



Zimbabwe: Healing Baby Sarah

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his children. For two months, The Joseph Project regularly fed Sarah servings of specially formulated rice casserole meals. The feedings took place away from her home so her father could not take the food from her. As you can see from the pictures, the results have been astounding. She has gained weight and her health has immensely improved.



Afghanistan: Reaching a War Zone

Over the past few years, FTN quietly sent over 1.5 million meals to Afghanistan, but as the war raged on, more help, more food, more love was needed. We worked with The Lamia Afghan Foundation founded by retired Air Force General John Bradley and his wife, Jan. They arranged for our food shipments to ride under the Denton Program to be moved on military aircraft as space is available. These meals kept children alive and healthy in five orphanages, 20 schools, three hospitals and beyond.

FTN Beans & Rice Challenge: This June we are issuing a challenge for everyone to make a difference by walking in another person's footsteps. How can we do this? By eating what over 2 billion people eat every day, Beans & Rice. For all the details go to www.feedingthenations.org and click on the link for the Beans & Rice Challenge.



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Celebrating 10 years, 75 nations & 135 million meals.

TEN YEARS AGO, Feeding The Nations (FTN) fed its first nation.

On Sunday, December 26, 2004, an earthquake in the Indian Ocean sparked a deadly tsunami that became one of the worst natural disasters in recorded history. The tsunami killed over 230,000 people in 14 nations. The hardest hit areas were Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand. But out of this disaster came something good. FTN was born in February 2005. The first mission involved getting vital food and nutrition to those who were affected by the tsunami.

That was 10 years ago. Now, we celebrate that we have had the opportunity to reach 75 nations over this last decade. Through God's guidance and grace, we have sent 135 million meals to the hungry and hurting around

the world. With the support of countless partners, we have given over \$90 million in total goods and services worldwide. Over 220 containers of rice meals, soup and dried fruit have been sent to nourish the hungry. In addition, we have supplied vitamins, water purifiers, Bibles, mattresses, toys, blankets, coats, cooking oil, beans, personal care products, financial assistance and more.

We stand in awe of all that God has accomplished through FTN over the last decade. We thank each and every person and partner who has joined with us. And now we take a look back over this last decade with 10 selected stories of meeting needs, giving hope and sharing Christ's love with those who need it most.



How many ways can you say 10 years?

A decade, 3,650 days or even 87,600 hours.

There is one great way that I would use to describe the time frame: faithful. That's right, our God has been faithful. *"Faithful is He that calls you, who also will do it."* 1 Thess 5:24

"God is faithful to whom ye were called into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Cor 1:9

The needs of the world can be overwhelming at best. But, if we carefully and prayerfully work on these needs one at a time with the guidance of the Lord and the help of faithful partners, great things can be accomplished for His kingdom. Just as Philippians 4:13 says, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* And that's just what we have experienced together over the last 10 years.

What's in our future? The Lord knows, but we want to do more than ever before. In the next 10 years we are believing for more people being fed, continuing to assist the countries we are currently in, but we are also taking on the challenge of new countries and people groups who are desperate for our prayers and help now.

How can you help? There are many ways, but the number one has and always will be prayer. Nothing good really happens if we don't seek the face of God for His help. We need Him with every direction for this ministry.

The next step is to be a regular monthly partner. Any amount makes a difference. \$25.00 per month matters greatly to us and especially to those in need. By being a monthly partner, you stand with us for any emergency that comes our way.

Thirdly, as realists, we know that we are not going to live forever. All of us who know the Lord are going to be caught up to be with the Him or we will pass on to be with the Him. So, would you prayerfully consider including Feeding The Nations in your will? Should you go on to be with the Lord, your giving will keep on sparing lives and feeding tens of thousands in our hurting world. What a tremendous legacy you would be leaving. What an amazing way for your faith to live on.

We give thanks for this past decade, for all who have joined in with us already and we pray each that of you who will take a step in faith right now to leave a legacy of faith and hope to restore the dignity of millions facing devastation.

Steve Kurrell



United States:

Offering Post-Hurricane Relief

As Hurricane Katrina battered Louisiana and Mississippi leaving massive destruction in its wake, hundreds of thousands were forced to evacuate New Orleans when the levee broke, flooding the city. Less than one month later, hundreds of thousands jammed the highways in Texas leaving gas stations empty and bringing traffic to a halt as Hurricane Rita headed toward the state. The high winds blasted the states of Louisiana and Texas destroying homes, schools, churches and businesses.

Within 48 hours, FTN dispatched semi-trucks loaded with relief supplies. As churches and shelters opened their doors to the influx of people, FTN partners and corporations worked together to keep the trucks rolling, making it possible to supply daily meals, personal hygiene items, medicine, vitamins, water and food staples valued at over 8.8 million dollars.



Israel:

Feeding the Promised Land

FTN is a firm believer in Genesis 12:3 and that God blesses those who bless Israel. In 2007 and 2008, FTN partnered with Bridges of Peace to support 200 families each year with supplemental food for the entire year. In 2012, FTN teamed up with Voice of Judah Israel to purchase food for hungry Israelis. Our outreach to the nation continues by helping Eastern Ukrainian refugees who fled a war zone to seek safety and refuge in the Promised Land.

Malawi:

Helping Hannah...and Thousands of Others

Thanks to our partnership with Partners in Harvest/Iris Africa and the generous donations of many, we have reached 5,000 children in Malawi over the last several years, providing them with a total of over 4 million meals. The people living in this region suffer from hunger due to poor weather conditions, such as high temperatures, drought and seasonal flooding. Having also been hit by the HIV/AIDs pandemic, thousands of children are without proper care and support, and the elderly are left to pick up the pieces in an already challenging situation.

With the help of Iris Africa, thousands of orphaned and vulnerable children received much-needed provisions. The impact has been incredible, as was the case with Hannah. When Iris Africa first met Hannah, she was weak and extremely sick, suffering from malaria and a respiratory infection. Her mother had died just a few weeks earlier after falling ill and her father had died several years ago due to a crocodile attack. Her uncle tried to care for her and her three brothers, but he was already overwhelmed with his own family. The uncle released the children to Iris Africa, where Hannah met her new mother, Dorothy. Four months later, Hannah is healthy and strong thanks to the nutrition and care she has received.



Japan:

Bringing Clean Water

Immediately after the earthquake and resulting tsunami hit Japan, we partnered with Air Mobile Ministries to provide a total of six water purifiers worth \$12,000 to Japan. All six systems running provided 150 gallons of clean water per hour. That's enough drinking water to provide 3,600 gallons per day—a much-needed resource since water quickly became contaminated and toxic.

Lebanon:

Bringing Christ to Refugees

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 over 600 refugees families within



his country. One 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. Along with food, we have helped provide wood, blankets, jackets and boots for children.

“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!’”



Ukraine:

Feeding Refugees and Orphans

Currently, we are helping feed and provide financial resources for refugees who are fleeing the fighting in Eastern Ukraine.

In 2011, many orphanages in the Ukraine were faced with a heart-breaking decision: provide heat or food for the orphans. The facilities were in such desperate condition that they did not have the funds to do both. As a result, 35 orphans died that winter. In 2012, FTN once again partnered with Heart to Heart Ministries to fill the pantries of orphanages, so they would not have to face that same choice. A team of six volunteers from the U.S. and Finland assisted as we purchased food to stock 10 orphanages for the winter months. Heart to Heart Ministries recommended facilities in remote areas of western Ukraine, a region that is often overlooked by the government.

While distributing the food, the team told Bible stories, preached the Gospel with puppets, sang and played games with the children. The children showed their gratitude by singing and dancing for the team. The orphanages are the children's homes and schools, and they are not allowed to leave. In places where these children feel little hope, the food they received gave them great joy and the chance to experience the tangible love of Christ.



Zambia:

Nourishing Thousands Daily

What started as a mission to provide daily nutrition for 3,000 children in six orphanages has grown 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. The food we provide is vital nutrition for the children who are 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.

One little girl who has been helped was about 8 years of age. She stood in front of the FTN team wearing a dirty, stained and torn yellow sweater. She was one of the little girls who received this top one year earlier and had never had any other clothing. This was all she owned and never removed it for one full year. As a street child she had nothing else. The nights in Africa can be quite cold when you have no shelter. The ladies on the team removed that old sweater and placed on her a beautiful new blue sweater. The little girl's eyes lit up and her smile touched their hearts.

Zimbabwe:

Healing Baby Sarah

Throughout the years, FTN has reached Zimbabwe in many ways, including 1.5 million meals, seed packets, thousands of pounds of vitamins and medical supplies. Many lives have been changed as a result, including the life of sweet baby Sarah.

When the workers at The Joseph Project first saw Sarah, she was a malnourished infant. Unfortunately she lives in a large household with a father who eats well, saving little or none for