

Lebanon: A Refugee Crisis

Millions of refugees have sought shelter in Lebanon where our partner, Pastor George of the Rock Eternal Association, lives. We have provided him with funds to create family packs with rice, beans, salt, lentils, cooking oil and other essentials to reach over 600 refugee families within his country.

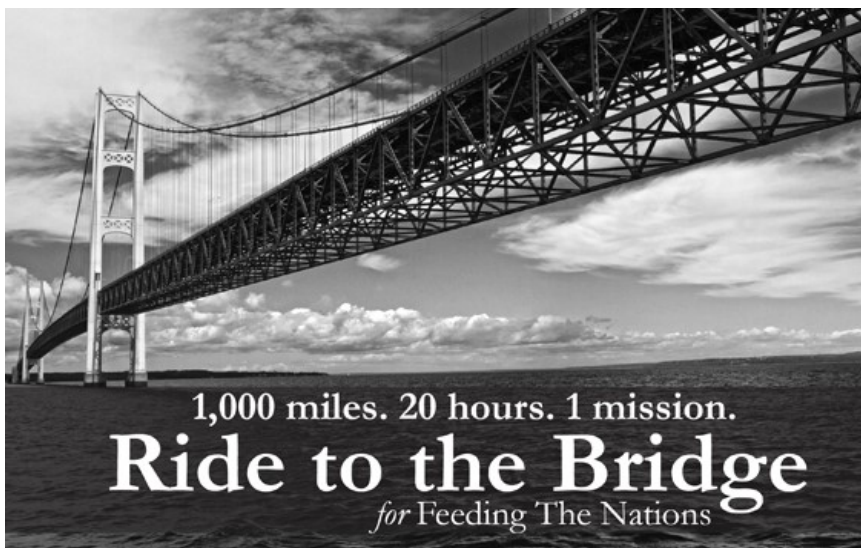
One of those family packs reached an Iraqi family who came face-to-face with ISIS. Before leaving Iraq, the family was attacked and their two-year-old was taken by force. **An ISIS man threatened to behead her, while her family watched, if they did not give the man money.** They gave him all of their money and gold, along with their car.

The family later fled to Lebanon. The grandmother and the girl arrived at Pastor George's church. They told him that they had no food, milk or diapers. He gave them a box of food that FTN had provided and some diapers. Now the grandmother comes to the church and brings her granddaughter with her.

Because of people just like you who have partnered with us, we are reaching refugees with Christ's love. As Pastor George said, "Not only were people touched by the giving and loving ministry, they were also touched by the Holy Spirit. 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!'"

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A Unique Way to Make a Difference



For the past 11 years, Jeff Nicolett has combined his desire to help the hungry and his enjoyment of motorcycles by embarking on an annual 1,000-mile motorcycle ride to the Mackinac Bridge. "I felt a responsibility and ownership to take food and hope to those countries, but I didn't have a way to bridge the gap between where I am in Indiana and where the food goes to other countries," Jeff said. "I thought the best way to demonstrate that gap would be to do a symbolic ride to the biggest nearby bridge and ask for support." Jeff recently returned from his ride (September 6) and is already looking forward to next year! We thank Jeff for his unique way of supporting all we do.

Zambia Update: Feeding Thousands

For years, we have been committed to feeding thousands of children in Zambia each day. Thanks to our partnerships with Feed My Starving Children and Missions Touch Ministries (MTM), we have been feeding 12,000 children one or two meals a day in 35 different schools and orphanages. One of those schools is Emmanuel Lutheran Community Schools where our efforts nourish 250 students each day.

A recent report from MTM said:

“They really appreciate the great effort by MTM and its partners around the world to visit and bless them. Many of these children would suffer from mal-nourishment and would not show the energy and alertness of other children without the help of MTM and its suppliers.



These preschoolers at Firebrand Church Community School have just started eating a meal at school in the past week. This is a small community school caring for orphans and children whose parents are gone all day.”

So, if you’ve ever wondered if your donation makes a difference, know that it does. Your partnership with us makes it possible to reach these hungry children in Zambia with the food and nutrition they otherwise would not receive.

Thank you to everyone who has made missions like this one possible. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of children around the world.

The Beans & Rice Challenge

...Eat for a week from someone else’s bowl

We’ve all heard the expression to “walk a mile in another man’s shoes.” But what if we ate for a week from someone else’s bowl? This is the question we asked ourselves this summer. What if we took a week and *chose* to eat like a majority of the world *has* to eat?

Right now, nearly half of the world’s population lives on less than \$2 a day. That’s about 2.8 billion people who, each day, try to survive on the cost of a cup of coffee. We created the Beans and Rice Challenge to help those who have nothing. We want families and individuals who have the funds to make choices like eating out or purchasing great ingredients to eat a varied diet, to instead eat beans and rice for at least 1 meal per day for 1 week AND DONATE the money saved to help feed someone else. The results were amazing! Entire families were taking on the challenge. We were able to raise funds and awareness, and next year we ask that you join us. The Beans and Rice Challenge for 2016 is June 13-17. Mark your calendars today to join us that week in eating from someone else’s bowl.



FTN President Steve Sumrall at Christ Chapel Church’s Beans and Rice Challenge kick-off lunch

“Wow great idea to raise awareness by eating beans and rice. I think we qualify as we eat it everyday around here in Honduras. The sad thing is that many here can’t afford to eat it daily. I hope it brings in all that is needed.”

*- Peter Jurka
Missionary in Honduras*

From FTN President, Stephen Sumrall

Isn’t your heart stirred when you see the pictures and read the stories of the Great Grace on these little ones? I know that I am, every time I see a picture or hear a story of the good done for these little ones.

This could not happen if it wasn’t for the prayers and the generous gifts of God’s people. People just like you.

I want to encourage you to pray about giving a special gift today. God calls Christians to give, yet, in the Bible the Lord never put a monetary amount of any gift. I believe that He would just want us to give from the heart. Any size gift would be a great blessing to the little children around the world. Thank You.

- Steve and Diane Sumrall