

The Magazine LIGHT

For Faith & Family

**“Hey, Mom —
what’s for
lunch?”**

Perhaps a common question in your home, but for many families the prospect of having anything at all to eat is slim indeed. It was a child who offered his lunch to Jesus’ disciples that the Lord might bless it and feed the multitude. Look inside to discover how ordinary kids are doing extraordinary things for hungry people around the world.



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"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

EPHESIANS 2:10

Dear Friends,

Millions of lives are touched every year with food for their bodies and the "Bread of Life" for their souls through ministries funded by the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. With a vast army of volunteers and 10,000 missionaries overseeing the work, the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund is able to use 100% of all contributions for hunger relief, with nothing deducted for administrative or promotional expenses.

Through the biblical discipline of "gleaning," that is, making a portion of your abundance available on a regular basis, you can make compassion for the poor an everyday part of your Christian lifestyle. There are many ways to practice modern-day gleaning such as direct bank draft, a monthly check, or a church-wide rice bowl campaign.

When one considers that meals in World Hunger Fund-supported ministries in the United States are being provided at an average cost of 49 cents each and in Uganda at a cost of 12 cents each, it is easy to see that anyone, adult or child, can make a life-saving difference. In fact, if only 50,000 Southern Baptist families commit to give \$20 per month, hunger gifts will grow by an amazing 125%. The results in terms of lives touched and souls reached for Christ will be phenomenal.

As Christians, we are called to reach out to those in need. I am confident that God will honor your gifts and the greater blessing will be yours. Direct bank draft giving can make it easy to help. As one \$25-per-month debit donor stated, "My family and I find great comfort in knowing that we are touching so many lives each month with the compassion of Christ and the Good News of His saving grace."

As you read the pages of this magazine, prayerfully consider how God would have you participate in this important ministry. And remember the words of Jesus: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

God bless you and your family as you serve Him.

Yours In His Service,

Richard D. Land

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HUNGER AND RELIEF GIFTS, 1980-2000

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"She began to cry and ask why Jesus didn't feed them."

CHAMPIONS COME IN ALL SIZES

By all accounts, she is an ordinary four-year-old in the small town of Alexandria, Tenn., but Brooke Martin has an extraordinary concern for the welfare of the less fortunate around the world. After viewing a television commercial about hungry children, she became preoccupied with the plight of these children on the other side of the globe.

Her mother, Susan Martin, explains the genesis of her daughter's concerns:

Brooke was watching cartoons one Saturday morning, and a commercial came on about hungry children. She started asking questions about why the children were crying. I explained to her that the children were crying because they were hungry. She began to cry and ask why Jesus didn't feed them. That night after her bath she knelt beside her bed and prayed and cried for the children who were hungry. She began praying for them every night as well as every Sunday morning when our pastor would issue an invitation after the sermon.

Unfortunately, world hunger is not a burning issue for most Southern Baptists, yet God answered Brooke's prayers to make hunger relief a top priority at West Main Baptist Church in Alexandria.

As church members came to understand what was drawing the diminutive girl forward to pray each Sunday morning, pastor Philip Lane and others knew they were to be part of the answer to Brooke's prayers. "When I heard what was going on with her, I knew we had to do something," Lane recounted. "These children are so precious.

They will act in simple faith when adults won't."

The church decided to give a monthly gift to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. On the first Sunday in May 2001, the children made banks in which to save their change and began 'gleaning' gifts for the fund. When parents saw their children's commitment, they decided to match whatever money the children gave.

On the first Sunday in June, children streamed down the aisle with their banks and poured the loose change into a plastic bucket. Lane recalls a two-year-old who came down the aisle with a quarter in each hand. The little boy hesitated for a moment but then moved forward to give his 50-cent gift, knowing it was the

right thing to do. The pastor then led the church in prayer, asking God to bless and multiply the gifts and use them in the lives of hungry people.

The children gave \$370 that Sunday. With the church's matching gift, the total contribution was \$740—enough to provide 4,933 meals to homeless children in Uganda plus 302 meals for hungry people in the United States.

Brooke's church will never be the same—all because God used the sensitive spirit of a young child to remind adults that age is no barrier to concern for the poor and hurting among us. 

In early July, West Main made their second contribution to the World Hunger Fund in the amount of \$1,671.18.

"Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

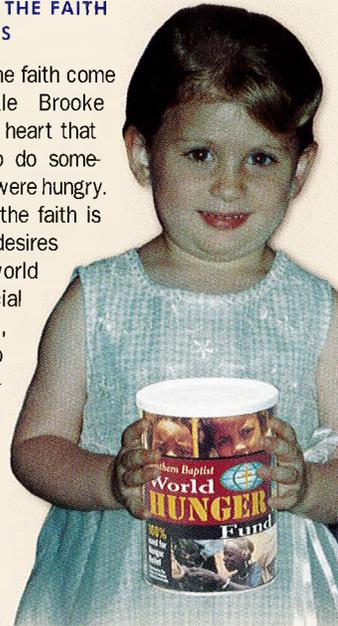
1 JOHN 3:18

CHAMPIONS FOR THE FAITH INVEST IN OTHERS

Champions for the faith come in all ages—little Brooke Martin knew in her heart that God wanted her to do something for those who were hungry.

A champion for the faith is a Christian who desires to change the world for good. No special skills are required, just a willingness to serve God by serving others.

If you know of a "champion for the faith" in your community, please tell us about this special person by e-mailing us at editor@erlc.com or by sending a note to:



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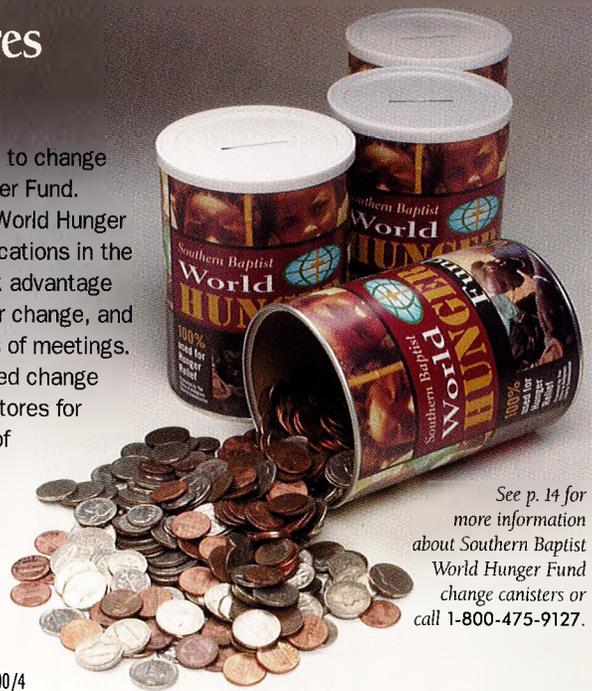
LifeWay Christian Stores Partner for Change

LifeWay Christian Stores are doing their part to change lives through the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund.

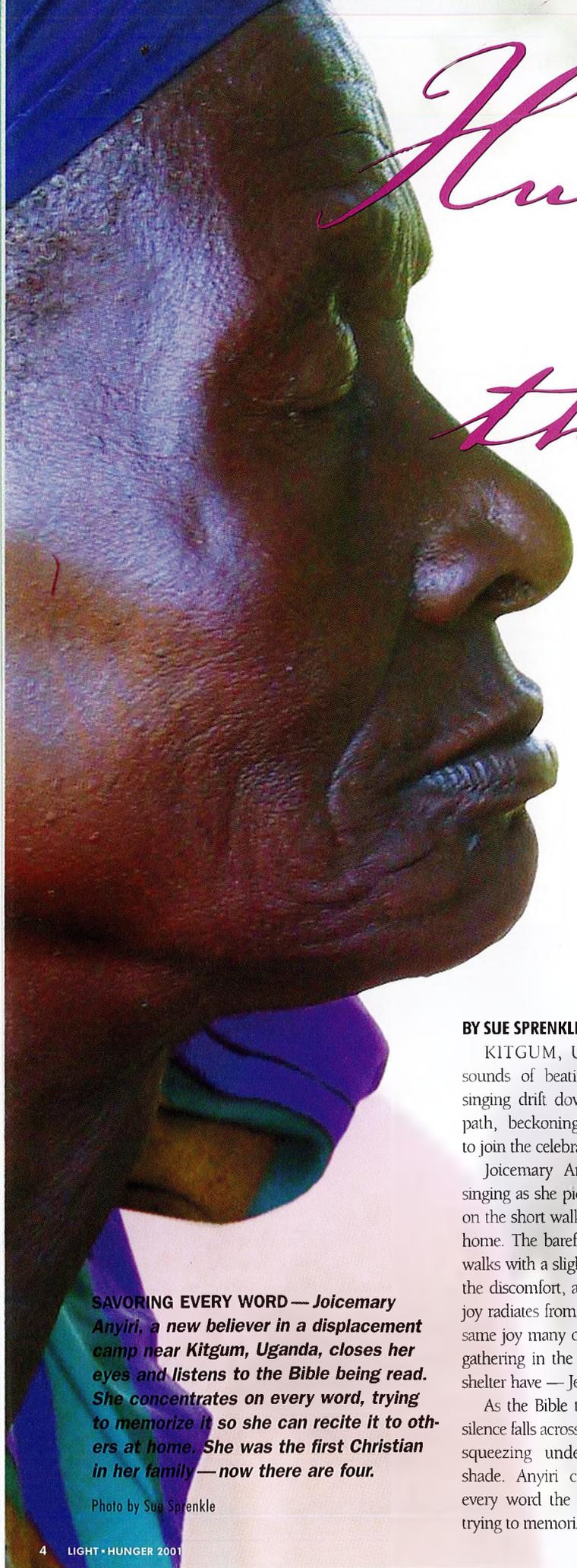
At the 2001 Southern Baptist Convention, World Hunger Fund canisters were placed at cash register locations in the LifeWay Christian Store. Many purchasers took advantage of the opportunity to help others by giving their change, and over \$480 was collected during the three days of meetings.

In addition, store managers have maintained change canisters by the cash registers in all LifeWay stores for the past three years. Richard Land, president of The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, recently presented an expression of thanks to LifeWay Christian Stores for their efforts in promoting the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. The proclamation noted stores had raised nearly \$100,000.

World Hunger Fund Change Canisters - WHCAN-4 (4 per box) \$10.00/4



See p. 14 for more information about Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund change canisters or call 1-800-475-9127.



Hungry for the Gospel

60 SAVED WHEN RELIEF EFFORT BRINGS MUCH-NEEDED FOOD TO UGANDAN CAMP

BY SUE SPRENKLE (BP)

KITGUM, Uganda — The sounds of beating drums and singing drift down the walking path, beckoning those nearby to join the celebration.

Joicemary Anyiri joins the singing as she picks up the pace on the short walk from her mud home. The barefoot old woman walks with a slight limp. Despite the discomfort, an unmistakable joy radiates from her face — the same joy many of her neighbors gathering in the primary school shelter have — Jesus Christ.

As the Bible teaching begins, silence falls across the 200 people squeezing under the limited shade. Anyiri concentrates on every word the teacher speaks, trying to memorize each point so

it can be recited later at home. Her older sister, Doloryina Obol, sits next to her doing the same.

At first glance, Padibe Baptist Church looks like any other. You would never guess that this group is only months old and many of its leaders are even younger in their faith.

What started out as a hunger for food ended in a hunger for Christ.

International Mission Board hunger relief distribution reached this small community by providence. Not wanting to waste nine tons of cornmeal and beans left over from a previous relief project, missionary Jack Frost decided to send it with Ugandan home missionaries to 10,000 displaced people staying in a camp outside of Kitgum.

Even though last year's drought is long gone, many are still hungry and in need of food. Most living in the camp are there simply for safety reasons. Back in their villages, danger awaits in the form of rebels and raiding parties.

Rebels are known to raid villages, killing the elderly because they are of no use and cannot carry heavy items. The raiders

also abduct the children, take the girls as wives and the boys to train as fighters. They also take any food in sight, dig up and burn any food they do not want for themselves and then set fire to the thatch-roofed homes.

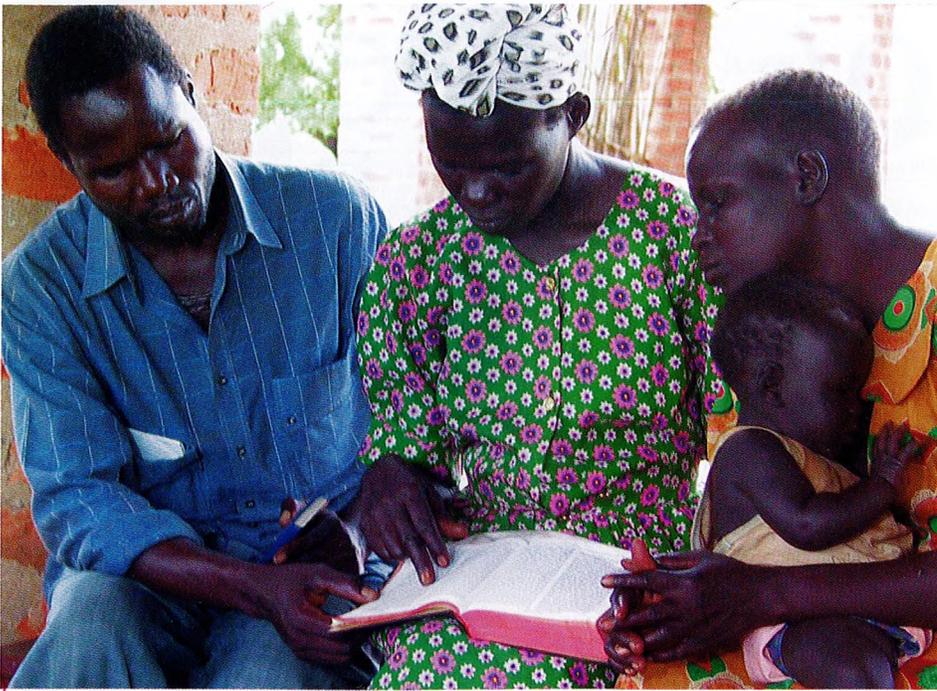
For safety's sake, nine parishes, encompassing 25 villages, now live on a five-mile stretch of land. There is no room for gardening or farming as each house is less than three feet from the next. The gaunt old men and women walk around the camp watching out for the children while the young men and women walk four or five miles back and forth to the nearby villages every day in efforts to keep a garden and feed their families. Spending the night in the village is not an option due to rebel attacks.

"These people were in desperate need of food. As the relief help was given, it gave a chance to do some evangelism and a fellowship developed out of that," Frost said. "We also had 32 Bibles in the Acholi language to help the new believers have regular Bible study."

Ugandan pastors Jasper Sam

SAVORING EVERY WORD — *Joicemary Anyiri, a new believer in a displacement camp near Kitgum, Uganda, closes her eyes and listens to the Bible being read. She concentrates on every word, trying to memorize it so she can recite it to others at home. She was the first Christian in her family — now there are four.*

Photo by Sue Sprenkle



There are not enough Bibles in the new Baptist church at a displacement camp near Kitgum, Uganda, so everyone hovers over the closest Bible. Sixty people were saved when Baptist workers brought desperately needed food to the camp.

Photo by Sue Sprenkle

and Moses Oludot preached the Gospel and handed out the food, which was purchased with money from the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund at a cost of 12 cents per meal. Oludot said that when the invitation was given there was no response at first.

"Then one hand went up and another and another," Oludot said. "By the end, about 60 people were saved. We were surprised, but the Spirit moved that day."

"We always have evangelism with relief and this was an exceptional response," Frost said. "I could see joy on those faces that only Christ can give in such places. That is the kind of relief we strive for and it is lasting. That is more than food!"

The two pastors knew they could not leave the camp with new believers and no one to disciple them. So Sam turned over his pastorate at the Baptist church in Kitgum to a man he had been discipling and began making the eight-mile trek on his bicycle.

"The people responded. They are ready for Christ," Sam said.

"The Acholi were always the hardest people to tell the Gospel to because they fight and quarrel and did not want anything to do with the Bible."

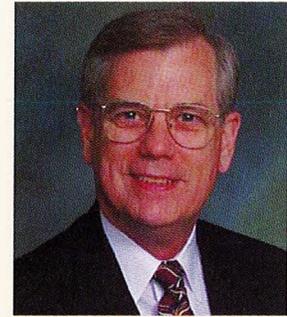
Testimony after testimony reveals many saved from drunkenness, witchcraft, idol worship and constant fighting. Anyiri said since moving from the village to the camp, the Acholi have been forced to look out for one another and care about more than themselves.

"Before, you did not care for anyone but your family," she said. "Now, when there is a threat of the rebels coming, you grab all of your neighbor's kids or any others standing around and gather them in your house. Things are changing here."

When peace finally reaches this northern Ugandan province, those exact changes are what Frost hopes will start a church planting movement. With so many villages represented in one camp and most villages represented in the Baptist church, the young believers are being disciplined in the Great Commission.

"When there is a time of

peace, these people will all go home to their villages," Frost said. "The Gospel will be taken to 25 different villages — all of it started from this one central place." ☺



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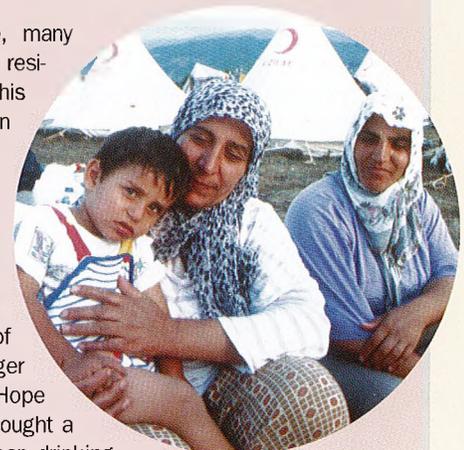
Earthquakes, floods and other disasters continue to devastate around the world. Chronic human needs from the AIDS crisis in Africa to drought in Asia leave millions struggling for survival. Faithful giving of Southern Baptists to the World Hunger Fund provides the resources for Southern Baptist missionaries to respond at the moment of need. And in responding with a ministry that reflects the compassionate love of Jesus Christ, opportunities are provided to offer an eternal hope beyond the suffering in this life through sharing the Gospel. Millions are being reached and churches are being planted because Southern Baptists give to the World Hunger Fund.

faces of hunger

TURKEY

After a devastating earthquake, many buildings were so unstable that residents could not go inside them. This left over 200,000 people living on the streets or in scattered tent communities.

Two days after the earthquake, Southern Baptists banded together with other evangelicals and began handing out food and New Testaments. With the help of the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund, the members of Hope International Church in Istanbul bought a water truck to help distribute clean drinking water in some of the areas hardest hit by the quake.



IMB Photo

100%: How Can They Do That?



Steve Nelson is Director of Hunger Concerns for the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

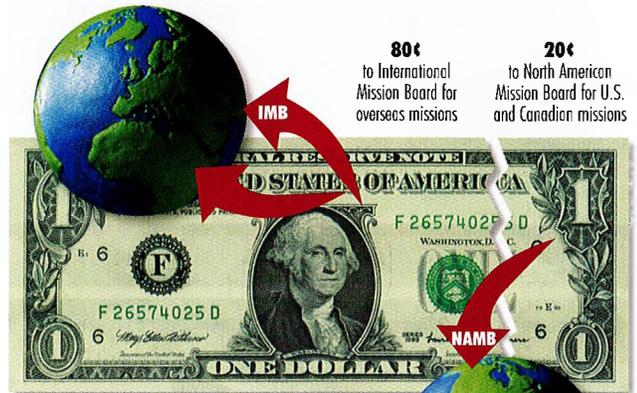
BY STEVE NELSON

Each time we publish the fact that 100% of contributions to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund is used for hunger ministry, we hear from skeptical readers. When I make the 100% statement before an audience, I invariably get a few looks that say they simply find the assertion unbelievable. Yet the statement is completely true, and it always pleases me to have the opportunity to explain how the World Hunger Fund works.

Southern Baptists are blessed to have nearly 10,000 missionaries on the home and foreign fields, and it is those faithful servants, along with volunteers, who oversee our hunger ministries. The missionaries' compensation is provided through the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The administrators at the mission boards are provided for in the same way. Therefore, all hunger gifts are totally dedicated to hunger ministry.

The promotion of the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund also is provided for through other budgets. The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, the SBC entity responsible for promoting the fund, is supported primarily by the Cooperative Program. The ERLC produces resources to use in promotion, and those are sold on a cost recovery basis. Other promotional efforts include articles and ads that are usual-

HOW IS MY DOLLAR SPENT?



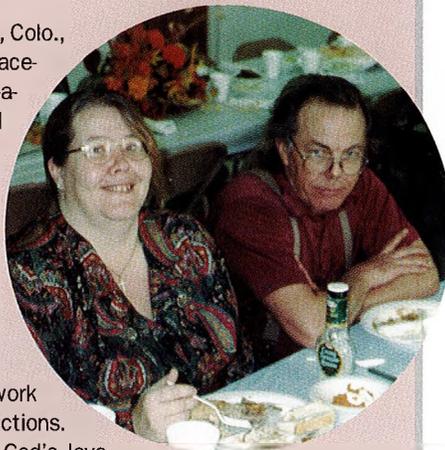
When a dollar is contributed to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund, unless otherwise designated, 80¢ is sent to the International Mission Board for overseas hunger projects while 20¢ is sent to the North American Mission Board to support hunger projects in the United States and Canada. Because personnel and volunteers are already in place, and promotional expenses come through other budgets, 100% of your gifts is used to minister to the hungry in Jesus' name.

faces of hunger

COLORADO

The Caring Place in Grand Junction, Colo., provides meals, clothing, job placement, computer and English-As-a-Second-Language classes, and other services to about 3,700 people monthly. Workers eagerly share the Gospel and point out that the provisions come from the Lord. The World Hunger Fund helps supply the food for reaching out a hand of care at The Caring Place.

Director Mary Strohm says, "We work with a lot of transients with addictions. When they come here, they feel God's love and know that we love them too."



ly run at no charge in state Baptist newspapers, LifeWay Christian Resources materials, and other denominational publications.

By longstanding agreement, gifts to the hunger fund are divided with 80% going to the International Mission Board and 20% going to the North American Mission Board. The projects they fund begin with a request from a church or missionary on the field. After examining the request to make certain it meets the guidelines set forth by the mission boards, the funds are issued. Follow-up reports are also part of the process. Through these reports, we know that 13,600 professions of faith directly related to hunger ministry were recorded in the United States and U.S. territories last year. We also know that 21 million lives were touched on the foreign field last year through hunger and relief ministries.

The International Mission Board accepts gifts for its General Relief Fund as well. These funds also are used 100% for ministry but are not limited to hunger relief. They can be used for such items as clothing, blankets, building materials, and other non-food needs.

With the assurance that 100% of your gifts will be used to help the hungry and hurting, why not make a commitment to give today? ☺



ROBERT T. RECCORD
PRESIDENT
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD (NAMB)

Southern Baptists have joined hands across the land through the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund to say, "We are here for you, and we care for you." That is why last year nearly 3 million people were fed and over 13,000 of them experienced not only food for the body but food for the soul as they accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. And that is what Southern Baptists are all about.

ROCKIES' GRANDEUR OVERSHADOWED BY HUNGER MINISTRY'S GRACE

BY BILL AND KAYE FINK

Buena Vista is located in the Arkansas River Headwaters Recreational Area and boasts some of the best white-water rafting in Colorado. This popular sport brings a large seasonal population of rafting guides who migrate here in late April and stay through mid-August. These guides provide the leadership on more than 300,000 commercial raft trips each summer. They typically live in tent cities with minimal facilities and work for meager wages. In July 2001, there were some 400 guides in the immediate area.

The Mountain Heights Rafting Ministry began about five years ago when members of Mountain Heights Baptist Church decided that a ministry to the summer rafting guides was needed. We discovered that providing a nutritious meal once

a week would be the best way to minister to the guides, whose work is very physically demanding. We host a free weekly supper from June through mid-August and have fed 140-160 guides each week. They tell us often how grateful they are for the opportunity to eat a hot meal indoors and at a table. We have a crew of about twenty people who prepare and serve the meal, fellowship with each guide, and clean up afterward. We also have people from another local church and a US/C-2 resort missionary who help on a regular basis.

We have refined and improved our ministry over time. We recently started having a devotional service in our sanctuary after the meal. (Sunday church services are not available to the guides because they are on

the river then.) While attendance is slim at times, we feel we are sowing seeds. Some of the guides are Christians, while others have never been in a church. We give away New Testaments when we have them.

Our efforts also include regular relationship-building visits to the rafting guide camps, mostly by the summer missionaries.

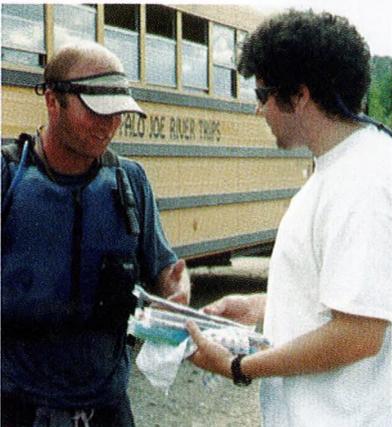
They give out healthy snacks to the guides at the sites where the rafters put in or take out. The guides are met with a smile and a granola bar, Popsicle, or cold orange wedge—an insignificant thing to most people, but a very meaningful gesture to someone

who has spent six grueling hours on the river.

The ministry is funded in various ways, including individual donations and money from the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. Frankly, we think next year will be extremely challenging as the popularity of rafting skyrockets and our small congregation stretches its resources to minister to even more guides. So if you're in our area during the summer, drop by and we'll put you to work! We'll even give you time to visit with the guides—after you finish the dishes. ☺

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Summer missionary Edgar Gertsch of Greenville, S.C., shares a frozen treat with a grateful rafting guide.

Photo by Ian Wilson



The Mountain Heights Rafting Ministry of Buena Vista, Colo., reaches out to a seasonal population of about 400 rafting guides each summer.

Photo by Jessica Crumdwel

Taking His Love Into the World

Last year was a busy year for human needs ministry. Critical and timely response to major disasters, along with expanding ministries such as water development, agricultural training and nutritional projects were at the forefront of international missions work. As of February 2001, the Office of Overseas Services reported that a total of 230 projects in 53 countries were processed, touching more than 21 million people throughout the world. (The projects shown on this map highlight just a few of the ministries sponsored by Southern Baptists in 2000.)

Dr. James L. Brown, Jr., Human Needs Ministries Consultant, Office of Overseas Services, International Mission Board, Human Needs Ministries Annual Report 2000



CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

-  **Kosovar Stove Project** - to provide 3 meters of firewood and 500 stoves to 500 Kosovo refugee families in *Belgrade and Serbia*
-  **Project Potato II** - to provide 150 potato acres, 300 wheat acres, 300 sunflower acres and farming equipment to a community of 7,000 in *Bulgaria*

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ASIA (CASA)

-  **Village Development** - to provide tubewells and sanitary latrines benefiting 188,350 people in *Bangladesh*
-  **Khond Hills Agriculture Project** - to provide training to 5,000 villagers in *CASA* showing them how to germinate bamboo and raise vegetable gardens during the dry season
-  **Eyeglass Project** - to provide eye exams, eyeglasses and transportation to the clinic for people in *CASA*
-  **Pig Project 2000** - to provide 30 pigs and feed to a pastor and his church to enable them to develop a self-supporting cooperative that will allow them to continue evangelizing the local villages in *CASA*

EAST ASIA

-  **Restocking for Herders** - to provide for the restocking of herds to 10 families in *East Asia* by giving each family 80 sheep, 2 goats, 2 cows and 2 horses

WESTERN PACIFIC

-  **Upper Valley BOOST/TEACH** - to provide 75 tribal church leaders in the *Philippines* training in food production, health care, and the chronological method of Bible Study
-  **World Hunger Vehicle** - to provide a 4x4 vehicle to make access between ministry projects possible in the *Philippines*

SOUTHEAST ASIA/OCEANIA

-  **B-Group Water Well Project** - to provide 5 water wells that will benefit 300 people in *Southeast Asia and Oceania*
-  **Poso Relief** - to provide 2000 families in the city of *Poso, Indonesia* with food packets containing salted fish, rice, sugar, instant noodles, salt, cooking oil and laundry soap

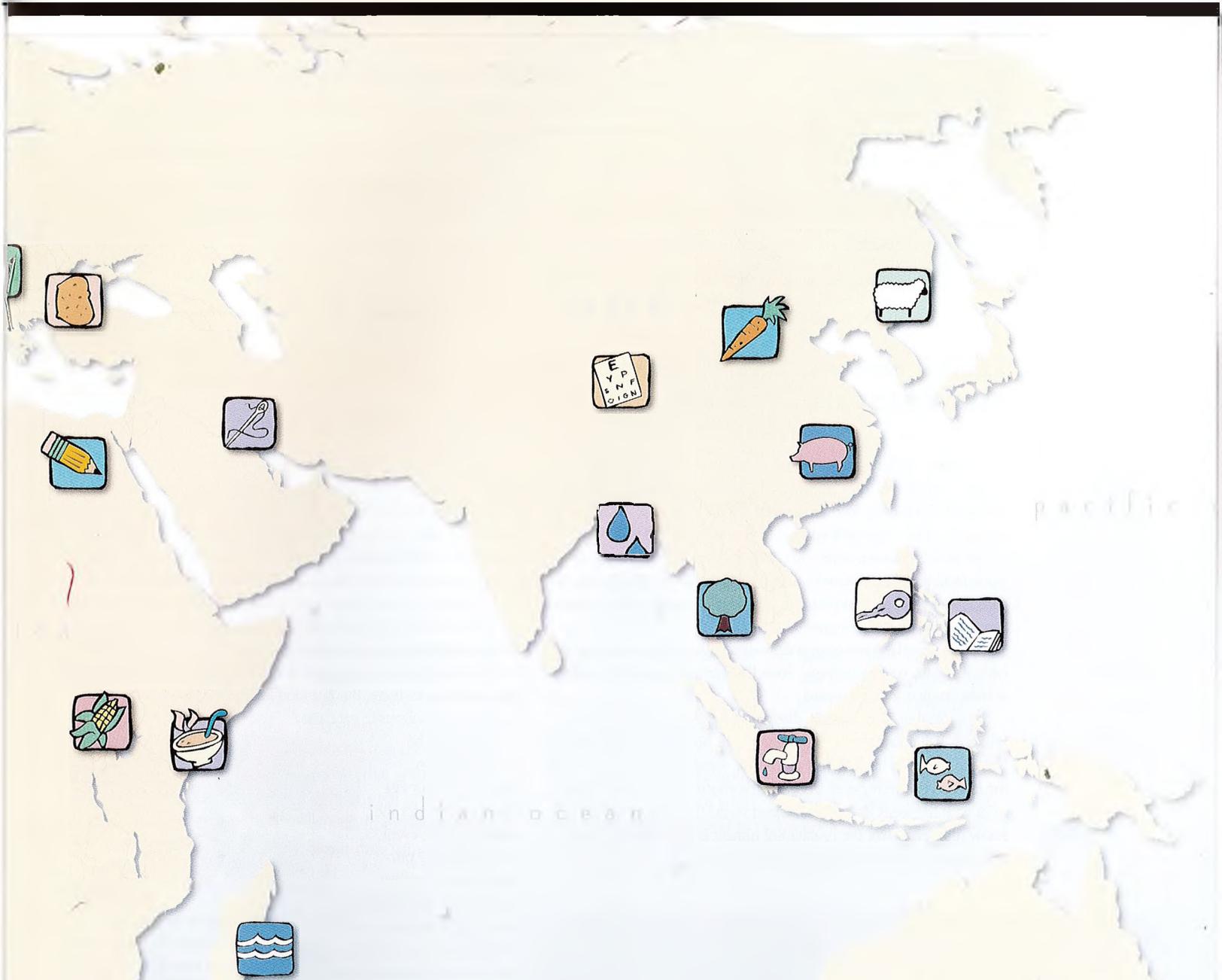
-  **Trees and Seeds** - propagation, depar storage and sales of 15,000 people in *i*

NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE

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EASTERN AFRICA



Samburu Children's Hunger Relief - to provide 1,100 children under the age of five and affected by severe drought and famine in the Samburu district of *Kenya* with a high protein porridge



Kasese Emergency Feeding - to provide 6.8kgs of corn meal and 3.2kgs of beans to 1,000 families suffering from drought and rebel raids in *Uganda*

SOUTHERN AFRICA



Vohipeno Flood Relief - to provide 15 tons of rice to 5,231 flood victims in the region of *Madagascar*

MIDDLE AMERICA



Potable Water Project - to provide one 450 liter barrel specifically designed to hold drinking water for each of the 85 families in the village of Alta Verapaz in *Guatemala*



Flood Relief - to provide food to 150,000 people affected by the floods in *Tabasco, Mexico*

THE CARIBBEAN BASIN



Hurricane Lenny Relief - to provide construction materials, mattresses and food to 35 families, victims of Hurricane Lenny in the *Netherlands Antilles*

EASTERN SOUTH AMERICA



Baptist Friendship House - to provide 300 expectant mothers and 300 children under the age of two with medical attention, milk, vitamins and monthly food baskets in *North Brazil*

WESTERN SOUTH AMERICA



Disaster Relief - to provide clothing, food, medicine and blankets for 245 flood victims in *Santa Cruz, Bolivia*



Bakery for Cristo Rey Community - to provide start-up costs for a community bakery in *Lima, Peru* that will serve as a source of income and provide food for local families unable to purchase bread



WANDA LEE
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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)

On a recent trip to Bosnia, our team of nurses found creative ways to connect with the people. The devastation of years of war left many without the basic necessities of life such as health care and food. We found the people most receptive when we came with a box of food. Providing enough staple goods for a month gave us an opportunity to share the love of Christ, not only verbally, but in a tangible way. Jesus challenged the disciples to take what they had, a few fish and bread, and minister in His name. We should do no less.

TEENS EXPERIENCE HUNGER, GAIN COMPASSION AT BEAT RETREAT

"It really touched me to realize lots of people are less fortunate than I am."

MONIQUE AKINS,
Cedar Ford teen

While the students were not really clear on what a "BEAT Hunger" retreat was, they gladly piled into the church van to make the trip from Luttrell, Tenn., to a restaurant in Knoxville. These are teenagers; since when do teenagers turn down a free meal?

Yet what began as a boisterous gathering suddenly calmed down when Debbie Bryant, Cedar Ford Baptist Church's youth director, invited an unkempt, poorly dressed stranger to join the group of ten teens and six adults for supper.

Fortunately the teens were polite—most thought he was just a homeless man passing through. Soon the stranger was introduced as their speaker for the evening.

It's a role that Steve Nelson, director of hunger concerns at the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, has become familiar playing. Nelson, who is in his fifth year at the SBC agency, never tires of seeing the look on the youngsters' faces when a youth director invites him to sit with the teens for supper. Nelson wants the young people to know right away that the problem of hunger is right there in their community—no matter the size of the town.

The BEAT Hunger Retreat Kit was developed by Nelson to not only introduce students to the issue of hunger and the damage it inflicts around the world, but also to ensure that young people understand that they have a role to play in fighting the scourge of malnutrition and starvation. The kit provides youth leaders everything they need—step-by-step—to hold a BEAT Hunger retreat.

The youth at Cedar Ford Baptist were scheduled to serve at a homeless shelter in Knoxville early on Saturday morning. Nelson encouraged the young people to make eye contact with the poor. "Often," he told them, "people look right through the poor as though they are not even there. But our God is no respecter of persons. He cares, and He calls us to care, too."

Following the meal, the group began a 24-hour fast that would last for the duration of the event. That night they purchased groceries they would need the following morning to prepare a meal for residents of one of the Knox Area Rescue Ministries. Late into the evening the young people participated in BEAT Retreat games and a Bible study, closing the night out by watching the informative BEAT video crafted for a youthful audience.



BEAT Hunger Retreat Kits are available from the ERLC and contain everything a youth leader will need to conduct a BEAT Hunger retreat: extensive leader's manual, reproducible student pages, promotional posters, 10 sponsorship receipt books and a video. See page 15 for ordering information. WHBEAKIT, \$7.00 ea.

Early Saturday morning the group made the one-hour drive to the rescue mission to prepare a breakfast of pancakes, bacon and scrambled eggs. As the smell of frying bacon filled the air, the young people began to notice the first pangs of hunger. Youth leader Debbie Bryant recalled, "They really got hit twice. On one hand you are going hungry; at the same time, you are cooking for others. It really drives the point home."

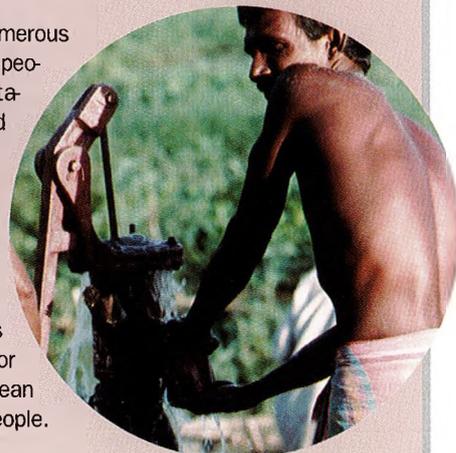
The young people were surprised when the rescue mission residents moved into the dining area—this mission, the New Life Family Center, caters to homeless families. The group served 40 meals that morning, but more important these youth took a first step to BEAT Hunger as they served a thankful group of needy families with Christ's love. ☺

Additionally, through sponsored donations, the youth group raised over \$300 for the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund, which will be used by SBC missionaries to reach people for Christ all over the world.

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BANGLADESH

Southern Baptists engage in numerous development projects to help the people of impoverished nations gain stability and self-sufficiency, and clean water is one of the cornerstones of those projects. Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world. Over the years, Southern Baptist missionaries and Bangladesh Baptists have sunk hundreds of tube wells and taught nationals to test for water purification, providing clean drinking water for thousands of people.



IMB Photo

"Open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land."

DEUTERONOMY 15:11

Children Lead Church in Faithful Giving

BY ERIC REAMER

When I heard about the World Hunger Fund a couple of years ago, I was impressed by two facets of the program: first, that all of the food is distributed directly by or under the direction of missionaries who are faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and second, that all of the money goes directly for hunger ministry, not administration or overhead. I also was happy to find a way for us to show our children how they can be an effective part, right now, in the ministry of the Gospel.

We started collecting change in January 2000.

Each Sunday morning the children place their change (and sometimes a dollar bill) into a plastic milk jug as they assemble for our children's sermon. We watch the jug fill until the end of the month when one of the families takes the jug home to count the money and roll it in wrappers. They bring it back to share with the church how much we raised and to have it deposited. Periodically I read the children the letters of receipt that come after we send our gift or show them articles from *Light* magazine about how some of their

money is being used in hunger ministry.

We have about 30 children who participate. One family puts all of their change for the week in the mother's purse, and on Sunday morning the purse is emptied into the hands of their daughter, who puts it in the jug. Another dad collects change in a rice bowl on his desk and gives it to his children to put in the jug. One young boy gave some of his birthday money.

The children really enjoy helping other children who need food and who need to hear about Jesus. They are

excited to watch as week after week their small gifts add up to a lot of money, and the parents like helping their children learn the discipline of gleaning.

As a pastor I would strongly encourage every church to find a way to let their children contribute to the World Hunger Fund. It can be done in a way that requires just a tiny sacrifice on the part of each family and very little work for the church staff. And just imagine what a huge impact all those little sacrifices make when they are added up! ☺

The children of The Church at North Hills have given about \$25 per month to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund since January 2000.



Eric Reamer, pastor of The Church at North Hills in Scotia, New York, is pictured with some of the children who eagerly give regularly to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund.

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NEW YORK

Graffiti Baptist Church on Manhattan's lower east side seeks to create an atmosphere of love and acceptance while ministering to the needs of disadvantaged children. The church feeds the children Sunday breakfast, which both fills their hungry stomachs and helps them be alert for Bible study.

Their efforts also include free meals for the elderly and the homeless. The Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund helps Graffiti provide over 200 meals per week, and many people have come to Christ as a result.

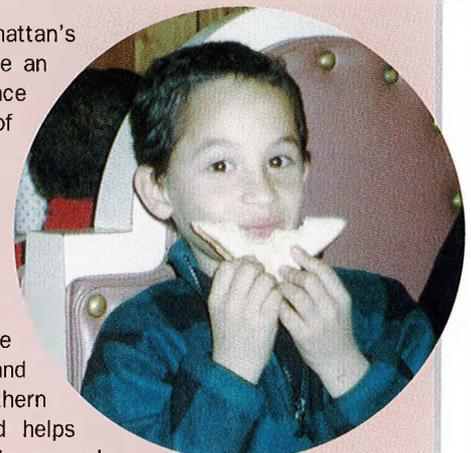


Photo: Mary Carr

Why should I support the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund rather than charities that advertise on TV?



▲ Only the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund uses 100% of all contributions to feed hungry people. *(Personnel are already in place; thus, administrative and promotional costs are borne out of other budgets.)*

▲ When Southern Baptists give food, they are there for the long haul, desiring to plant churches and make disciples for Jesus Christ. Our desire is to build relationships with people and eventually lead them to a relationship with Christ.

▲ The Good News of salvation through Christ is always foundational. Whenever possible, the plan of salvation is shared and an opportunity to respond is given.

▲ In emergency situations, food aid must be given. But when possible, hunger ministries are designed to create independence from rather than dependence on food aid.

ARE THERE WAYS I CAN APPLY THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE OF "GLEANING" (LEV. 19:9-10) TODAY?

Gleaning involves leaving something on a regular basis for those in need. You can follow one or more of the suggestions below, or allow them to inspire you to find other creative ways to give out of your abundance. The main thing is that you prayerfully seek a way to give consistently. Why not involve your whole family in the process?

- ▲ Submit a direct bank draft form allowing your account to be debited each month for an amount you determine (see p. 13).
- ▲ Drop your spare change in a jar each day. On occasion, cash in the coins and send a check to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund.
- ▲ Place and maintain change canisters in your church (foyer, fellowship hall, Sunday School rooms) and in area businesses.
- ▲ Send a monthly check to the World Hunger Fund.
- ▲ Host a BEAT Hunger Retreat for your church youth group.
- ▲ Have children's groups use Dime-a-Day cards for the World Hunger Fund.
- ▲ Place World Hunger Fund offering envelopes in pew racks in your church.
- ▲ When ordering offering envelopes from the envelope service, have a World Hunger Fund envelope spaced at one per month in each box.
- ▲ Sponsor a rice bowl campaign in your church.

WHERE CAN I ORDER RESOURCES TO PROMOTE THE WORLD HUNGER FUND OR MAKE A CONTRIBUTION?

You can order resources from the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, 901 Commerce St., Suite 550, Nashville, TN 37203 (orders@erlc.com). Contributions can be sent to the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission or your state Baptist Convention office.* For more information, call (888) 375-2461.

*Some state conventions vary in how hunger funds are distributed. For more details, contact your state Baptist convention office.

WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN MY GIFT REALLY MAKE?

Just \$20 per month can personally impact nearly 1,500 lives in the name of Christ over a year by providing enough each month to:

- ▲ Provide a constant water supply in West Africa for 5 families @ \$1.25 each \$ 6.25
- ▲ Give a meal in Uganda to 80 homeless women and children @ 12¢ each 9.60
- ▲ Supply meals in Guatemala to 9 homeless children @ 11¢ each .99
- ▲ Furnish 15-lb. food packets in Washington, D.C., to 3 needy families @ \$1.05 each 3.15

TOTAL \$19.99

HOW EASY IS IT?

Instead of dropping a dollar into the office vending machine each workday, you can be a part of God's marvelous plan to reach and feed families around the world through the SBC World Hunger Fund. It's that simple.

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FLORIDA

A darker side of life in sunny Florida is seen in a city park in Lake Worth, where Greenacres Baptist Church's Bread of Life hunger ministry serves the homeless a weekly breakfast of free coffee and doughnuts. "That could be any one of us," said Sherri Hiltunen, the ministry's director (at right).

The church also hosts a luncheon to feed the homeless and is a site where the needy pay a reduced price for groceries in exchange for doing community service. The church relies on Florida Baptists' Hunger Offering to provide funds to buy food for the meals.



FBC Photo by Ken Touchton

What difference can you make?

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found it a most conve-
nient way to minister to
the poor on a regular
basis. It gives great
comfort to my family
to know that we are
directly impacting from
50 to 100 lives every
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Champion Action Kit: World Hunger

God calls those in church leadership to equip those in the pews to live victorious, Spirit-filled lives. For Faith & Family's **Champion Action Kits** are chock-full of timely, biblically based resources that will aid your church in championing God's truths in your community. We recognize there is a battle raging in our culture and that families are caught in the cross fire. God calls His followers to be prepared and to be on the front lines.

That's why we've prepared this exciting new offering, the **Champion Action Kit**. Packed with valuable helps for churches and families alike, the materials in the **Champion Action Kits** are grounded in God's Word and address the pressing moral, ethical, and social issues of our day. This special packaging of some of our time-tested resources along with new materials will outfit your church to strengthen families and change the world for good.

The October edition of the **Champion Action Kit** focuses on World Hunger. (There is a new kit focusing on a specific issue each month.) This kit contains everything you will need to prepare a sermon, lead a Bible study, and provide helpful, scripturally sound information that addresses the scope of hunger throughout the world and offers simple steps that each of us can take to make a life-saving difference.



CONTENTS*

- Bible study and sermon helps
- LifeLight handouts (qty: 100)
- *When Will We Cry?* video (VHS, 28 min.)
- *The Bible Speaks on Hunger* pamphlets (qty: 20)
- World Hunger Offering Envelopes (qty: 50)
- World Hunger Fact Sheets (qty: 10)
- Full-Color Promotional Posters (qty: 2)

WHKIT (monthly subscription)

\$24.95



When Will We Cry?

This penetrating video introduces viewers to hunger and relief ministries in the U.S. and around the world. Featuring com-

ments of appreciation from several SBC agency executives for systematic giving, the video allows Southern Baptists to see how God is using their hunger fund gifts.

VTWHE (VHS, 28 min.)

\$7.00 ea.

Within Your Reach: Hunger in the Homeland

Real people involved in helping others stir the emotions with the tragedies of hunger in America. This video shows viewers how a small effort can make a major difference.

VTWITH (VHS, 25 min.)

50% off! \$9.00 ea.

Change Canisters

Change canisters serve as a great mission project for youth groups, mission organizations, Sunday School classes or other church groups. They can be placed in area businesses or even prominent places in the church. Lives are touched as the sponsoring group collects the proceeds for the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund, which uses 100% for hunger relief. Southern Baptists sponsor nearly 1,000 hunger ministries worldwide, all carried out in Jesus' name.



WHCAN-4 (4 per box)

\$10.00/4

Rice Bowls

Rice bowl banks are a great way for the church to promote awareness and raise funds for the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund. All ages will enjoy participating as each family places a bowl in their home. The church is blessed as bowls are collected and proceeds are used to feed the hungry. *One-time use. Shipping paid.*

WHBOW (50 per box)

\$24.00/50



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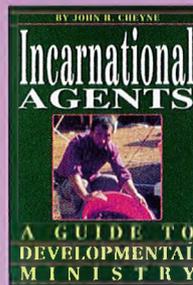
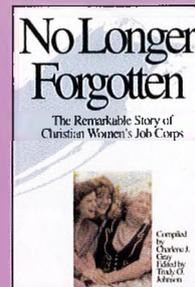
No Longer Forgotten

COMPILED BY CHARLENE J. GRAY
EDITED BY TRUDY O. JOHNSON

This book chronicles the remarkable story of the Christian Women's Job Corps, a program of the Woman's Missionary Union designed to help women in poverty become equipped for life and employment. CWJC is a ministry that combines practical training, relationship building, emotional healing and spiritual growth to meet a woman's daily and eternal needs.

BKNOL (138 pages)

\$6.00 \$11.00 ea.



Incarnational Agents[†]

BY JOHN R. CHEYNE

Should the church be involved in meeting physical needs as well as spiritual needs? John Cheyne gives reasons why human needs ministry is a must as well as pitfalls to avoid in starting a human needs ministry. You'll learn the why, what, and how in demonstrating God's care for others.

BKINC (257 pages)

\$5.95 \$10.95 ea.

[†] Limited quantities available

* Additional quantities are available. For more information call 1-800-475-9127 or e-mail questions to orders@erlc.com.

B.E.A.T. Hunger Retreat Kit

B.E.A.T. (Believers Everywhere ATtack) Hunger for student groups will help them gain

a "passion for compassion" as they fast, study the Bible, minister and raise support through sponsorship for the World Hunger Fund. The retreat kit includes an extensive leader's manual to aid in preparing for and directing the hunger event, reproducible student hand-outs, promotional posters, 10 sponsorship receipt books, Bible studies and an exciting video to encourage them to work to beat world hunger.



WHBEAKIT 50% off! \$7.00 ea.

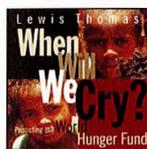
B.E.A.T. Hunger Receipt Books

Each participant in the B.E.A.T. Hunger retreat will need a sponsorship receipt book (10 are included with the kit).

WHBEARECU \$3.40/10

When Will We Cry?

This music CD contains original songs dealing with hunger. Printed lyrics and instrumental tracks are included for sing-alongs at ministry events. All proceeds go to the World Hunger Fund.



CDWHE \$5.00 ea.

The Bible Speaks on Hunger

The Bible speaks clearly and frequently of those who are hungry and in need. Pastors, teachers and other leaders will find this pamphlet a valuable resource in educating and equipping the saints on this vital issue.

BSHUNU \$3.80/20



I & A: Hunger

This concise brochure explains the major causes of and opinions about world hunger. It also contains vital statistics that point out the enormity of the problem. Biblical insights as well as individual applications are shared to motivate each person to do his part.

IAHUNU \$3.40/20

Bible Studies on World Hunger

These four studies boldly teach what God's Word has to say about ministry to the poor and are appropriate for a wide range of age groups.

WHBIB \$.40 ea.



World Hunger Placemats

These colorful placemats depict living illustrations of Southern Baptists' involvement in feeding the hungry in Jesus'

name and are great for use at church fellowships and Wednesday night meals.

WHPLACU \$2.30/20

Hunger Fund Offering Envelopes

These envelopes feature the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund logo and are used to encourage support for the World Hunger Fund, where 100% of gifts received is used for hunger ministry.

WHENV (sold in lots of 50 only) \$2.40/50

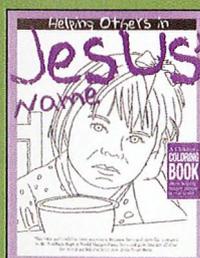


especially for kids

These products teach children that they, too, can make a difference in the lives of others through their prayers and gifts.

Helping Others in Jesus' Name

This eight-page coloring book depicts scenes from photos of real people whose lives are being touched in Jesus' name through Southern Baptist hunger ministries. It includes descriptions of rice bowls and hunger canisters and shows boys and girls how their dollars and cents really do make a difference.

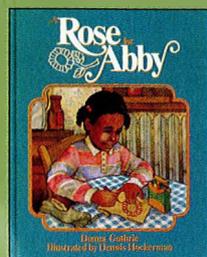
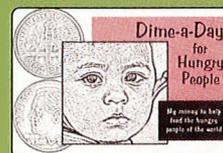


WHHELU \$5.80/20

Dime-a-Day for Hungry People

These coin folders hold 30 dimes and are designed for children to set aside 10¢ per day for world hunger. At the end of each month, children can cash in their dimes and send in \$3.00 to the World Hunger Fund, which will provide enough money for milk for an infant in Argentina for one month (\$1.70), five pounds of food for a needy family in Washington, D.C. (35¢), two meals for a homeless person in Miami, Fla. (25¢), and food for a famine victim in North Korea for three weeks (70¢). These reusable cards make wonderful teaching tools. Sold in lots of 10.

WHDIM (sold in lots of 10) \$5.50/10



A Rose for Abby[†]

This delightful softcover children's book delicately explores the issue of America's homeless. It provides an expanded awareness that even people in our own community are suffering from hunger and that the church can aid in their relief.

BKROS \$5.00 \$6.95 ea.

Children's Activity Page

Five activities for children share truths about hunger and the part children can play in helping others in Jesus' name.

WHCIU \$2.80/20

[†] Limited quantities available

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Building a Foundation for Life

Some Food for Thought

BY DWAYNE HASTINGS

I have to admit I sometimes had a hard time cleaning my plate when I was younger, especially when my mom fixed lima beans. And it seemed like we had lima beans a lot.

When I said I didn't like lima beans my mom would tell me about some kid my age in a faraway land who was starving and would be glad to have the food I didn't want to eat. I wanted to tell her it would be fine with me if she wanted to box up those lima beans and send them to the other side of the world where those little boys and girls were hungry. I even thought it might be a good idea for those kids to come to my house and we each could pick what we wanted to eat off my plate. But I didn't say that because I knew it would make my mom even more upset with me.

So instead I moved my lima beans around so it looked like I had eaten some of them, but my mom knew better. She knew she had only given me eight beans to eat and there were still eight beans somewhere on my plate. Sometimes I would try to slide the lima beans under little clumps of mashed potatoes, but she could see them right through those mashed potatoes! And then I'd have to eat lima beans with cold mashed potatoes on them.

...hungry kids from faraway lands would be happy to eat my lima beans (and anything else I didn't want) even if they were covered with cold mashed potatoes.



We need to be thankful for the food God provides for us, even if it is lima beans. We need to help those who may not have enough food for their family.

The Bible tells us about a young lady named Ruth. God provided for her family by having the farmers leave some of their harvest in the fields. Ruth and the other needy people in her town came to the fields to gather the left-behind crops. This would help feed their families. The practice, called glean-ing, would cost the farmers because they would have fewer crops to take to market. But the farmers obeyed God and God blessed them.

God wants to use us to provide for people who are hungry, too. He wants us to share what we have with the boys and girls in our country and around the world who are in need.

It is not a good idea to package up your lima beans to send to hungry people, but it is a good idea to make a habit of sharing what we have with those in need. When we help others, God is happy.

Bible truth: God wants us to help others.

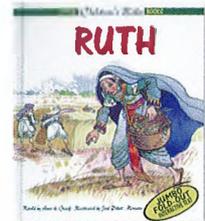
Bible verse: Proverbs 19:17

RECOMMENDED READING:

Ruth (Little Children's Bible Book Series)

Retold by Anne de Graaf
Illustrated by José Pérez Montero

This small book is the perfect way to introduce young readers to the story of Ruth. Through simple, age-appropriate text and enchanting artwork, this colorful volume tells the touching story of a young woman who was devoted to the care of her family. (Broadman & Holman, ISBN 0-8054-2190-4)



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