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*The year of 2020 has been unpredictable. No one saw coronavirus coming and few of us have been prepared to deal with it, nor the huge upheaval to everyday life that came with it.*

For the first time in months, it feels like things are starting to settle. The world is a very different place now but the new landscape that has been formed is starting to seem normal - the 'new normal'.

As an organisation, Feed The Hungry has had to find new rhythms and routines in order to be able to continue feeding the children we support around the world. We've also expanded our UK-based feeding programmes, supplying over 50,000 meals to families and individuals in need during the lockdown.

In this Autumn Field Report, we're taking a look at how Feed The Hungry has adapted to the new normal we find ourselves in.



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Operations Director

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# WHAT NEXT?

## ADAPTING TO NEW CIRCUMSTANCES

*The dust has far from settled. Coronavirus lingers on in the background of everyday life. It's still there - still a risk - but, as a nation, we've got used to it. We've not solved the problem but have learned how to manage it. The end is not in sight.*

*Not yet anyway.*

With the pressure off a little bit, many of us have started considering the question, "where do we go from here?" As a country, as communities, as the church, as individuals. Even as the interconnected human-race, what do we do next?

We've been asking ourselves the same thing as a faith-based humanitarian aid charity. Feed The Hungry's aim has always been to take the Good News of Jesus to those who need support with

the basics - food, water and education - and that aim isn't changing. There are still hundreds of thousands of children who are supported by us through our network of church and missionary partners around the world, and we're determined not to abandon them, especially in this time of heightened need. But with supply chains becoming fragile and with travel currently more difficult, we've been prompted by circumstances to rethink what that all looks like.

### SEEKING GOD

Regardless of where we've been, where we are now and where we're going, we are called to seek God in prayer. Deuteronomy 4:29 says, "But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul." We want to walk in step with God and into the plans He has for us; we're only going to be able to do that when we pray. As a team, Feed The Hungry staff and volunteers meet each Friday morning to pray together.

### DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN

Feed The Hungry is a Christian organisation, motivated by the love of Christ and a desire to see His Kingdom come. We don't want to shy away from that when working with other individuals or organisations who don't have a Christian faith. Whatever, "what next?" looks like, we want to be Jesus-centred.

### UK FEEDING

While Feed The Hungry UK has had a hand in feeding families and individuals in the UK, it's been a small part of the ministry. However, the UK lockdown has presented new opportunities to help people closer to home. Over the past 6 months, this has grown tremendously. It very much feels as if we've been positioned by God to help in this moment. Looking to the future, this part of the ministry is only going to grow.



### SUSTAINABLE FARMING

Growing and sourcing food in the country in which it is distributed has been an expanding part of Feed The Hungry's operations for a number of years now, and with the restrictions brought by national lockdowns across the world, this is going to become more important. There are already farming projects planned for Nepal, Malawi, Zambia and Romania.

### SEEING THE OPPORTUNITIES

This year, Feed The Hungry has continued to expand the list of countries that we operate in. For the first time, food has been delivered into Chad and Afghanistan. The need is great but our God is greater and we trust that He will provide the resources, as well as the opportunities, to respond to the great need that is before us.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us. Please pray for us as we seek God, respond to His revelation and be His hands and feet in this hurting world.

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



# BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

*Since the civil war started in South Sudan in 2013, close to 400,000 people have died in the conflict - and from the hunger that came with it.*

Church leader Bishop Bernard Oringa says, "Without support from Feed The Hungry, almost every citizen would have migrated to Uganda or Kenya."

Bishop Bernard and other church leaders remained in South Sudan through the war, to care for the Church and encourage it to care for those in desperate need. They used the food you supplied to keep young people coming to school. They fed huge numbers of orphans and widows left without a means of support.

The church grew through these years as people were drawn by the love of God. They heard the Gospel, and many turned to Jesus Christ for a new life.

Now, Bishop Bernard is preaching hope for his young and wounded country.

He has called upon the Church to build upon the peace agreement signed between the government leaders in 2018, saying, "Everybody must see that peace starts from home."

The Bishop urged refugees living in Uganda and Ethiopia to return home and participate in rebuilding the nation and restoring agriculture. He said they should not fear what they hear in the media. "Peace is already present in the country, especially after signing of the peace [deal]. People are learning to live in peace."

At the same time, he appealed to the leaders of the country to shun tribalism and promote love and unity.

The Bishop is a peacemaker who knows and loves his country. You are supporting him and other church leaders to feed the hungry and build the church in this troubled land.

Find out more at [fth.org.uk/southsudan](http://fth.org.uk/southsudan)

## UPDATE FROM BURKINA FASO

*Joseph Koomson directs our feeding program in Burkina Faso. He expects obstacles will come from the extreme poverty of the country. Along with that, he is also dealing with the shutdowns of the pandemic and religious persecution from the north.*

In recent months, violence escalated as extremists invaded from the north. On average, 30 to 40 people, mostly Christians, are killed every weekend. A well-known mayor was killed in July. Some 4,000 people have been forced from their homes into refugee camps where they are safe and receive the food you provide.

Amid the violence, the pandemic has kept children from school and their parents from working. These are hard times.

Through it all, Joseph prays and trusts God to provide a way to reach out

beyond the feeding lines. Our supply chains are holding strong. Food is arriving. A recent container came with canned vegetables and 50lb. bags of cornmeal along with 7,000 pairs of shoes, given by a donor in the USA. Also in the container were 10,000 copies of the Red Letter Gospel. Just about every family who came to the distribution centre went home with one.

When the virus passes and the schools reopen, the children will have their daily meals in schools. In the meantime, Joseph is bringing the food to families, and they are coming to feeding centres. The food and the Gospel message is being shared in the name of Christ.



For more information, visit [fth.org.uk/burkinafaso](http://fth.org.uk/burkinafaso)

# ADAPTING TO CHANGE AROUND THE WORLD



During the UK lockdown, over 50,000 meals have been distributed from our warehouse in Leicestershire. The need is only likely to grow in the coming months. Feed The Hungry is preparing to increase our capacity to meet the need of people struggling for food in the UK.



Pastor Billy Lemus in Guatemala has had tremendous success going beyond the church walls. His team fills the backs of pickup trucks with rice meals and soup in huge kettles, feeding the community, engaging them in conversation and sharing the Gospel with them.



In Uganda, Pastor Solomon's team delivers Manna Packs door-to-door. Each pack feeds a family for a day or more. He once served daily meals to school children, but now their teachers are suffering. Once the most respected professionals in the country, teachers have been out of work and unpaid for months. Many are reduced to begging for food on the streets. At the last count, 300,000 people were fed with meals you provide.

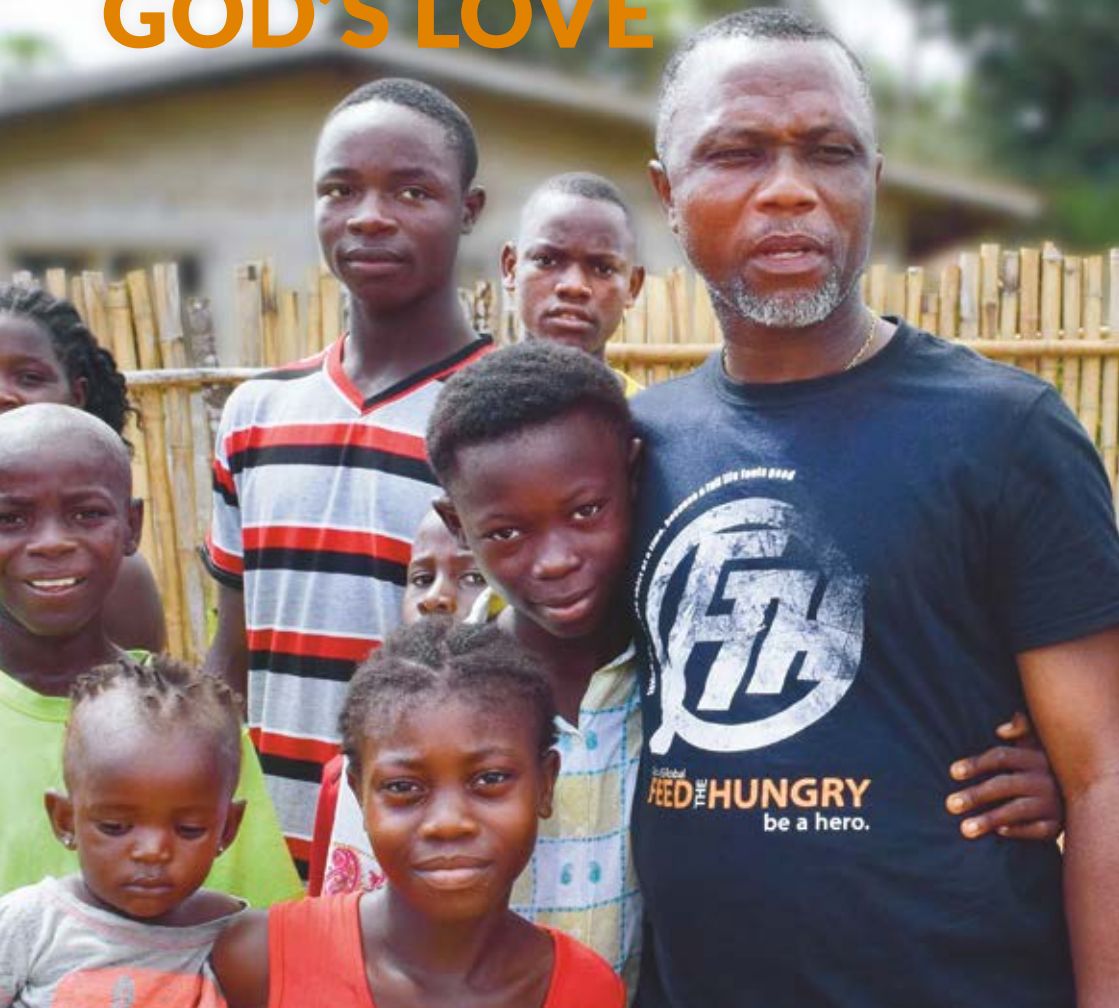


Praise Ijalasi, our director in Malawi, launched a campaign to bring meals and the Word of God to his community. He built relationships with tribal leaders in 20 local villages, who in turn take the food to orphans and people at risk. He reports 400 of those reached turned to Christ! One of those was a witch-doctor and healer, who transformed his back yard into a church when he gave his life to Jesus.



Zimbabwe is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world in terms of food insecurity. Our partner there has been working with the Zimbabwean Government to help supply food to some of those most at risk. Food sent from Europe and the USA is still getting into the country; the Government has given special dispensation to Feed The Hungry so that the process is quicker and cheaper.

# A POWERFUL DEMONSTRATION OF GOD'S LOVE



**Chad and Liberia are 2,000 miles apart, but these African nations share two things in common: tremendous hunger and help from your gifts to Feed The Hungry.**

Both countries, ravaged by war and terrorism, have fallen into greater poverty since the COVID-19 virus forced citizens into lockdown. When schools closed down, thousands of children lost the daily meals they relied on. Unable to work, their parents had no food at home.

Our partners on the ground - Living Word Missions in Chad and Victory International in Liberia - found ways to continue the feeding programs. Jean-Claude Noah, coordinator for Field Operations for Living Word Missions, says parents now come to the schools and pick up a week's worth of fortified rice meals to cook at home. Pastor Allan, who leads the program in Liberia, tells us, "We have the staff cook the food, and kids come and eat." Children in orphanages are still being served meals every day.

Even after restrictions ease, hunger will not. In fact, famine is likely to worsen in the coming months. In Chad, says Jean-Claude, drought and locust infestations threaten crops. "It's a harsh environment," he explains. Pastor Allan tells us farmers in Liberia have been unable to work in their fields during the lockdown. Both men are deeply grateful to you and to Feed The Hungry for allowing them to continue nourishing children physically and spiritually.

"Your gifts are bringing many into the kingdom of God," Jean-Claude says. "They are a powerful demonstration



Jean-Claude tells us, "When we come with the message of love and hope; hope about heaven and the abundance of God's promises here, it really is a game changer."

of God's love." He tells us of a Muslim woman whose three children attend a school with a feeding program. "When she saw her kids were getting food from Christians without making any discrimination, she was so touched. She asked, 'How can Christians give food to Muslims without asking us to convert?' We said, 'It's just the love of God.'" Jean-Claude hopes to start a Bible study in this grateful mother's home. She has not converted yet, but is "a seeker of the Truth."

Upon visiting an orphanage in Liberia, Pastor Allan says, the first thing you will hear is children singing Gospel songs and quoting Scripture. "God is doing wonders here!" Thank you - you are a wonder too!

For more information, visit [fth.org.uk/power-of-love](https://fth.org.uk/power-of-love)



# MEALS FROM 'YOUR FARMER'

*'Your Farmer' is a new project being launched by 'The Giving Stream' this Autumn. On the surface, it's a shopping app for your mobile phone or tablet, which sells quality, UK-sourced farm produce. But behind the scenes, it's a social community project that keeps giving back.*

The Giving Stream is a Christian enterprise, whose heart is to give back to the communities they work in, both in the UK and abroad.

Their new app can be used to order farm foods and meals, prepared by trained chefs, and have them delivered right to your door. The meals are competitively priced in-line with market values, so it doesn't feel like you're overpaying just to do something good. For every meal that is ordered through Your Farmer, a free meal is donated to support someone in food crisis.

Feed The Hungry is one of the recipients of those free meals. Each meal that we receive goes to support someone in the UK who is struggling to put food on the table. So by using the app, you're supporting local farmers and someone else in need of food.

But there's more. Your Farmer has agreed to provide funds to support some of Feed The Hungry's overseas sustainable farming projects, so the meal you buy isn't just feeding you and someone else in the UK, but also someone in another country, besides supporting local farmers.

It's a model that benefits individuals and communities at every level and Feed The Hungry are excited to partner with Your Farmer in this exciting venture.

To find out more and get the app, visit [fth.org.uk/your-farmer](http://fth.org.uk/your-farmer)



## THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

*Did you know that, by leaving a gift to Feed The Hungry in your Will, you will be leaving a legacy that lasts for years?*

Gifts left in Wills donate around £3 billion to charitable causes every year, and you can join with many others in making a difference by leaving a gift to Feed The Hungry. Every donation we receive means we can transform the lives of more children and families, through providing meals, access to education, and a physical expression of the love of God. But your gift will go much further than that. Your gift is also giving these families the chance of a future.

Before we met them, Arthur and Sally Arisobal picked through the gutters of Manilan slums, hoping to find any piece of rubbish they could sell for a little something for their kids to eat. And when Sally gave birth to twin girls, they had no idea what they'd do. In their dilapidated shanty, squeezed between

two buildings, there was barely enough room for the children they already had. With no room and no food, Sally and Arthur prayed for a miracle.

The answer to their prayers came through the loving support of people like you, when Arthur and Sally were able to bring their children to our 'Every Child, Every Day' feeding programme. Their children, along with over 3,500 other children, get a fresh, highly nutritious meal every day from a trusted Feed The Hungry church partner in Manila, Philippines.

Because of faithful friends like you, these children are beginning to experience what a full life feels like. And they can hear about the hope they have in Jesus for a better tomorrow!

To find out more about how you can leave a gift in your Will at [fth.org.uk/legacy](http://fth.org.uk/legacy)

# PRAY

WE ARE HOLDING  
YOU IN PRAYER

***Every Friday morning, the Feed The Hungry team, made up of staff and volunteers, gather together to pray. Before lockdown, the prayer meetings were held at our offices but have since moved online.***

Each week, we receive prayer requests from supporters around the UK and further afield, and we spend time lifting these to Father God in prayer. Some of the prayers are personal, for specific situations and circumstances; some of them are more general, for our world and those who are struggling, but every request is important to us and important to God.

If you would like prayer, please get in touch by emailing [prayer@fth.org.uk](mailto:prayer@fth.org.uk) or by sending requests to our office.

## **Please Pray for Us**

During this season of change, please pray for Feed The Hungry, our partners around the world and the children, families, refugees and vulnerable adults that we serve, both in the UK and abroad.

Please pray:

- that God will use this season as an opportunity for His Kingdom to be extended and that He will use Feed The Hungry to be a part of that change.

- that there will be routes to get food and resources into the countries in which we work and that the supply chains that have stopped will start again quickly.
- that the children we serve will continue to be fed in body, mind and spirit, and that they will hear, understand and respond to the message of God's love for each of them.

- for the new projects that have started in the past year, particularly in Chad and Liberia; that the relationship between our partners and the children in their care will grow deep and strong.
- for those who have received copies of the Bible or Gospels in their native languages; that what they read will inspire, encourage and lead them to Jesus Christ.
- that God will continue to provide for us and our partners, and that He will resource the work that He has commissioned us to do; in finance, resources, staff and volunteers.
- that we will remain Christ-focused in everything we do.



# NEWS

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## SHARING THE GOSPEL IN NEPAL

Over the Summer months, Pastor Ruben Rasaili and his team in Nepal have been distributing Bibles and Gospel tracts, alongside food, to families in need. Over 5,000 tracts have been printed and are being given out to people who have never heard the Good News of Jesus.

Local Pastors are then making contact with those who have received the Bibles and tracts, to build relationships with them, answer questions and to help them understand what they have read. Pray for the team as they share God's love with the Nepalese people.



## RESPONDING TO THE EXPLOSION IN BEIRUT

Thank you so much to everyone who responded to the appeal for Beirut, following the explosion on 4th August 2020, which devastated the capital city of Lebanon. Through your generous support, we have been able to send over £10,000 to help our partner, the Life Centre Church, to get their feeding programmes running.

At this desperate time, the need for these programmes is greater than ever. Please continue to pray for those affected by this terrible incident; that God will meet their needs and that people will see, recognise and respond to Him.

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