



#TRI2FEED: 70.3 Miles and One Goal to Feed Hungry People

Can participating in a triathlon help feed hungry children around the world? It certainly can.

On August 13, Josh Page-Wood, co-director of Feeding The Nations, will take part in the Ironman 70.3 Steelhead triathlon in Benton Harbor, MI. But why is he doing an Ironman?

“Because of my day job. Being co-director of FTN, I see stories and pictures of kids around the world who don’t have much to eat, if anything,” he said. “I want to do more than sit at my desk and work logistics. I want to do something tangible.”

So, Josh set a goal. He will spend seven months training for a race with durations he has never completed individually, let alone all together. He will swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 miles and then run 13.1 miles all with the purpose of feeding hungry children.

His ultimate goal is to raise \$20,000—enough to provide 500,000 meals! Or, put another way, that could feed 685 children 2 meals a day for an entire year!

Help make that possible by donating today. Simply donate online and choose “#TRI2FEED Ironman Triathlon.”

Or, text your donation. Text the dollar amount you wish to give to 28950 and designate “ftnkids.” You’ll then be prompted to provide your credit card and contact information.

President’s Column

Dear Partner,

Thank God for you. I truly mean that! Thank God for you; with your prayers and sacrificial giving, together we gave 7 million dollars’ worth of food away. Have you any idea how many people that impacted? Tens of thousands of young lives now have the opportunity to live, to grow, receive an education, and become all God has destined them to be.

What is the greatest asset of any nation?

The land of course is essential, and the government. Industry and economy are very important. Is it military strength that make nations great? All of these things are significant and debatable; but without people-- absolutely impossible!

The success of any nation and her greatest asset are the people. Without families there is no future. If children suffering from malnutrition die, there is no possibility for tomorrow. This is why we need you to prayerfully consider giving a special one-time gift or ongoing monthly gift of support, to bring hope to nations.

Devastated families around the world need our help. The children we feed today are the leaders of tomorrow; they only need food, nutrition and an opportunity to live and grow. Will you help? Can the children count on you to provide food for their tomorrow? With all my heart, I pray so.

May God bless you as you pray and give, providing life and hope for thousands of beautiful children. Their future depends on our actions today. Please give now and believe with us for miracles. God is good and ever faithful. Feeding the Nations is grateful for your partnership. Thank you for caring and giving.

Yours on behalf of the hungry,
Steve and Diane Sumrall





IRAQ:

Feeding Survivors of Terrorism

Thank to our partners the Denton Program, Global Samaritan Resources and Barzani Charity Foundation, we provided food for people who have fled ISIS and have assembled in refugee camps in northern Iraq. Many of the refugees have only the clothes they had on their backs when they left. The majority of the refugees are women and children, as many of the men left to fight or were killed helping their families flee.

In an update, Esther Kissell, director of logistics and disaster services for Global Samaritan Resources, said, "The food is a great blessing to those living in the refugee camps. The food is culturally appropriate and nutritious! The people of northern Iraq in the refugee camps and surrounding decimated villages have no real means of growing or getting food provisions on their own in this war-torn region."



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

Bringing Food and Salvation

We sent 648,000 dried vegetable soup meals to our partners Tim and Trena Johnson in the Dominican Republic. They have distributed the meals to families, schools and rehab centers in poor communities and villages in the Dominican Republic. But more than just food, they are also sharing the Gospel as they feed the hungry. They have prayed with more than 1,000 people to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior during these food outreaches.



UNITED STATES:

Helping Louisiana Flood Victims

When historic and unprecedented floods hit Louisiana, we provided \$4,000 for Bethany Church in Baton Rouge to help the flood victims. Not only was the church personally affected when their campus flooded, but they also organized a massive outreach to help the community. They provided food, water and other necessities to those in need.



MALAWI:

Providing Monthly Provisions

For years, we have seen the desperate need in Malawi and we have responded with food. We sent two loads of food. One of our partners is Iris Africa who distributes food each month to 1,500 vulnerable households to help these families survive their impoverished circumstances. The food is given to children, the elderly, people sick with HIV/AIDs, widows, orphans, the blind and disabled. The majority of the homes consist of grandmothers caring for their orphaned grandchildren.



ZAMBIA:

Making 10,000 Children Dance

There was great joy and dancing in the streets when our partners in Zambia pulled up to schools and orphanages to distribute containers of food. They delivered 850,000 meals, enough food to carry them into the new year.

"We are looking forward to a new season and what can be accomplished in 2017," a recent update said. "We really appreciate your prayers and continued support. There is a huge need here to get these children a well-balanced nutritious meal."



HURRICANE MATTHEW:

Reaching Cuba and Haiti

In response to Hurricane Matthew, we immediately established 20 feeding stations throughout the Guantanamo Province of Cuba.



In the aftermath, we also provided 272,160 meals for people in Haiti. It was enough to feed 12,000 children one meal a day for 135 days. The food reached children in the valley near Gonaives, north of Port au Prince. This area has experienced severe drought for a couple of years. Then Hurricane Matthew hit them hard and brought a new disaster.



WAREHOUSE:

Celebrating the Progress of a Dream

Thanks to the generosity of many, the warehouse at our ministry headquarters is now standing and continues to get closer to completion. While we held a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony, work continues before it is fully functional. Another big step forward is about to be completed as the electrical is hooked up. This warehouse ensures that we will respond quickly and efficiently to those in need around the world.

