



Warehouse Update

It has been a long winter in Northern Indiana. With the spring thaw we not only look forward to the renewal of God's creation, but also of the continuation of the building our new warehouse. Much progress has been made, but we are still in need of a roof, siding, insulation, electrical, plumbing and more. And you can help.

This warehouse is more than just a building. Through it, we will be able to reach countless people with the love of God and the food they so desperately need. This warehouse will open up new doors and ministries, making it possible for us to reach even more people. But we need your help. To be able to complete this project, we need you to join with us and give. Whatever amount you give won't be about the amount of wiring or insulation you can provide. It will be about lives that will be forever changed because you took part in God's work. You made this building possible, so that people within our own city, state, nation and world could receive the food and hope they need. To give, visit www.FeedingTheNations.org/donate.html or call 574-968-1566 today.



Finding Hope in Honduras

At the end of September, a team of 12 visited Tegucigalpa, Honduras. It was a short trip, but it had a great impact. While there, the team fed 1,000 people. At one school, they fed and played with over 200 kids, and then invited the local community to a church service that night.

They witnessed heart-breaking moments, such as watching people dig through piles of trash along with dogs. These people searched for any scrap of food they could find. Some desperate and homeless people had even begun opening sarcophagi in the local cemetery to sleep in at night to be safer.

In Matthew 19:13-15, Jesus said, "Bring them to me." Who was he talking about? The leaders of the church? Hardly. The rich? He told them many times that their money would not get them into heaven. The Romans? No, they represented the thinking and the culture of the world, and they were one of the great empires of the world to be truly anti-Christ.

Purposely, Jesus called the children, the young and the defenseless, those who had no advocate to speak or care for them. In Psalm 68:5, the Bible says "A father to the fatherless, and a judge of the widows is God in his holy habitation."

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This is a statement to ponder. If God is father to them, then shouldn't we be concerned for them also? The question is: how are we doing with that?

As you read this issue of the Journal, please look past the words and into the faces of the little ones who need people just like you and me to reach out to them now. They need an advocate. They need a father. They need someone who will stand up and say, "Not on my watch."

One of our prayers is that God will raise up these children to be leaders of their nations. And, as He does so, we are committed to encouraging them and sharing His love in a tangible way, because if not us, then who?

And you know what? It only takes \$.84 a day, to change a life. The question is, if not you, then who?

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1 Year. 25 Nations. 15 Million Meals.

Thanks to your generosity and the partnerships of some amazing organizations, Feeding the Nations (FTN) reached 25 nations with 15 million meals in 2013. We celebrate this accomplishment, not because of the impressive numbers, but because of the lives that were touched, the bellies that were filled, the people who were given hope and shown a tangible representation of the love of Christ. We stand in awe of God's ability to allow us to reach each one of these nations:

Albania, Bosnia, Burundi, Cambodia, Cuba, El Salvador, Finland, Haiti, India, Israel, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Rwanda, Syrian Refugees in Lebanon, Tanzania, Uganda, USA and Zambia.

And, we look forward to reaching even more in 2014.

Philippines: 2.3 Million Meals in 2 Months

These meals were sent in six shipments thanks to our partnerships with World Compassion Network, Warsaw, Ind., and Global Samaritan Resources, Abilene, Texas. The 2.3 million meals are part of phase two of the relief strategy. Immediately after the disaster, FTN began phase one by providing cash for Victory Christian Fellowship, an agency with a large footprint in the Philippines, so they could purchase canned meats, bottled water, biscuits, blankets, sleeping mats and more to help with immediate needs.

Reports estimate over 11 million people were affected by the disaster, with over 6,200 lives lost and many are still homeless. We are committed to providing assistance over time to the people of the Philippines as they rebuild and recover. Just as their recovery work won't be done overnight, our aid to them will not just be immediate, but will continue over the coming months.

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Thank you for all you do!



Zambia:

17,000 Children

FTN has been committed to feeding 17,000 children one or two meals each day. Thanks to our partnerships with Missions Touch Ministries and Family Legacy Missions Zambia, we sent food that blessed children in 50 schools, orphanages and feeding centers. We also sent 20,000 books thanks to Better World Books.

“As with many other African nations, the orphaned and vulnerable children in the slums of Lusaka suffer the horrors of poverty, malnutrition and despair on almost a daily basis. These food donations have allowed us to attack head-on the malnutrition issues that many of our sponsored children struggle with. The results have been incredible,” said Anthony Bruster of Family Legacy Missions Zambia. Since starting the program, attendance has risen 13 percent, grades are increasing and mothers have begun to meet each morning at the school to prepare the meals and serve them.

“Serving these meals has truly had a community-wide impact in each of the schools!”

Mexico:

2.5 Million Meals

Thanks to our partnerships with Hunger Plus, Root International and Way of the Cross, we have now been able to feed the hungry in Mexico. Getting the food across the border had been a problem to be solved. We celebrate that we now have solutions for getting the food safely and securely across the borders and into the hands of those who need it most. We are currently reaching the Matamoros, Juarez and San Luis regions, covering the eastern, central and western areas of the country. While we provided 2.5 million meals last year, our efforts continue for 2014, with 1.3 million meals scheduled to arrive in March.



Malawi:

1.1 Million Meals

Thanks to Iris Africa Malawi, we provided between 3,000 and 5,000 children, along with vulnerable families, a total of 1.1 million meals. One of the recipients of that food is an eight-year-old boy named Marco.

Marco came to live at the Iris mission after his parents died and he had no relatives to care for him. While he was malnourished at the time, he is now strong and in excellent health. He is a second grader, and he loves to swim, climb trees and hunt for spiders. He enjoys the rice vegetable meals and said that if he had the chance, he would eat it every day.



Tanzania:

Feeding 11,000 People

In 2013, FTN continued to reach people in Tanzania. Our Finland office used funds to purchase yellow corn within the country. They distributed it to about 11,000 people in the Rift Valley—an area living in famine where the situation is critical. Children are dying and schools are closing because of the dire circumstances. During the distribution, one woman walked eight hours to receive some corn for her family. She then had to carry her provisions back home, another eight-hour journey by foot.



Cambodia:

1 Million Meals and a Christmas Celebration

For the third year in a row, FTN has worked with Inspire International to help bring Christmas to Cambodian children. Over 2,000 kids who live in rural villages and over 50 girls who were rescued from human trafficking experienced Christmas in Cambodia where food was distributed and the true meaning of Christmas was shared.

Throughout the entire year, we provided nearly 1 million meals. We also gave funding for rice to be purchased in the country. As a result, 10 villages received about 1,200 pounds each of rice.

United States:

\$2.3 Million Worth of Aid

Last year we were able to reach people in Indiana, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina with food and vitamins thanks to partnerships with groups such as World Assist, Christian Outreach International and Isaiah 58 Projects. We look forward to when our warehouse is completed so that we can undertake more domestic outreaches. The warehouse will open up more doors to receive and distribute more food within our own country.



India:

600 Kids Each Day

We have continued feeding 600 children in Christian schools each day. Children like Fulwanti Kisku are having their lives forever changed as a result. Fulwanti’s home is three hours away from her school. She has been staying at her school for a year now and says she likes the food better there, especially because they get chicken on Sundays. At home, they only get chicken once a month because it is so expensive. She is thankful for the food she is receiving.

Nicaragua:

Over 140,000 Salvations

We rejoice in the fact that not only were 817,000 meals provided for those in need in Nicaragua, but that because of those meals and the sharing of the gospel, over 140,000 people gave their lives to Christ. We thank our partners Way of the Cross Ministries, Global Samaritan Resources and Mission for Christ.



Lebanon:

Feeding Over 600 Refugee Families

Millions of refugees have fled Syria, many of them seeking shelter in Lebanon. We have worked with Pastor George Saad of the Rock Eternal Association, providing him with funds to create family packs with rice, beans, salt, lentils, cooking oil and other essentials to reach these refugees within his country. The most recent mission provided 275 families a large food box—a much-needed gift for these families who barely have the means to provide basic needs for their families.

“Not only were people touched by the giving and loving ministry, they were also touched by the Holy Spirit,” Pastor Saad said. “Many have accepted Christ as savior and have asked to attend Bible study and become members in the church. Moreover, even though being in a foreign country and away from family, they have felt a sense of belonging at church. One of the persons who has received a food box said,

“Through the love you have given me you have shown me who Christ is, and because of that I deny Islam and follow Jesus!”