

A photograph of two young children, likely of African descent, standing outdoors. The child on the right is smiling and holding a Bible. The Bible has a white cover with a wooden-textured panel in the center. The text on the Bible includes 'NIV' at the top, 'Los EVANGELIOS' in the center, and 'SPK THE WORD' at the bottom. The child on the left is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a natural, outdoor setting with dry leaves and earth.

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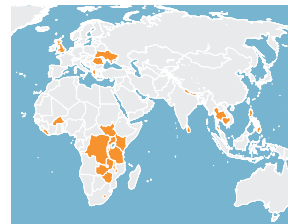


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At the heart of Feed The Hungry is the mission to take the Good News of Jesus Christ to the least, the last and the lost. We feed people because they are precious and loved by God, and we want to share His love with them. However, that's not the full picture of what we do. We want to share the amazing story and sacrifice of Jesus also, giving spiritual food as well as physical food.

In this Field Report, we look at some of the ways that the Gospel is being shared around the world.



Gwyn Williams
Operations Director

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MORE THAN CONQUERORS

SEEING GOD MOVE IN KENYA

A year ago, in September 2018, the Kenyan government bulldozed thousands of houses in the Kibera Slum to make way for a bypass to ease traffic in Nairobi. Residents were given very little notice and were forced to abandon their homes; it's estimated that between 15,000 and 20,000 people were displaced.

The impact of this action has been more than surface deep. Behind each home are several broken hearts. It's not just the loss of property and possessions, but the feeling of rejection that people experience; being told that they are an inconvenience, not wanted in that place and yet, having no voice to allow them to stand up against what is happening to them.

It didn't just affect those who were directly displaced. One of the schools that receives food from Feed The Hungry saw their attendance drop considerably as families were forced to relocate further away from the school. Pastors Chris and Joanna Okumu spoke to residents of Kibera and saw the emotional pain the people were experiencing. They know first-hand what it feels like; their house in Kibera was also demolished just a few years ago to make way for a new road.

It was in response to this pain that 'More Than Conquerors' was born. Karen Way, a volunteer for Feed The Hungry who has ministered in Kibera, felt God speak to her about running a conference to

directly speak to the hurt that had been caused. After months of preparation, fundraising and coordination with Chris and Joanna, Karen and a team of five others from the UK, travelled to Nairobi to run the 'More Than Conquerors' conference in June 2019.



The Team shared teaching from the Bible and their testimonies.

The conference took place at Chris and Joanna's church in Kibera over three days. The aim was to help those who were hurting to find their identity in God; knowing that they are loved and cared for by Father God, regardless of what the world tells them. Reflective activities helped to demonstrate this. Through times of prayer, worship and teaching from the Bible, over 250 people were ministered to.

Over the days that the conference ran, God broke out in power, bringing healing, hope and freedom. For hours, the team ministered to the attendees as they worshipped Jesus together. By the end of the conference, there had been a spiritual transformation; one of release and a

lightness in moving forwards in Christ.

After the conference, God continued to work. In the Kibera slum, the team visited the home of an elderly lady whose 9 month old grandson had been ill in hospital and was unable to eat. As the child was prayed for, he was instantly healed and ate bread and butter, drank Chai and began to clap and laugh!



Attendees took part in a range of activities and reflections

Although born out of a place of pain, the 'More Than Conquerors' conference was a time of restoration and allowed those who attended to begin to move past the brokenness that they'd experienced, into a brighter future in Jesus. Chris and Joanna have already requested for another conference in 2020. Please join us to pray for this and other missions for the coming year.

For more information on the More Than Conquerors conference and to find out more about how you can support our work, please visit fth.org.uk/conquerors

GOSPEL DISTRIBUTION WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Over the past 12 months, over 200,000 Red Letter Gospels have been sent, or are on their way, to our partners around the world. This is where they have gone...

BURKINA FASO

Gospels Sent: 7,620
Language: French

HAITI

Gospels Sent: 1,560
Language: French

NICARAGUA

Gospels Sent: 42,840
Language: Spanish

HONDURAS

Gospels Sent: 2,000
Language: Spanish

LIBERIA

Gospels Sent: 21,420
Language: English

UGANDA

Gospels Sent: 47,124
Language: English
Gospels Sent: 5,000
Language: Arabic

KENYA

Gospels Sent: 12,852
Language: English

MALAWI

Gospels Sent: 15,000
Language: Chichewa

ZAMBIA

Gospels Sent: 8,568
Language: English

PHILIPPINES

Gospels Sent: 20,000
Language: Tagalog

ZIMBABWE

Gospels Sent: 17,136
Language: English



BIBLES ABROAD

DISTRIBUTING GOSPELS AROUND THE WORLD

Feed The Hungry's mission is to demonstrate and share Christ's Love for all people, particularly to those who are overlooked by the rest of the world. We do that by feeding children, young people and those who are particularly vulnerable, but also by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



The Red Letter Gospels have been shared with people around the world in native languages suitable for each country.

Over the last year, Feed The Hungry has sent over 200,000 Red Letter Gospels to our partners working with the least, the last and the lost. About a fifth of those Gospels have been sent to Nicaragua.

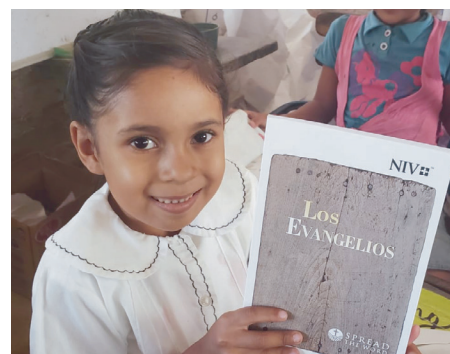
Nicaragua is the poorest country in Central America. Rural poverty has been compounded over the past decades by natural disasters, lack of education and political instability. Many people live on less than £1.50 a day.

Missionary, Kendra Lange Doult, oversees Feed The Hungry Nicaragua, which operates Feed The Hungry's largest feeding programme. Over 70,000 children and young people are fed regularly by FTH Nicaragua. Kendra has seen the poverty of Nicaragua first-hand.



Kendra Lange Doult leads Feed The Hungry Nicaragua.

"It's almost impossible for Teachers, Pastors and Churches to obtain Bibles in a physical form for the children", explained Kendra. Despite being a largely Christian country, Bible resources are scarce.



Copies of the Red Letter Gospel have been given to children and young people who also benefit from receiving regular meals.

"We've got a lot of Bible teaching that is just verbal, but there's nothing we are able to put into the children's hands. Having Bible material that's visual, that we can give them, that shows what Christ has done for them, is having such a big impact that we may never be able to measure the depth of importance that it's having in the spiritual life of the child."

A lot of the Christian teaching that accompanies Feed The Hungry's feeding

programme is done by local Pastors.

"The local Pastors have been so grateful. Some of them travel really far; sometimes 10, 15, 20 hours to get training with us in how to effectively use the Bible materials we supply. They come with such a hunger and desire to learn, because the children in their communities have never had any sort of physical resource in the hand to be able to learn and receive from."



Additional copies of the Gospel have been made available to the communities in which the feeding programmes take place.

"It's encouraging for us to see children's lives transformed in a country where the resources just aren't adequate. We are so grateful and we want to say thank you to everyone who has made it possible to have these materials."

Over the coming months, another 50,000 copies of the Red Letter Gospels are going to be shipped to our partners in different countries around the world.

To find out more about how you can support our distribution of bibles, please visit fth.org.uk/bibles

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

HAND TO HAND FOOD PACKING IN STOCKPORT



'soulcity' is a growing church in Stockport, Manchester. Their vision is simple: 'It's all about Jesus', and that desire can be felt in their weekly gatherings, which meet in a somewhat non-traditional venue - a local cinema - each Sunday morning.

We were delighted when soulcity approached Feed The Hungry about doing a food pack. As their usual venue wasn't able to accommodate the food packing, one of the lead Pastors of soulcity, Ben Jeffery, approached a local food court about the possibility of running the event there. Instead of Sunday morning 'Church in a Cinema', it became a practical act of worship in the 'Market Place', right in the centre of Stockport's main shopping precinct.

In mid-August, over 40 volunteers gathered on the mezzanine floor of 'The Produce Hall'. While the public came for their morning coffees below, soulcity heard about the work of Feed The Hungry, our heart to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and how the meals they were about to pack were going to make a difference in the lives of children and young people around the world. After a prayer and some instructions about the practicalities of food packing, the Church set to work in packing over 5,000 meals.

"It was an amazing and humbling experience", shared Bev, one of the volunteers. "From the youngest to the oldest, we were family joining together. We are blessed so much to be a blessing, and we are thankful to God to

be able to love. We enjoyed the crazy banter and table competitiveness as well. We were the dream team!"

The food packing took just over an hour, in which time 25 boxes of high-nutrition food was carefully mixed, weighed and sealed. Each box was marked with the sounding of a gong, which attracted the attention of the shoppers below.

Another participant, Rachel, explained, "It was a brilliant experience that was great for team building and relationship, as well as being something that would bless others. We loved every minute!"

While it may not have looked like a traditional Sunday morning service, this act of worship

reminds us of the words spoken by Samuel in 1 Samuel 15;

"Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."

That Sunday morning, a group of Jesus followers were obedient to His call when He said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat" (Matthew 25:35). Let's let our worship not just be words spoken or songs sung, but actions done in obedience to Christ in building His Kingdom.

To find out more about Hand To Hand food packing, visit fth.org.uk/handtohand



WHAT DOES WORSHIP LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

“Holding a food packing event at Christ Church was an excellent way to invite our youth group and members of the local community to join us for a fun evening at church doing something really worthwhile. We shared pizza together, made up teams to pack the food packages and enjoyed the challenge of packing 10,000 packs all framed with prayer and worship.”

The Revd Margaret Cave
Team Rector, East Greenwich Team
Diocese of Southwark, Church of England

You could join in the act of practical worship by hosting your own food packing event. Be it with your men’s breakfast group, your ladies luncheon club, your youth group or your whole church, a Hand To Hand event provides a time where you can come together, worshipping God in a tangible way.

To find out more please visit fth.org.uk/handtohand.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Did you know, that by leaving a gift to us in your will, you will be leaving a legacy that lasts for years?

Gifts in wills donate around £3billion 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, through providing meals, access to education, and a physical expression of the love of God. But your gift will go much further than that. You gift is also giving these children the chance of a future. Children like Merselina.

Merselina and her mother were forced to flee their village just outside Juba in South Sudan after rebel fighters stormed the village. They saw a neighbour killed and knew that they could no longer stay and be safe. With other refugees, they travelled for 7 nights. Moving at

night was safer; the darkness provided cover for their escape. Travel during the day carries the huge risk of being shot or attacked. Many of those escaping South Sudan are women and children. Merselina had to hide in the bushes as they journeyed to avoid being seen by the rebels.

Once they had reached the border with Uganda, the group then had to travel for a further 5 days before reaching the safety of the Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement; almost two weeks of walking. They were tired and hungry.

Upon arrival, they were given a small plot of land on which to farm and build a home. Merselina attends school in the camp, where she receives a daily meal provided by Feed The Hungry. She wants to become a doctor; “I want to be a doctor to help sick people...like those who are dying in South Sudan.”

To find out more about how you can leave a legacy, visit fth.org.uk/legacy



SOUTH SUDAN UPDATE

In 2013, a civil war broke out in the World's youngest country, South Sudan, between the South Sudanese Government and rebel fighters made up of several different groups. The reasons for the conflict were deep-rooted and complex, and the effects of it were wide-reaching.

Over the following 5 years, an estimated 400,000 people were killed and almost 2.5 million became refugees in neighbouring countries, plus many more millions who were displaced within South Sudan itself. After several failed attempts at a peace treaty, in September 2018, a deal was signed between President Salva Kiir and the main rebel leader, Riek Machar.

A year on from the Peace Deal that formally marked the end of the war, tensions and some fighting still continues. However, a starker issue remains; what about the

carnage that 5 years of fighting has left behind; the loss of life and the fear that caused so many people to flee from South Sudan?

Feed The Hungry has been active in supporting children and young people affected by the conflict from almost the very beginning of the South Sudanese war. As refugees fled over the border into Uganda, Feed The Hungry East Africa worked with the UNHCR and the Ugandan Government to support young people settled in Refugee Camps, providing them with a meal each school day.

To begin, about 18,000 students were being fed, but as the conflict caused more people to flee from South Sudan, that number rose rapidly to over 56,000 students. It was a big undertaking, but a necessary one.

The effect on the students receiving the food has been very obvious. Deputy Principle of Canrom, Stephen Msambo credits the "Full Life" feeding program from Feed The Hungry as the cornerstone for the schools success. At the Primary Leaving Exam (PLE) that all students must sit before applying for high school, the school barely received one Division result in over 4 years.

In 2014, the first year of the Full life program ran 5 refugee students achieved a Division 1 result. This was proven to be no accident when another five achieved it in 2015. In 2016, this sky-rocketed to 15 students achieving a Division 1 result, and no single student who sat the exam failing. In 2017, an amazing 27 refugee students achieved a Division 1 result – which means the top 1% of the country!



South Sudanese Refugee young people receive a regular meal provided by Feed The Hungry through their school.

"I just want to thank Feed The Hungry, for providing the meals and changing my life. My regular meal and a good education,

this can lead to my good future" explained one of the students at Canrom Primary School.



The benefits of receiving a regular meal have been stark, with higher grades being achieved by the students, year after year.

This vital work is still ongoing today, as many of the families from South Sudan, understandably, fear returning back there. However, the resources that they have available for them to live on are limited. The meal provided by Feed The Hungry not only supports students in being able to attend and concentrate at school, but also takes pressure off of their families.

Following the signing of the Peace Deal, large numbers of refugees returned back to South Sudan. The UN reported that the number of refugees from South Sudan living in other countries dropped between September 2018 and November 2018 from almost 2.5 million to 2.1 million. However, over the last 9 months, this figure has increased again to 2.3 million in mid-2019. It's a trend that suggests that a peaceful future for South Sudan, at least in the short-term, is far from being certain.

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NEWS

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Zambia Emergency Aid

Thank you so much to everyone who has given to the Zambia Emergency Appeal to support families affected by drought in southern Zambia. So far, over £6000 has been raised and has provided five boreholes. Each borehole will be able to supply up to 400 families with water, as well as supplying community farms. Creating a secure water source will mean that drought-affected areas can still grow crops, even with unpredictable rains. There are further plans to drill another ten boreholes by the end of November. We have also received a generous gift of six hundred 25kg bags of “meal meal”, which will enable us to feed those who have been left without food as a result of the drought. There is still much more to be done. To find out how to support the appeal, please visit fth.org.uk/zambia-emergency-appeal



Volleyball Success

Soweto Academy in Kibera has been celebrating a Silver Medal as their High School Volleyball Team represented Kenya in the 19th Women’s African Nationals Championship. The tournament took place in Egypt in July. The girls team played against six other African nations and were beaten in the final by Cameroon. Senegal took the Bronze. The school is extremely pleased with the result.



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