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**FEED THE HUNGRY**

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# FIELD REPORT

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Including updates on  
Zambia, Lebanon,  
Romania and Ukraine

# TOMORROW

FOOD FOR TODAY,  
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



## SOWING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

One of my favourite Feed The Hungry stories is of a boy called Michael. He grew up as an orphan in the Kibera slum in Kenya. He had nothing to his name - no home, no family, no food, no future.

Michael was found by Pastor Chris, who leads The Soweto Academy, Feed The Hungry's partner in Kenya. At the time, Michael was living under a bridge that ran over a river of rubbish and sewage. Chris took him in; he found Michael a place to live and gave him food. He also sent Michael to The Soweto Academy to get an education.

Michael did well in his studies. He went through the education system at Soweto, and was awarded a scholarship which enabled him to go to University. He now works as a software engineer for one of the largest technology companies in the world.

Michael has thrived because someone invested in him; they met his immediate need but also gave him the opportunity for a better future.



Gwyn Williams  
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# FEEDING THE FUTURE

Feed The Hungry feed people holistically - mind, body and spirit. Our tag-line is “a full life feels good” - it’s based on the Bible verse found in John 10:10, “...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

The word ‘life’ in that verse is the Greek word, ‘zoën’. Zoën means life, but it’s got two parts to it; physical life and spiritual life. And that’s what Feed The Hungry is about - we want to meet the immediate physical need that someone has, but also, feed their spirit.

## FEEDING TODAY

Often, when we talk about poverty, we think of someone who has a physical need - the need for food, water, shelter or security. These are practical needs

and the most obvious to someone outside looking in. Jesus challenged His followers to meet the needs of the people they interacted with; “*Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same*” (Luke 3:11).

A big part of Feed The Hungry’s mission is to share the Love of Christ with those we serve by meeting someone’s immediate practical need. But our mission doesn’t end there.

## FEEDING TOMORROW

Feed The Hungry’s ‘Every Child, Every Day’ feeding programme regularly supports 400,000 children and young people around the world with food. That food is largely distributed

through school-based feeding centres, and that’s intentional. By feeding pupils through schools, it encourages the students to come to school so that they not only get a warm meal but also an education.

When looking at the challenge of tackling world-wide poverty, one of the key tools in doing that is education. Education gives people skills to be able to offer and contribute more; to be able to make better choices and have their horizons opened to a wider range of opportunities. And as more people receive a good education, it’s not just individuals but communities are then transformed too.

As we feed the body with food through schools, the mind is also being fed, opening a door to a better tomorrow.



Over 400,000 young people regularly receive food through our partners around the world.



In December 2021, the young people who receive food provided by Feed The Hungry were also given a Christmas card sharing God’s love.

## FEEDING THE FUTURE

Our time on earth is limited - we’re going to be physically dead for a lot longer than we’re going to be physically alive. But the Christian faith teaches that life is not just the physical ‘here and now’, but we have eternity with our Father in Heaven, through Jesus. We want everyone to be able to know that their future is secure in Christ; both in this life and the next. As food is distributed by our Christian Ministry partners around the world, the Gospel is being shared. We’ve provided Bibles and teaching materials to our partners so that they are able to put the Word of God directly into the hands of those they’re ministering to.

**Thank you to all of our supporters who enable this ministry. When we talk about feeding, we’re not just talking about fixing a problem today, but equipping for tomorrow and pointing people to a future in Christ.**



## DISCOVERING ZAMBIA

**Ali Jarvis, Head of Finance for Feed The Hungry, recently went to Zambia to visit projects at Lukkomano School and African Vision of Hope. She shares her thoughts and experiences of visiting our partners overseas.**

**FTH:** *Ali, you've recently returned from your first trip to visit one of our projects. Did you have any concerns about it?*

**Ali:** Although willingly making the long flight overseas, I did question and pray through how I could best be an encouragement to those we met. What skills and help could I bring; what helpful words to express? How wrong I was to worry! Our very presence in Zambia was an encouragement in and of itself, which was shown time and again by the words and actions of those we met. We were made to feel so welcome. Everywhere we went, songs of praises and dances had been

prepared for our visit and I found it so humbling to join in their prayer time.

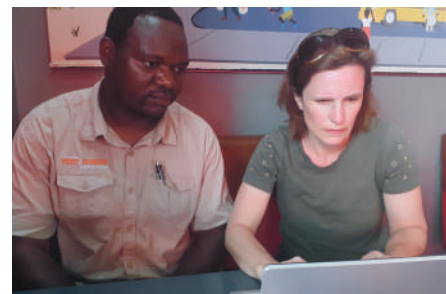
**FTH:** *We've heard that you were born in Zambia. How did it feel to return to your birthplace?*

**Ali:** My parents felt called to work in Africa in the 70s and spent time living in many places. They lived in Zambia for 3 or 4 years. My Dad was an accountant and my mum worked for the High Commission. I was born at the University Teaching Hospital, and we lived in Zambia for the first six months of my life before returning to the UK.

During my trip, I was able to return to the hospital. It was amazing to see the place where I was born, even if it was only from the outside. My parents never had any pictures of the hospital, so it's always been difficult to relate to where my life started.

**FTH:** *If you had to pick just one moment during your trip, is there anything that stood out to you the most?*

**Ali:** Working as Head of Finance for FTH, I was unsure if I would have any skills to practically help the projects we visited. To my surprise, the staff at Lukkomano School needed some help as they don't yet have a finance administrator. I was delighted to be able to set up profit / loss templates for their projects and expenses forms. It felt wonderful to be able to give them practical help and support in my area of expertise.



Ali shares her expertise with one of the schools supported by Feed The Hungry.

**FTH:** *What did you learn from the experience?*

**Ali:** I have much more of a tangible sense of what we are doing practically in countries. I also realised how important it is to listen. Just giving our time to listen and meet with others to hear their joys, concerns, hopes

and dreams for the future, brought us closer together in vision and helped us to see where and how we could provide support. Listening to how much they care for children and their communities was overwhelming.

**FTH:** *Now you're home, how will you be remembering your trip?*

**Ali:** In all honesty, I just want to share information about the projects and my time in Zambia with anyone that will listen! My youngest daughter's school has asked me to give a talk to the students this term.

During my prayer time, I feel that I'll be able to pray into Feed The Hungry's work in Zambia in a different way, as I picture the faces of people we met and the work that they are doing. I have a sense of who they are and a clearer understanding of what they need.

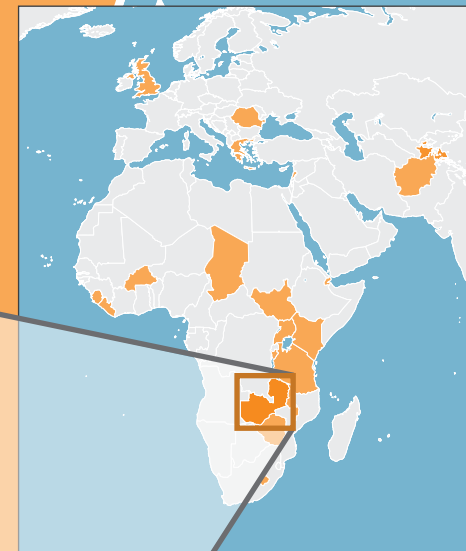
**FTH:** *Will you be visiting again soon?*

**Ali:** I would love to revisit in a few years to see how the schools have grown and developed through our project in Lukkomano School. It would be wonderful to rejoice with the children and teachers over all that has been achieved.

To find out more, visit  
[fth.org.uk/zambia](https://fth.org.uk/zambia)

# FEED THE HUNGRY IN ZAMBIA

Feed The Hungry has worked in Zambia for almost a decade. As well as sending high nutrition rice meals to our partners, food is grown locally on farm land that was initially funded by Feed The Hungry.



Just outside of Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, African Vision of Hope operates a number of schools for vulnerable children and orphans.

Currently, some children travel over two hours each day on foot to get to school. Accommodation is being built to support those most in need.

Containers of rice meals are sent to support the school feeding programmes, where over 5000 children receive a regular meal.



ZAMBIA

LUSAKA

MAZABUKA

In Mazabuka, Lukkomano school supports over 300 children. The school is operating out of a rented building while a new school building is being constructed.

The school is funded by a farming project which was set up several years ago by Feed The Hungry. Maize and soya beans are grown and sold to cover the overhead costs of running the school and provides free education to the children.





## Thanks to your support, we are helping struggling families in Beirut.

We are so grateful for the response we received from our Christmas appeal last year. With your support and donations, we have been able to send containers to Lebanon filled with clothes, shoes, sleeping bags, blankets, bikes and food. All of these items are much needed by families and individuals who are still facing extreme living conditions.

JP Rumens from Feed The Hungry Germany, visited Lebanon earlier this year. He said, "Last week, I spent some days in Beirut. The situation is still extremely tense. A lot of people have a daily fight to survive. Because of inflation, the prices for food are going up and up daily. A friend of mine told me that his monthly income of \$2,000 USD dropped down to \$200 USD. To keep his work he needs to use most of his money for gas.

*In his situation, he is lucky because his wife is a teacher. She will not lose her job that easily. So they have a little bit more income than most of the Lebanese. Most of the people can afford only bread. Milk is hard to get or to afford. So as always the children are suffering the most. Every day, I saw kids collect food waste from the trash, but because of the situation all over the country there is not a lot of food waste"*

The Life Centre, our partner in Beirut, has been busy distributing the resources we sent, which will be making a huge difference to lives right now as so many face a daily fight to survive. Please continue to hold The Life Centre in your prayers as they work to help those in desperate need. Please also pray for economic stability and that the cost for food will become much more affordable.

To find out more, visit [fth.org.uk/lebanon](http://fth.org.uk/lebanon)

**In Spring 2021, Feed The Hungry took on responsibility for a 25,000 square foot warehouse in Coventry to support our work both domestically and internationally. It has been an incredible year to witness God move through our work and this building. Here's a round up of some of the activities that have been happening at The Halo Centre over the past 12 months.**

### THE HALO CENTRE PARTNERS

We are delighted that The Halo

Centre is home to other Christian organisations, including Coventry Foodbank, HOPE Coventry and Hope into Action Coventry. We are able to work, pray and journey together as we all look to show God's love, grace and mercy through our individual outreach.

### WAREHOUSE REVAMP

We are so blessed to have such a huge warehouse, centrally located. Early last year, in order to make the best use of the space for our domestic and international work, we revamped

the warehouse, adding extra racking for storage. This means we now have space to store even more food, clothing and other resources to be sent out to our international partners.

## 10 YEARS OF COVENTRY FOODBANK

In June 2021, we had the privilege of hosting an event in our warehouse to recognise the extraordinary work of Coventry Foodbank in the city over the last 10 years. During the event, we had a time of worship and prayer as we thanked the huge army of volunteers, past and present, that have supported the project over the years. Since

it's launch 10 years ago, Coventry Foodbank has fed over 200,000 people and engages with over 200 volunteers each week.

## EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMMES

Through The Halo Centre, we are striving to bring transformation to local communities and offer a holistic approach to support, beyond providing food. We have developed a partnership with the Coventry Adult Education Service, and through this we are working together to provide training opportunities for local people in Coventry who find themselves struggling to put food on the table. By



Volunteer teams come to The Halo Centre to sort and pack food for both the UK and internationally.

re-skilling and up-skilling individuals, the aim is for them to find employment at the end of their training course. We currently have a training programme in Warehousing and Logistics taking place, and later this year we are looking to add additional programmes in Hospitality, Catering and CCTV.

## CORPORATE CONNECTIONS

We have been delighted to welcome a number of local organisations, including Coventry Building Society, Cadent, Jaguar Land Rover and Osborne, to The Halo Centre over the last 12 months to engage them in our work locally and internationally. Many corporate organisations have encouraged their staff to volunteer with us and to support our work with donations of food and finance. In addition, we have refurbished three on-site training rooms that are now hired out to local businesses for meetings and training courses, which has brought in additional financial support.

## FOOD PACKING

Our dedicated event space in the warehouse has been the perfect location for large scale food packing events to take place. It has been wonderful to see church groups on-site, taking part in our Hand to Hand packing events again. Food from these

events has already been sent out to Lebanon. Through a partnership with Coventry City Council, we have also been able to operate three large scale packing events to provide food hampers to local children facing holiday hunger at Easter, Summer and Christmas.



Containers are sent from The Halo Centre to our international partners around the world.

We are really excited to see how The Halo Centre will be used in the coming 12 months as we live out our vision to see community transformation, and how the individuals and families we are helping will be taken on a journey from survival to significance.

To find out more about how you can have a Hand To Hand food packing event at The Halo Centre in Coventry, visit [fth.org.uk/handtohand](http://fth.org.uk/handtohand), email [foodpack@feedthehungry.org.uk](mailto:foodpack@feedthehungry.org.uk) or call 01455 618 455.



Since 2010, Feed The Hungry has worked with the Christian ministry, Bread of Life in Romania to bring life sustaining food to orphans in Brosteni in the North and Bucharest in the South, and to over 3000 children and young people in between. But we don't just want those we work with to survive - we want them to thrive, knowing the fullness of life in Christ.

Throughout the Summer and Autumn of 2021, Feed The Hungry started collecting for a different sort of feeding project; feeding minds. Many of the young people we work with have aspirations for the future; they want to be doctors, teachers, pilots and designers. But achieving their dreams is more difficult for them, compared

to young people the same age but from more affluent backgrounds. To help develop creativity and problem solving skills, we launched 'Building for the Future'. This is a play-based project using construction toys, such as LEGO and Meccano. By encouraging creative play and helping them to find solutions to challenges, the young people will learn skills to help them in the future.

Through the generosity of donors in the UK giving their new and pre-loved construction toys, we were able to fill a pallet box of toys to send to The Bread of Life Orphanage in December. It was a large box but Bread of Life were able to distribute the toys beyond the orphanage to other children in their feeding programme.

In early-December, Jeané and Rich from Feed The Hungry UK travelled to Bread of Life to meet the young people at the orphanage in Brosteni and to introduce them to the toys. The young people loved it; not just being given the toys to play and experiment with, but being able to spend time and have fun with the team.



Jeané and Rich visited The Bread of Life Orphanage in Brosteni in December 2021.

The orphanage in Brosteni is home to around 60 young people aged 5 to 14 years old, who were enthusiastic to meet the team from the UK. Although based in the cold, snow-covered Carpathian mountains, the orphanage is a place of life and colour. It's a safe place that provides a stable home environment to grow, play and learn.

Christian teaching is an important part of the life of the orphanage. The young people are cared for by an on-site

Chaplain and Matron, who share with them the love of Christ. Each Sunday, the young people are encouraged to attend a local church. Over the weekend that the UK team were at Bread of Life, the young people took part in a time of prayer, worship and teaching in a Sunday morning service at the orphanage.

As the team left Bread of Life, the young people wanted to know when they were coming back again. It's our hope to return again in 2022, to encourage learning through playing with the construction toys and to continue sharing the love and fullness of life in Christ with the young people at Bread of Life.



Over 100kg of construction toys were collected and sent to Romania in time for Christmas.

To find out more, visit [fth.org.uk/building](https://fth.org.uk/building)





# EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

As the invasion of Ukraine escalated in late-February, hundreds of thousands of people have left homes and possessions to find refuge in neighbouring countries.

Feed The Hungry acted quickly, working with our partners in Ukraine, Romania, Czech Republic and Germany to provide resources to Ukrainians passing over the borders. Donations of sleeping bags, blankets, sanitary & hygiene items, nappies and dry food were generously brought to our warehouses in Hinckley and Coventry by local supporters. Our first shipment of food arrived in Ukraine on 7th March and further containers of resources are going to be regularly sent in the coming weeks and months.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this emergency relief effort.

To donate in support of Ukrainian Refugees, please visit [fth.org.uk/ukraine](https://fth.org.uk/ukraine)

