these children to receive food, so they would be able to go to bed at night without feeling hungry and wake up in the morning and know that they aren't going to have to feel hunger pains that day."

Tonya went on to say just how important this food is. It's not just to nourish their bodies, but through this food, we can also nourish their souls and show them Christ:

*I have had many people tell me that they just want to go share the gospel that they are not in the humanitarian aid ministry, but I am here to tell you that unless we show these people we care with food and love, we are not going to be able to get them to open their hearts. It's easy for us to hand out Bibles and speak of Jesus because we know the right words to say, but when they see us providing sashes for a graduation for the kids, providing school supplies, so they can learn and especially when we supply some food for their stomachs then and only then will they open their hearts to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. How can they listen when they know that we have never endured what they are going through? We need to show these children we are here to help and we care enough to not only speak the words of Jesus Christ, but to show the love of Jesus Christ by giving of our finances, time and bodies.*

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## President's Column

The Bible tells us in Matthew 5:13 that we are salt of the earth: "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men." What the Word is saying is that we are the salt, the preservative, of the earth, but if we lose our saltiness what good are we?

In verses 14-16 it says, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let our light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

What good is light if it is hidden from people in darkness: spiritually, mentally, physically and morally? Let our light shine before men and women, that they will see something in us and not just hear about something that glorifies God.

It is then necessary and our obligation to feed, clothe and nurture the last, the lost and the least of our world. As it says in John 13:35, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." We are not saved by good works, but good can show compassion and love to fallen man, showing the heart of our Heavenly Father. In the end, people won't be seeing us, but the Jesus in us.

It has been in our heart to reach to the nations that are hurting in our world and to do our part. Anybody can stand back and point out a problem; very few can come up with answers.

Starting with Rwanda, the Lord put on our heart to give at least 1 million meals. In the eighteen years since the genocide, the physical scars have faded, but the emotional, mental and spiritual scars are still there. Thank God we can have a part in bringing healing to them.

Please read and re-read the stories of the other nations.

Together we can make an impact for the good.

If you are not a regular partner, please pray about becoming one. We need you to join the Feeding The Nations team now. God bless you.

*Steve Sewell*



## Rwanda: 1 Goal, 1 Year, 1 Changed Nation

Earlier this year, Feeding The Nations (FTN) set a goal to provide Rwanda with 1 million meals during 2012. We knew it was a lofty goal, but we also know that "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). And He proved just that as He has made it possible to bless the people of Rwanda with 1.1 million meals, or 85 tons, this year. **That's right; we are not just meeting our goal, but exceeding it.**

But we're not to the finish line quite yet. So far, 830,000 scientifically formulated, nutrient-rich rice/vegetable meals have been given to nearly 53,000 refugees in three refugee camps to help fight malnutrition. Those meals have truly blessed the recipients.

"We believe the fortified rice was a big blessing to them especially because of the nutrients in it and also it was a treat because they never receive rice in the 16 years most of them have been in the camps. The refugees receive corn and beans every month," said Parfait Karekezi, founder of Send Me International and native of Rwanda who lost family in the genocide in 1994. "They were touched and very thankful for the food and made sure we tell the good people in the U.S. who sent it that they appreciate it."

The final 272,160 meals shipped in August and are going to help people like Nzabonimpa. He is 37-years-old and has five children. He came to the refugee camp with his pregnant wife after militant soldiers stole his 47 cows before returning to kill his family. Nzabonimpa and his family fled and have been refugees since 1996. When possible, he does small contract jobs building houses as a mason aid. Since he is a refugee and doesn't have to pay for rent or food, people give him less in wages and not enough to make a sufficient living or to send his children to school.

The camps are filled with similar stories. About 58 percent of the refugees are children, many of whom have spent their entire lives living in a camp. The adults often feel rejected and hurt, having been forced from their homes and their country by genocide. They have no place to call their own, very little available work and limited food.

*Thank you to everyone who helped us reach and exceed this goal. Your generosity has touched many lives in Rwanda. If you would still like to join with us, it's not too late. Simply go online to [www.FeedingTheNations.org/donate](http://www.FeedingTheNations.org/donate) and designate your gift for the Africa Project.*





## Bosnia:

### Easter Blessings

Bosnia struggles with a high unemployment rate of 35%. Many live in desperate situations. Due to a very small Christian population, Christian organizations find it difficult to reach those in need. But this year at Easter time, we were able to give 160 food boxes that consisted of flour, pasta, soups, cereals, beans, sugar, rice and more. Thanks to our partnership with Living Word Ministries, the food was purchased within the country and distributed to the School for the Deaf, and families in Sarajevo and another nearby town. These food supplies touched many people and helped bless their Easter celebration, showing them the tangible love of Christ.

## Burundi:

### Feeding 600 Children

Burundi struggles with severe malnutrition. The situation was exacerbated when one of the feeding centers had to close its doors because it had no more food. We wanted to do something about that, so on June 29 we shipped a 40-foot container with 42,000 pounds of fortified rice/vegetable meals to Bujumbura, Burundi. We worked with Trinity Church International Pastors Jamie and Lea Peters. We first met them in Burundi in 1994 when they hosted Dr. Lester Sumrall and the team. For almost 25 years, this American missionary couple has lived and worked in Africa. They have planted 10 churches: four in Burundi, two in Zambia, two in Democratic Republic of the Congo and two in Malawi. Thanks to our partnership with them, we were able to feed over 600 children in several feeding centers in and around the capital of Burundi. It is critical that FTN continues this outreach by providing the necessary food to feed the children everyday.

## Malawi:

### Martha's Prayers

We partnered with Iris Africa to provide food for the over 1300 vulnerable households, including Children of Hope and Iris Orphan Center, who are registered with Iris Africa Feeding Program. Each month, food is distributed to households with elderly, HIV/AIDS sufferers, widows and orphans. Many of these households are grandmothers who are caring for their orphaned grandchildren. Director David Morrison shared this story of one woman who received the food:

*Last month after we delivered Manna rice/vegetable meals to Amayi Martha and her children in a small village called Bazhu just south of Bangula, we asked if we could pray for her. Martha has experienced much suffering in her life—sickness, hunger, robberies, beatings, and the loss of life for many of her loved ones. Without a word Martha immediately knelt down in the dirt, closed her eyes, lifted her hands and humbly waited for prayer. Martha is aware of where her help comes from and is not afraid to make her Christian faith known. She is one who deserves congratulations and her name listed together with the men and women of great faith in Hebrews 11 as she perseveres with hope in caring for her children under desperate circumstances. Martha recognizes that she is blessed. She is thankful to you, our partners around the world, who provide what is needed for the poor among us.*



## Haiti:

### 1.6 Million Meals and Counting

Just this year, we have shipped 173,000 pounds to help nearly 3,000 children and 500 adults. In total, we have given 1.6 million servings of highly nutritional rice/vegetable meals. Thanks to our partnership with Fishers of Men Ministries located in Port-au-Prince, the students at 12 Christian schools are now fed every day. They are also taught the Word of God, along with reading, writing and other skills. We are grateful for our partnership with Fishers of Men. Because of them and their integrity, the food we send reaches those who need it most and doesn't get intercepted or delayed by the corruption.



## Liberia:

### A New Partnership

This summer we were able to reach Liberia thanks to a new partnership with Christian Relief Fund. We provided 285,000 meals that will feed children at Monrovia School for the Deaf, Ford Madden Christian Academy and Crozierville orphanage. Given the current numbers of children there, it is estimated that the provisions will last for almost eight months. In many cases, these are the only meals those children will receive as they have little access to other food. This food will go a long way in offering the children vital nutrition, along with hope.

## Mexico:

### Successfully Crossing the Border

We have been blessed to reach Mexico with 151,000 pounds of food so far this year. Due to strict regulations, taking large amounts of food across the border can be difficult, but thanks to our partnerships with Root International and Jerusalem Evangelical Ministries, our four semi-truckloads reached the people in need. We gave 42,500 pounds of rice/vegetable meals to people in Juarez

and the Tarahumara Indian's. Another truck delivered 43,500 pounds of dried peaches and nectarines to Metamora. The final two trucks with dried vegetable soup and assorted foods reached the Sonora desert community with 65,000 pounds, where people live in makeshift shelters and have no electricity. We are thankful for the partnerships that have made reaching the people of Mexico possible, so that we can bless them with nutrition, hope and the love of God.

## Tanzania:

### Blessings During a Drought

Tanzania has experienced another drought that has destroyed their crops. To help ease their pain, with support from our FTN Finland office, 408,500 pounds of yellow corn was purchased. So far, 254,000 pounds of the corn has been distributed, with the remainder soon to be distributed. People were so desperate to receive the provisions that in several cases, they walked great distances. Many risked and lost livestock during the trek, but they continued the journey in hopes of receiving food. We received this note from Missionary Gotte Stenroos who was the overseer for this distribution:

*One young mother comes regularly with her two little girls to us. They walk about 6-7 km from their home village with heavy coal sacks on their back. They give coal to us and we give them sugar and soap. We also give each of them a big sack of corn and they carry them back home 6-7 km. It is heart breaking to watch them doing it. Without FTN's help, this family would not have made it, because they have not got any help from anywhere else. They are so grateful every time they get food from FTN. Many people are in the same desperate situation. Thousands of people come from far away to us but we don't have*



*enough food to feed all of them, all needy, and they have to go back home with no food, when we run out. It is so hard to say no to hungry people.*

*Thank you so much to every one of you who have given FTN gifts. Your gifts have saved thousands of lives in Rift Valley again this year 2012. In 2011, FTN was able to buy and distribute 600,000 pounds of corn. That means a total of over one million pounds of corn in the last two years. May God richly bless all of you. I know that many people here pray for daily bread for their children and families but I also know they remember you in their prayers. They ask God to bless you who have blessed them, people in Tanzania who you don't even know.*

## Zambia:

### Supporting 10,000 Children Daily

We are now feeding 10,000 children daily in Zambia in 25 different Christian schools and orphanages. Unfortunately 5,000 children are on a waiting list in need of assistance. So far this year, we have sent 257,000 pounds (128 tons) of food that is stored in a secure warehouse in Lusaka as food is delivered each week. This food is vital to the children receiving it. Without it, they would not attend school because they would spend their days searching for food in the streets and dumps. While in school, we can feed their bodies, minds and souls.

Zambia is listed as one of the 10 poorest countries in the world. Approximately one-quarter of the nation's population is infected with HIV/AIDS. Many of the 1 million of the country's 11 million people are street children who have been orphaned because of HIV/AIDS, malaria, cholera and other diseases. We are grateful for our partnership



with Mission Touch Ministries (MTM) who make it possible for us to reach the children of Zambia. MTM founders, Dave and Connie Keating, sent this thank-you note:

*Feeding The Nations' overwhelmingly kind response to help provide life-saving food and basic care supplies for the people of Zambia will help brighten the future and give hope and promise to those people wanting to learn. Missions Touch Ministries extends our thanks and gratitude on behalf of these facilities for your contributions and continued support of this most worthy cause. On behalf of the Zambian people who have directly benefited, and their families, we say thank you and may God richly continue to bless you.*

To: Feeding Nations program  
THANK YOU!  
I greet you in the Name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the food and the love which you have for our school. May the Lord richly bless you all.  
From: Raonga Grade 8