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# FIELD REPORT

Feeding the Hungry Encouraging the Church Reaching the Lost

Sharing God's love  
with a hungry world...  
**ONE MEAL AT A TIME!**

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**Peter Sumrall**  
PRESIDENT

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Your generosity helped deliver hundreds of good meals to some of America's poorest cities and rural areas. See page 3 for more!!

## A personal word from President Pete Sumrall

Dear Partner,

This year, the disaster in Haiti opened my eyes to some of the worst conditions on earth, and also some of the best. I witnessed little kids who lost an arm or leg but are still able to smile—living in horrible conditions, filthy yet thankful and happy for what they are receiving.

Besides food, it's been wonderful to send 5,000 New Testaments in Creole to Haiti. I fully believe this is the time to make a difference in that poor country, both physically and spiritually. The news media has left, the military has left, some aid groups have left, but with your help Feed The Hungry is still there.

Recently, I accompanied a team to Bluefields, Nicaragua, to a center feeding little kids forced to live out on the street and beg or shine shoes for money. There, your support supplies food to an outreach providing their only meal of the day. It just breaks your heart...and yet we know these kids are hearing the Word of God with each good meal. One day, one of these kids could rise up and become a leader of their nation.

Closer to home, we supplied food for a church in Detroit. Possibly one of the hardest hit by the American economy, this city has problems like few others with unemployment, crime, and hunger. An outreach brought together fifty pastors who distributed food to the needy of Detroit—and opened a door for effective ministry. The results and testimonies are heartwarming.

*Every Child Every Day* continues to grow, feeding more young kids, possibly the most neglected victims of poverty. In Africa, Asia, Central America, and Haiti we feed thousands every day. We know God is helping us to touch more.

Thank you for your support, both in prayer and finances, to provide not only food, but the Bread of Life to thousands of people. None of us can meet all the needs alone, but together, we can reach a hungry world one meal at a time. God is opening more doors every day and with your continuing partnership we can move forward into new areas of ministry.

Serving the Hungry,

Pete Sumrall

# Hope by the Truckload

Delivering meals to America's heartland

Early morning, July 9th, a big rig pulled into the Harvest Christian Church parking lot in Detroit, Michigan. Eager volunteers lined up to unload 31,375 pounds of food donated by generous Feed The Hungry supporters.

Rice and beans, crackers, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal and granola bars...even toothpaste and candy were on the truck. Things most of us buy every week, but struggling families in Detroit simply can't afford.

It's hard to believe people are in danger of going hungry in America today, with grocery stores and restaurants full of food. But poverty lurks in every part of the world, and the American recession has hit communities like Detroit hard. Plants closed down, stores shut up...some areas of that city are virtual ghost towns. And with no work available, many families are unable to feed their children without help.

After unloading the big rig, volunteers sorted the food into smaller loads. Soon, the parking lot filled with trucks, vans, and cars from ministries all over the city. These local ministries know where the need is greatest, and can deliver the food to hungry people while also sharing the Gospel in a personal way.

Thank you for giving hope wherever hunger is found! ■

**Right** On July 9th, this truck full of hope reached Detroit.



**Below** Volunteers quickly unloaded thousands of pounds of staple foods.



**Left** A thoughtful donation of candy brings a little extra joy to hungry children.



**Below** Distributed in Jesus' Name through local churches and ministries all over Detroit, this food showed God's love—and yours—to people in crisis situations.

# Precious in God's Eyes

Reaching out to "Untouchables" in India

**T**hey're called "Untouchables"—the lowest caste of Indian society, born into hereditary poverty they're not allowed to escape. For all the change taking place in India's culture today, the Dalit people still struggle to survive in a society that views them as worthless.

Madhava and his wife Nirmala, of Mercy and Grace Orphanage, have

set out to show the Dalit that in God's eyes, every one of them is priceless.

### A Full Plate

180 boys and girls live at the orphanage itself, attending school, hearing the Gospel, and growing up secure in God's love. Nearly 100 children from the orphanage have already gone on to pursue higher education.

But the ministry doesn't stop at the orphanage walls. Through the *Every Child Every Day* program, Mercy and Grace is able to feed 1,180 children two meals a day. These boys and girls come from 24 surrounding

villages for their meals, and every one hears stories about Jesus to take back home.

Madhava has also made a special request. The program's name is *Every Child Every Day*, but some 200 widows and elderly in the community were also suffering from malnutrition. Would Feed The Hungry allow him to use some of the food for them? Of course!

### An Overflowing Heart

Madhava reports enthusiastically on the tremendous impact *Every Child Every Day* has had on the 24 villages they serve. Many local churches are growing as the love of God is made tangible for these families. And Sunday School attendance is up in every single village!

Local people, churches, and government all approve of the orphanage's work. "Everyone knows what we are doing," Madhava says. "We share the

Word of God and build their beliefs." Twice, in this community where Islam is common, Mercy and Grace has been able to distribute 3,000 Bibles donated by friends like you through Feed The Hungry.

For Madhava, "There are no words to express our thanks to the donors. We are praying for all the supporters every day."

Madhava asks for your prayers for God's continued provision. This summer has been



**Left** *Nutritionally fortified rice meals give Dalit children the energy they need to play, learn, and worship God!*

**Below** *Shakila (far right) and Rebecca (to her left) singing at a worship service.*





*Thank you for good meals that show Dalit boys and girls they are precious.*

particularly hard. Every year, during the dry season, food prices go up substantially. Staples like milk can be hard to get at all. And all the time, Madhava looks for ways to feed and care for more people in Jesus' Name.

Right now, the orphanage needs bunk beds for the children who live there, a bus to carry village children to and from their homes at mealtime, and equipment so the orphanage can offer vocational training in computers. Please pray with them...and know that they are thanking God for your help to show the Dalit people there's no such thing as an "untouchable" in God's eyes! ■

If you'd like to join a Feed The Hungry mission trip and **see the impact of your gifts** in person, call Lamar Austin at (574) 291-3292 today.

## Singing Praises to God

Shakila and Rebecca are beautiful eight-year-old girls who came to Mercy and Grace out of lives of turmoil. Rebecca's father sometimes beat her when he was drunk. In Shakila's home, too, anger and trouble were more common than love... or meals.



Shakila



Rebecca

Their mothers, seeking a better life for the girls, brought them to Madhava and Nirmala. They knew their daughters would be fed through the *Every Child Every Day* program, educated, and best of all, loved.

Today Shakila and Rebecca—although raised in Muslim homes—love their Savior Jesus and can't stop praising Him. "They are hungry for the Word of God, and they want to stay with us always," Madhava says. "They are God's gift to us through *Every Child Every Day*."



*Rebecca and Shakila enjoy a filling meal, thanks to your support.*

# Raising the Future

*Every Child Every Day* in Uganda

When Pastor Solomon looks out his window, he sees hundreds of running, laughing, playing schoolchildren. "Before we got food from Feed The Hungry," he says, "we couldn't always feed the students a daily meal. They would play during the 10 a.m. break, but by afternoon break they would not play because they had no energy."

Uganda is a country in crisis. After decades of ethnic fighting, poverty, and AIDS, some 75% of the population is under 30 years old...with 44% of Uganda's children in orphanages like Pastor Solomon's.

Your support for *Every Child Every Day* helps raise up a new generation of children strong in body, mind, and spirit; ready to take up the challenge of rebuilding.

Through your generosity, Pastor Solomon can feed 1,150 boys and girls a nourishing lunch every day. Without it, most of them would not eat at all. And along with food for



*Uganda's children are her only hope for the future. Thank you for helping them grow up strong!*

their bodies, Pastor Solomon provides food for their minds and souls. Feed The Hungry has donated books for the children's schooling, and every day the boys and girls learn more about God's plan for their lives.

"Pastor, pray for me, I'm hungry," children still beg Pastor Solomon. So he's hard at work expanding the Kitgum facility from 800 beds to 1,200, to give more children a safe



home and food. Please pray that he will find the funds to expand... and for more new *Every Child Every Day* supporters to help feed the additional children. ■

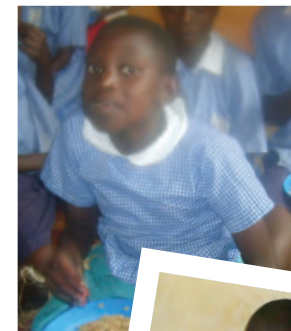
## A Future for Rachel

Rachel's story is heartbreakingly common in Uganda. Her parents died during fighting in Northern Uganda. Orphaned, she wandered alone until a family took her in. But they already struggled to feed themselves. Often, there was nothing to eat.

When she came to Pastor Solomon's school at age 10, teachers noticed how thin she was, and the rough patches on her skin from malnutrition. They learned she was afraid she wouldn't be able to stay in school because she couldn't afford books.

Today, at 13, Rachel is a completely different child. Living at Kitgum, she is happy, healthy, and preparing to go to secondary school. Thanks in part to your support, a future that once looked grim is now full of possibilities!

*Rachel at age 10*



*Rachel at age 13*



# We Will Never Forget You!

Rebuilding Haiti will take time...and we'll be there

“**H**aitian Orphans Have Little But Themselves,” the New York Times reported on July 5th. The story described a tiny, impromptu orphanage in Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti, where more than a dozen orphans were sleeping on scraps of carpet in a sweltering tent and eating whatever they could get. Repeated requests to aid organizations in the area came to nothing. The orphans were falling victim to red tape.

The news is sad...but not unexpected. The sense of urgency we saw immediately after the crisis is fading, and as the news media loses interest, aid will be harder and harder to find. Already we've noticed that it's more difficult to get food across the border from the Dominican Republic.

But Feed The Hungry has an advantage over other aid organizations. Even before the earthquake, we were feeding hungry Haitians through a network of local churches. Immediately after the quake, this network leapt into action... and it's still the best way to get food and supplies to the people who need them most. Especially because every meal and blanket comes with the message of lasting hope in Christ!

“I'd like to say thank you,” Pastor Astral Vincent told us, “because you sent me a container just before the earthquake that was going to serve for all my school throughout the year. You understand that I had to give it away and you came after only nine days from the devastation. You were the first to come to help serve the people in City Soleil.”

In July, three containers of food reached our partner, Mercy & Sharing, which serves as a distribution hub for 30 churches. Food is going out bi-weekly, supporting hundreds of families. So far it's come to over 40,000 meals, more than 44 tons of drinking water, and thousands of medical supplies, blankets, and water-proof tarps. Recently, we were able to send 5,000 Creole Bibles, which were eagerly received by people as hungry for spiritual nourishment as they are for food.



*Every caring gift means so much to devastated families.*



Feed The Hungry was in Haiti before the earthquake. With God's grace and your continued support, we can tell the people of Haiti, “We will never forget you!”

And those orphans, struggling to survive in their un-funded orphanage? Your compassion will reach them, too! When we heard their story, we cut through the red tape and connected them with a local church. Today they have food, emergency supplies...and caring people to teach them about their Father God. Together, we can make sure they never feel abandoned again! ■

*Thank you for remembering Haiti's earthquake victims with your prayers and gifts.*



# A Flood of Support for Pakistan

The worst monsoon in 80 years—flooding in Pakistan this summer claimed thousands of lives and left more than 6 million people homeless. Infrastructure that took decades to build was washed away in seconds.

And your support was there. Through in-country partner, Christian Fellowship of Pakistan (CFP), supplies were mobilized immediately. Church members in the Punjab sewed fabric and frames donated by you into sturdy tents. Food, water, and medical supplies relieved urgent needs. You may remember that last year, Feed The Hungry delivered an ambulance to Pastor Salik John of CFP. In the wake of the flood, the ambulance provided vital mobile medical care.

In this predominantly Muslim country, every meal and drink of water, every bit



of medical care is another opportunity to witness God's love. Please pray for the CFP team's safety and effectiveness, and for the people of Pakistan to be open to the Gospel. And please give, to help the Pakistanis as they try to rebuild their lives!

## Prayer Needs

In your time of prayer, please remember:

- Those affected by the economy and the loss of a job, house, or other hardships across the United States.
- Victims of disasters in Pakistan, Haiti, and other areas of the world.
- Children in the ECED program to move from hunger to hope.

## What's Changed?

Last April, our Director of Development Bonnie Ash changed her name as she joyfully married Robert Grubaugh. Now Bonnie Grubaugh, she continues to get the word out about Feed The Hungry's work around the world and how friends like you can get involved.

**Have you changed your name, address, email address, or other personal information recently?** If so, please let us know, so you don't miss out on any news of how your support is reaching the least, the last, and the lost. Call your local office, provide corrected information on the enclosed response form, or email [info@feedthehungry.org](mailto:info@feedthehungry.org) with your changes. Thank you!

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Your ministry through Feed The Hungry is threefold:

- Emergency food for hungry believers around the world
- Encouraging pastors worldwide to build and strengthen the local church
- Evangelistic campaigns—*the Gospel preached, the sick healed, the oppressed set free in the Name of Jesus!*