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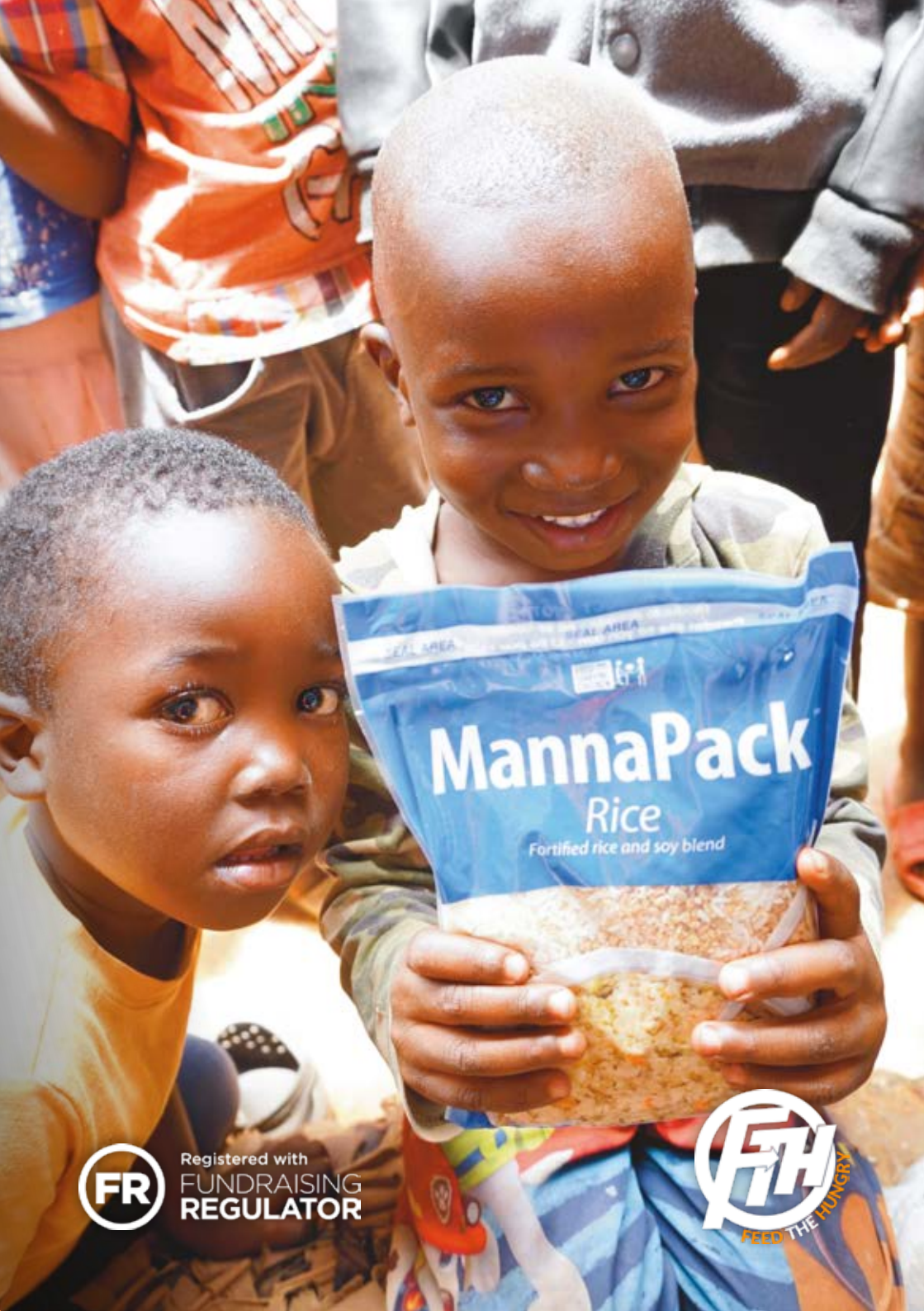
A MESSAGE OF HOPE

Sharing the Gospel with Nepalese
Tribes in their native tongue

FIELD REPORT

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A BETTER FUTURE

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

- Jeremiah 29:11

It's something that maybe many of us have thought in the past 12 months - that even in the face of trying circumstances, things will eventually get better. While the past year has been difficult in so many ways, we are in God's hands and He has good plans for us. We have a hope in Christ that lasts beyond the fragile times and mortality that currently surrounds us; a hope for eternity.

But while we may be comforted by this assurance, there are many who do not know that there is a better future available for them in Jesus. Let's be people of faith who boldly share that, in Christ, the best is still to come.



Gwyn Williams
Operations Director

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A MESSAGE OF HOPE

Nepal is a predominantly Hindu country, with more than 4 in 5 people identifying with Hindu beliefs. In fact, Christian belief in Nepal is tiny by comparison, with less than 5% of the population considering themselves to be followers of Jesus. However, Christianity is one of the fastest growing religions in Nepal.

Pastor Ruben Rasaili is an Evangelist and Church Planter. His heart is for those considered to be 'the lowest' in society, particularly small rural Nepalese Tribes. He is an innovator, constantly looking for new opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus. In 2020, Feed The Hungry

helped Pastor Ruben to fund the drilling and installation of wells, to provide clean water to villages that had inadequate supplies. Each well drilled provided an opportunity for the Gospel to be shared, both practically and verbally, as Ruben boldly shared a message of hope in Jesus at the opening ceremonies. Ruben said, *"Being a minister, I always pray and concern about how we can reach these left-over villages; at least, every people of each tribe can hear the love of Jesus for them."*

Ruben's team have also been distributing Bibles in the Newari language. However, they have identified a problem, which Ruben is looking to overcome. In Nepal, there are 15 main languages spoken and

NEPAL

Population: 30 million (est.)
Christian: 1 million (est.)
GDP per capita: \$1,100

Economy:

Most of Nepal's income is generated through agriculture and through Nepali ex-pats working abroad and sending money back to their families in



Nepal. The global Covid-19 pandemic has been particularly harsh on Nepal's economy, especially those reliant on tourism and casual labourers.

46 minor languages. Also, particularly in poorer villages, not many people can read or write. While distributing Bibles can help some people, there are others who simply can not access the written word.

With this in mind, Ruben and his team are looking to record audio Bibles in different Nepali dialects. Ruben's vision is for, what he calls, the "Media House for Evangelism".



30 villagers living in the rainforest of Upper Chitwan receive Bibles for the first time.

"In 2021, Media House will produce Audio Bibles in 10 different languages", explains Ruben. "These will be stored onto microSD cards, which can be played through a mobile phone, and can be distributed to ministries, churches or un-reached people at their request."

They also hope to establish links with local radio stations, so that the recordings can be broadcast with a wider reach. Longer-term, they would like to record worship music in different languages too.

"We are so grateful for the support we receive from Feed The Hungry", says Ruben, "We are able to feed young people under our care from forgotten villages with physical food, but we want to share with them a resource that will never run out - living water from their Creator. Media House for Evangelism will help us to reach many more."

To find out more, visit fth.org.uk/nepal

WHERE ON EARTH HAS IT GONE?

In 2021, we've already sent seven containers of food and resources out to our partners around the world. Where have they gone to?



Towards the end of 2020, we were given resources to send to support internally displaced refugees in Burkina Faso. Hundreds of people in the UK responded to the appeal to raise transport costs and we were able to send the container to our partner, Victory International Ministries, in February.

EASTERN EUROPE



There have been reports that in some parts of Albania, starvation has killed more people than coronavirus during the time of the pandemic. Feed The Hungry has sent four lorries of food to our partners in Romania and Albania.

BURKINA FASO

DJIBOUTI

Seven pallets of vitamin supplements were sent to Djibouti, to be used in a new project, which seeks to improve the overall health of people using foodbanks. The aim is to reduce hospital admissions for malnutrition by supplementing the food received from the foodbanks with additional vitamins and minerals.

ZIMBABWE



Our partner food supplier in Italy, Rise Against Hunger, has sent two containers to Zimbabwe, funded by Feed The Hungry. The food in these containers is supporting over 16,000 children and young people in and around Harare, Zimbabwe, through our partner, The Joseph Foundation.

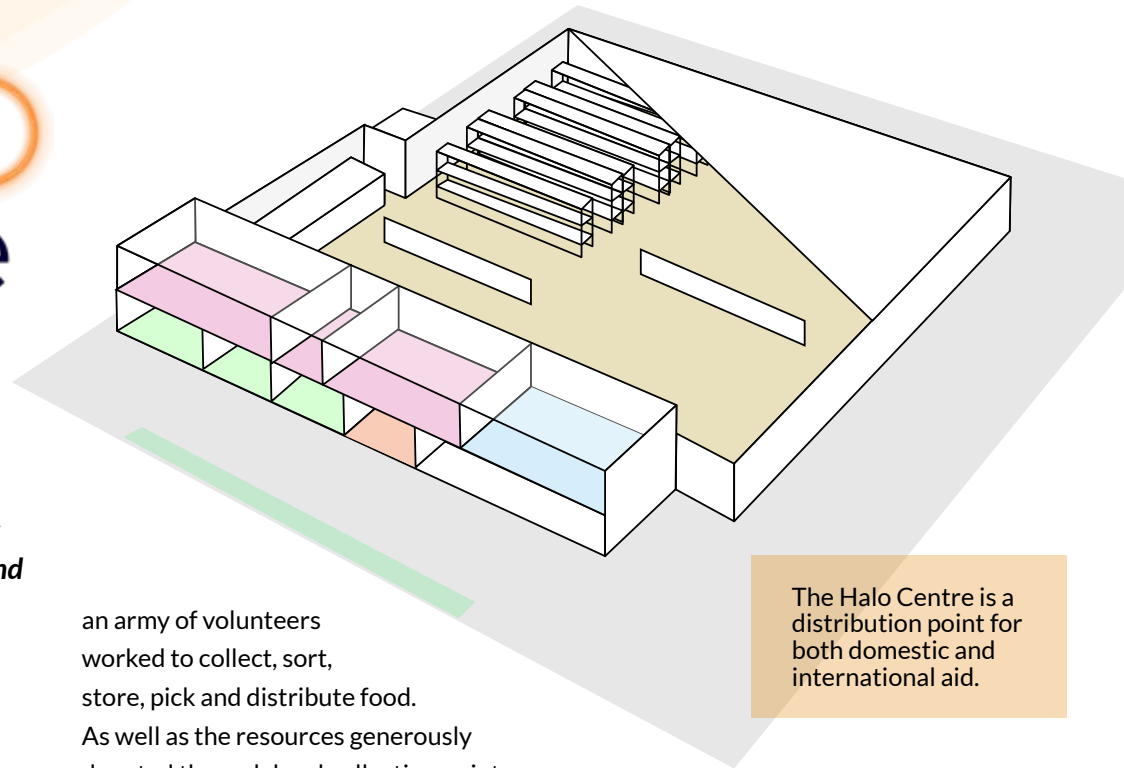
the halo centre

This year, Feed The Hungry have taken on responsibility for a 25,000 square foot warehouse in Coventry, which supports feeding programmes both domestically and internationally.

Coventry Foodbank

In 2011, after seeing first-hand some of the struggles that families and individuals faced in putting just a basic meal on the table each day, Gavin Kibble started Coventry Foodbank. At the time, it was a low-key operation that supported people facing food insecurity in and around Coventry. But very quickly, the work began to escalate.

In 2016, Coventry Foodbank became a 'Regional Distribution Centre' - or RDC - a large scale operation that supplied food in 17 foodbanks. It moved into a large premise in Binley, Coventry, where a small number of staff and



an army of volunteers worked to collect, sort, store, pick and distribute food.

As well as the resources generously donated through local collection points in supermarkets, the RDC started taking bulk donations directly from supermarket chains and wholesale suppliers.



In 2020, over 34,000 people received food through Coventry Foodbank.

The Halo Centre is a distribution point for both domestic and international aid.

Jump forward another 5 years and Coventry Foodbank is now one of the largest foodbanks in the UK. At any one time, there is over 100 tonnes of food being processed through the warehouse. And Covid has only amplified the problem of food insecurity and the need it produces. In January, the Trussell Trust reported a 47% rise in food parcels given out by its volunteers between April and September 2020.

Feed The Hungry

Throughout 2020, as well as supporting our partners internationally, Feed The



Over 200 volunteers regularly give their time to support Coventry Foodbank.

Hungry's work tackling food insecurity domestically has rapidly increased. As a charity, we are uniquely positioned in feeding both at home and overseas. Towards the end of last year, we were approached about taking on the RDC warehouse in Coventry, and after a lot of prayer and discernment at every level of the organisation, we accepted the challenge.

Practically, Feed The Hungry is going to continue to do what we firmly believe we have been called to; to share the Gospel and feed the last, the least and the lost. Our work internationally is not being curtailed - it is ever increasing and we are committed to continuing to support the 330,000+ children and young people under the care of our Church partners through a global network. But we also want to be open to what God is doing and where He is leading.

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The Halo Centre

As Feed The Hungry took responsibility for the RDC on 1st February 2021, the building was renamed, 'The Halo Centre'.

The vision for The Halo Centre is a place that can support people, showing them the love of God through practical service, and helping them to find a full life in Jesus. A big part of that is by acting as a hub for food redistribution. We will be sending containers of food from The Halo Centre out to our Church partners overseas, as well as creating a space to be able to do food packing events, as we did before Covid restrictions came in.

Coventry Foodbank will continue to operate from The Halo Centre and we are looking at increasing our capacity so that more food can be collected, sorted and redistributed through the warehouse, both in the UK and abroad.

But food is not the only part of The Halo Centre; we have a vision to provide holistic support. We want to journey with people who are struggling, allowing them to be able to access support with business mentors, work clubs, clothes recycling, and advice on welfare, debt, health and wellbeing.

"The Halo Centre is, at its core, about transforming the most deprived communities; bringing life and hope by walking with hurting people on their



Over 390 tonnes of food was donated to Coventry Foodbank in 2020.

journey", says Gwyn Williams, Feed The Hungry UK's National and International Operations Director. "We believe that journey is most effectively enacted when the local church acts together. And this is not simply about getting food to people, but a holistic approach to support."

We are excited about what God is going to do through The Halo Centre in the coming months; the people who will be reached and the lives that will be touched and transformed around the world in the name of Jesus.

To find out more, visit fth.org.uk/halo

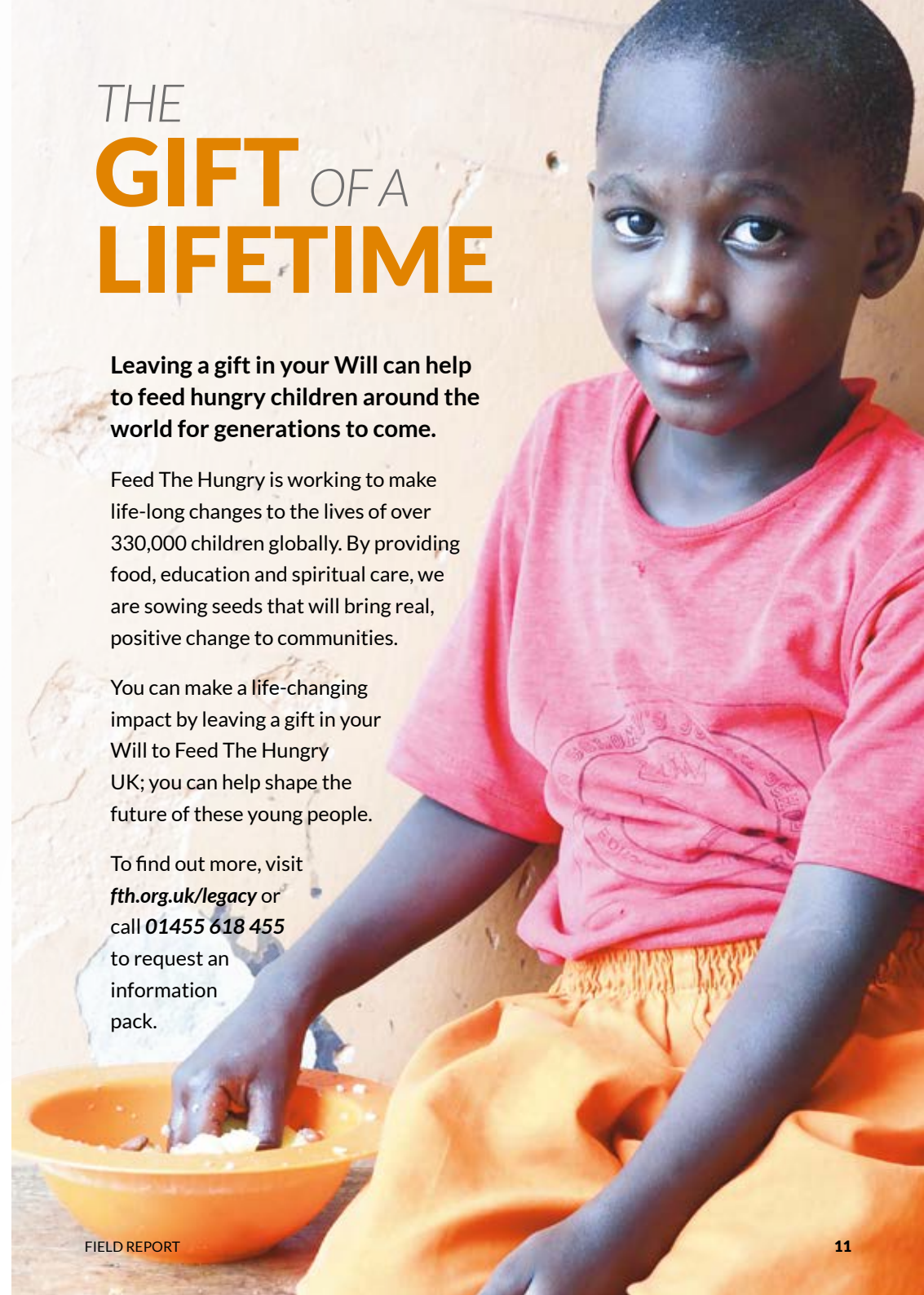
THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

Leaving a gift in your Will can help to feed hungry children around the world for generations to come.

Feed The Hungry is working to make life-long changes to the lives of over 330,000 children globally. By providing food, education and spiritual care, we are sowing seeds that will bring real, positive change to communities.

You can make a life-changing impact by leaving a gift in your Will to Feed The Hungry UK; you can help shape the future of these young people.

To find out more, visit fth.org.uk/legacy or call 01455 618 455 to request an information pack.



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SCHOOL FEEDING RESUMES

Last year, as a consequence of the global pandemic, many schools were required to close. This impacted the way in which food was distributed to the young people who usually receive meals provided by Feed The Hungry. Alternative arrangements were made so that the families of the young people could collect food to cook and eat at home. Since the start of this year, schools have gradually been re-opening and normal distribution through schools is resuming. We're thankful that we've been able to continue feeding and supporting young people throughout the pandemic and that normality is starting to be restored.



PRAYER POINTS

If you feel able to, please support Feed The Hungry in prayer.

- Please pray for the children and young people around the world who are supported by our Church partners. Pray that feeding programmes will get back to normal operation quickly.
- Please pray for those facing food insecurity, both in the UK and abroad. Pray that they will know God as their provider and that they will be fed and be satisfied.
- Please pray for Feed The Hungry as the ministry grows; for wisdom, discernment and provision.

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