

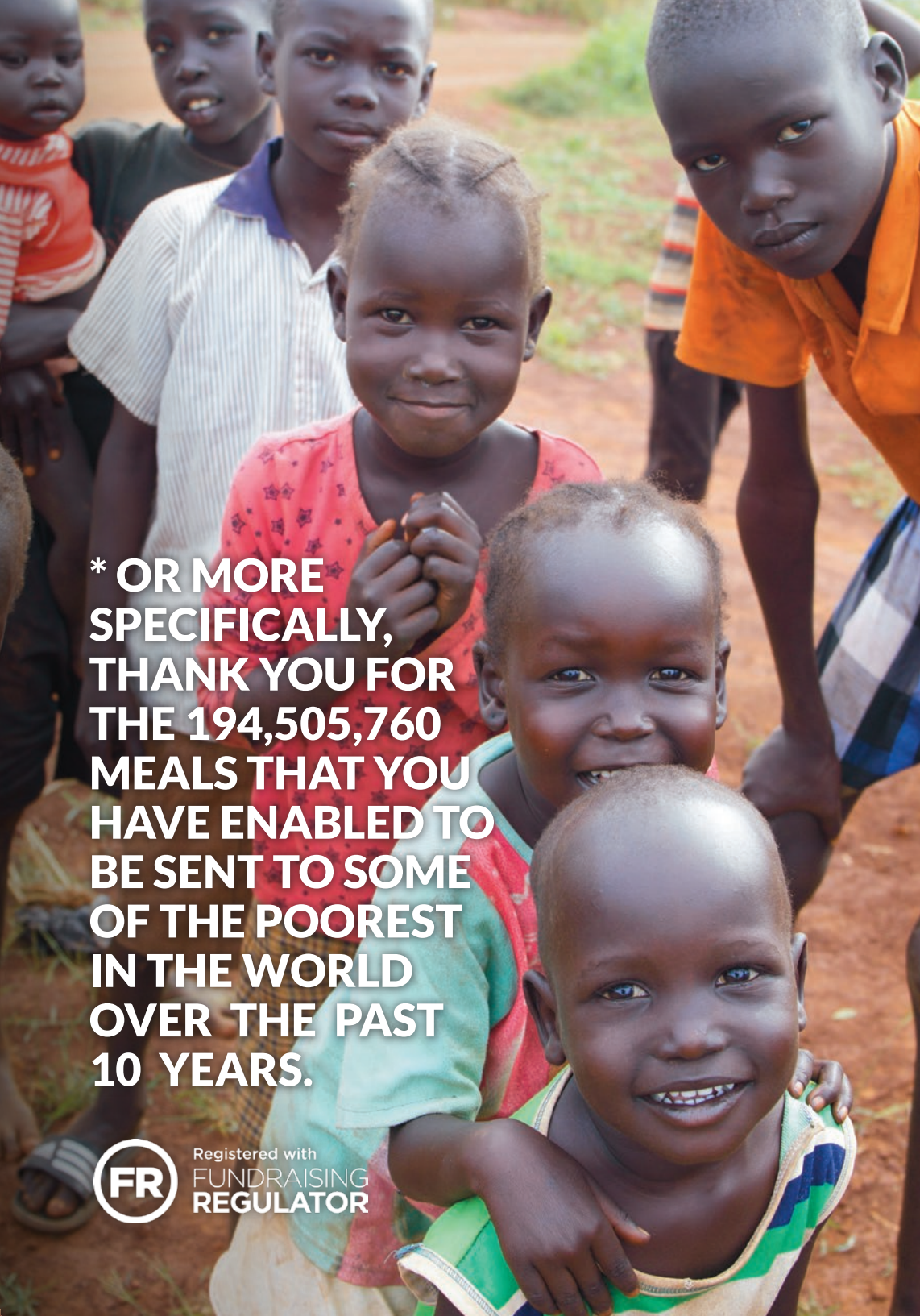


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Ten years, more than 297,000 faces and millions of gifts - what an amazing journey! The most enduring memory of this decade at Feed The Hungry is having the privilege of seeing so many smiles that express new hope; a hope born from the desire of each person who has supported us, to help improve these children's lives.

It's God's family coming together as one, to help those who have prayed, "give us today our daily bread". When the body of Christ works together to express God's heart, extraordinary things happen.

1 Corinthians 12:14-18 says, "I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together."



Gwyn Williams
Operations Director

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This year marks my 10th year at Feed The Hungry!

I want to thank you for the generosity of heart that you have shown towards the children in our care over the past decade. These years have been an incredible time of seeing God at work and I have been reflecting on God's continuous blessings in awe and wonder, and wanted to share with you some of those memories. I hope they will be an inspiration to you.

Having been convicted to move from a corporate job, which was like a very long and painful tooth-pulling exercise, I needed to look at the plans and purposes God had for me. Together, with my wife, we prayed through and put ourselves in a position to serve Him in the capacity He would give us.

God laid on my heart that I was to put a plan together to take Feed The Hungry from nothing to £1M in 5 years. So, I made things easy on myself; I said, "Lord," (which I think is the right thing to say when you pray), "I don't want any money or gifts coming that would take away from other charities. Please send new money or gifts." And surprise surprise - God provided.

I had an extraordinary 'God moment' when He prompted a destination on my heart on the way to work, then while praying as a team, the phone rang and a stranger said, "What is on your need for

GOD HAS DONE IT

GWYN WILLIAMS REFLECTS ON THE PAST 10 YEARS OF FEEDING THE HUNGRY



Time and time again, we have seen God provide in miraculous ways.

the moment?" There and then, the voice on the end of the phone offered to pay for the container to reach its destination. How great is our God!

When things got tough and a container of food arrived at our premises with the boxes damaged beyond repair, within 24 hours and without telling anyone, boxes of the correct size were deposited on the doorstep of our Warehouse.

I have seen God's love and provision for widows, orphans and 'the foreigner' through the most extraordinary combination of people. The first container that was bound for Burkina Faso was only half-full. I prayed daily for God to bless the other half with food, but to no avail, until... wait for it, I asked God what He would like to send. In the following two days, He had opened the doors of Heaven's store house to fill it with things I would not have anticipated, but to those who received it at the other end, it was all they had been praying for.

Days before the 2019 Albania earthquake, five of Feed The Hungry's Operations Directors from around the World, felt very strongly that we should be sending out food provision out to Albania. They were looking at me saying, "You have the nearest warehouse - can it come from there?" I said, "yes", but was thinking, "Oh no! The warehouse is empty, how does that work?" Two days after the earthquake, we had a call saying that there were two lorries of food available in Italy, and could some of it go to Albania? At that point, I knew that God had planned to make sure that food would arrive in Tirana. Though the paperwork piled up and restrictions on movement and aid were imposed, I knew that these containers were unstoppable because God was in control. The aid got through.

It's easy to see God's blessings this side of any provision, but to witness the effects of God's mercy and love on the ground is one of the most humbling experiences.

In Zambia, I was taken to a village that the local people had described as 'housing vagabonds, cut-throats, thieves and prostitutes'. The village was an illegal settlement; the people were bulldozed off the land they occupied on two occasions. We managed to secure a piece of land and provide water on it for them. Consequently, the whole village gave their lives to Jesus. "How can we deny God when He has given us 'milk and honey'?" Stills were broken, Bible study groups were formed, people who had been bed-ridden were walking and laughing and clothes were shared out to those who needed them the most.

There is no limit to what God can do, as we found out again in Zambia last year, where drought had struck and bore holes were desperately needed. I mentioned this to the FTH US Office, who said that they had just been approached by two brothers who owned a water pumping company in New England. They had heard Stefan talk on a show about Zambia and felt God had laid on their hearts to



Boreholes have been drilled by Feed The Hungry and our partners throughout Zambia in areas particularly affected by drought.

provide water wells in Africa. I had the privilege to travel to Zambia with the two brothers; they had such an amazing love for God and desire to do water harvesting projects in a desert landscape. They spent two weeks drilling bore holes and building irrigation systems.



The number of children being fed through our feeding programmes have doubled in the past 4 years. But there is still more to do.

Can I be satisfied with what God has already done? The answer is an emphatic 'no'; this is a journey of continually discovering God. His grace is unending and we are partakers in His provision to meet the needs of those He loves, bringing relief, stability and life.

In the past two years, we have been challenged to reach out to churches and schools, to bring a food packing extravaganza right to their doorstep. We desire to enable churches to reach out to their local community. This has been an incredible journey of going from a couple of events in 2018, to almost 40 events in 2019, with many more in 2020. As churches are requesting to do a second or third Food Packing event, our challenge is to make sure that we are fulfilling God's commission to have

compassion and declare God's fullest expression of love in Christ Jesus.

None of this could have happened without having strong partners on the ground, sharing the food into communities and schools, encouraging children into education and sharing the Gospel. It couldn't have happened without people giving sacrificially to share God's generosity in their lives with those who have nothing. For every pound given, about £8 of food can be shared out; that is what I call Kingdom finance. Only God could have put such an equation together.

The vision we have for the future is one of seeking God's greater plan of salvation to the very ends of the earth, feeding the hungry in life and relationship with a Father God who loves the least of these. What does that look like? One of utter foolhardiness in doing the impossible. We have a God that makes the impossible possible and is always seeking those who will be obedient to His calling to bring His children back to Himself, to His immense joy and delight.

Ecclesiastes 4:2 says, "By yourself you're unprotected. With a friend you can face the worst. Can you round up a third? A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped."

Thank you for walking with us on this incredible journey.

- Gwyn



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26 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD RECEIVE FOOD FROM FEED THE HUNGRY

In the past 4 years, the number of children being fed by Feed The Hungry has almost doubled from 150,000 in 2016 to over 297,000 in 2020.

There have been more than 40 Hand To Hand Food Packing events, engaging thousands of volunteers across the UK.



Feed The Hungry has worked with partners to construct kitchens in Uganda, Kenya and Haiti.

We've responded to natural disasters in the Philippines, Nepal, Malawi and Kenya, as well as severe drought across southern Africa.

We've run Christian missions to Romania, Uganda, Mongolia, Philippines and Kenya, as well as delivering teaching to hundreds of Pastors globally.

The largest feeding programmes are in Uganda, where over 57,000 children are fed, and Nicaragua, where over 70,000 are fed.

Containers are regularly sent to our partners from America, Italy and the UK. Each one contains around 285,000 meals.



In 2019, over 130 containers were sent to our Church partners, containing approximately 36,775,680 meals.

Feed The Hungry has distributed over a quarter of a million Bibles and Gospels, along side tracts and Bible teaching materials.



We've seen many people give their lives to Jesus Christ and grow in faith in Him.



WHO? ME?

VOLUNTEERING WITH FEED THE HUNGRY

Schools and Volunteer Coordinator, Rachel Bird, shares some of the things that you can do to practically support Feed The Hungry.

The work done by volunteers is a key part of actively fulfilling Feed The Hungry's mission. Without our amazing team of volunteers, we wouldn't be able to do half of what we achieve. Be it helping at food packing events, sorting and packing clothes in our warehouse, fundraising for donations or stuffing envelopes in the office; all of our volunteers are a hugely valued.

We are so grateful for all of the time that volunteers donate to Feed The Hungry. Each month, we see hundreds of hours freely given by a dedicated and passionate workforce.

We are always looking out for more volunteers and there are so many ways in which you can help; for some, it is coming in to our offices or warehouse and to help out, but for others it is sitting at home labelling food bags or creating a garment for a child. Each role is just as valuable to us, and just as essential.

Do you have a few hours each month that you would like to use to make a difference to the lives of others? Here are some ways you could help...



Volunteers sort and pack clothing donated to Feed The Hungry, ready to be sent to support someone in need.

Knitters

Are you a knitter? We are looking for people to hand-knit clothes and blankets. Could you knit for a child living in poverty, who would welcome a warm piece of clothing in winter? Please post any items you make to our Office.



Kindness Kits contain a variety of items that will be sent as a self-contained package to a child in need.

Make up a Kindness Kit for a Child

Could you give your time and money to make up a 'Kindness Kit' for a child supported by one of our project partnerships? Kindness Kits help bring love, hope and joy to a child in the form of a pull-string bag containing clothing, toys, stationary and items to help hygiene. We regularly send Kindness Kit bags to children in Europe and Africa. Please post the Kindness Kits you make to our Office; unfortunately, we can't collect them.

To find out more, please visit fth.org.uk/kindnesskit

Fundraise

Could you give your time to fundraise for Feed The Hungry? Volunteers have previously put on bake sales, hosted coffee mornings and done sponsored events like running half-marathons. Every donation, big or small, is valuable to us. For some fundraising ideas, please visit feedthehungry.org.uk/fundraising

Join our Warehouse Team

If you are local to Hinckley, Leicestershire, you could help to sort and pack clothes at our Warehouse. Volunteers of all ages regularly come from around Leicestershire and Warwickshire to lend a hand.



Volunteers regularly come to the Feed The Hungry Warehouse in Hinckley to help sort and pack clothes.

Become an Advocate

We're always eager for advocates who will promote and share about the work of Feed The Hungry, particularly in Churches and Community Groups across the UK. We'll provide you with resources and some training to help communicate in your context.

For more information on volunteering, visit fth.org.uk/volunteering or email rachel@feedthehungry.org.uk

THESE ARE NOT STATISTICS THEY ARE PEOPLE

Remember the beginning of Sesame Street when they'd say, "Today's Sesame Street is brought to you by the number 10"? Well, today my job at Feed The Hungry is brought to you by the number 297,063. That is the number of children that we are feeding in some of the most difficult spots on Planet Earth.

Kibera Slum in Nairobi, Kenya, is the largest slum in Africa. Hundreds of thousand of people struggle for the basics. Right in the middle of desperation is one of our feeding centres. Each day, Soweto Academy offers a nutritious meal to their students. Many of them bring a plastic

container, eat half of their meal and take the rest home to share. Our team makes sure these vulnerable children are discovering that a full life feels good.

The Irene Gleeson Foundation (IGF) is in Kitgum, Uganda. It was founded in the early '90s in a region devastated by Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army; enslaving children to become soldiers and child brides. IGF became a bright spot of education, health, spiritual training and a haven for discarded children. Today, they feed over 4,000 young people. Recently, one of their students scored the highest in all Kitgum District in the national standardised testing.

The dump outside the city of Esteli, Nicaragua is a harsh place. The stench of garbage and smouldering fires make it difficult to breathe. In this forsaken landscape, families pick through the refuse, trying to eke out survival. On the main road leading to the dump, Community of Life Church is operating a feeding centre. These daily meals take the pressure off parents. They no longer have to worry if their children will eat. Pastor Ricky has used this setting to launch an entire community renewal initiative including new homes, a football field, playground and school. It is restoring humanity in a place where simply living is a struggle.

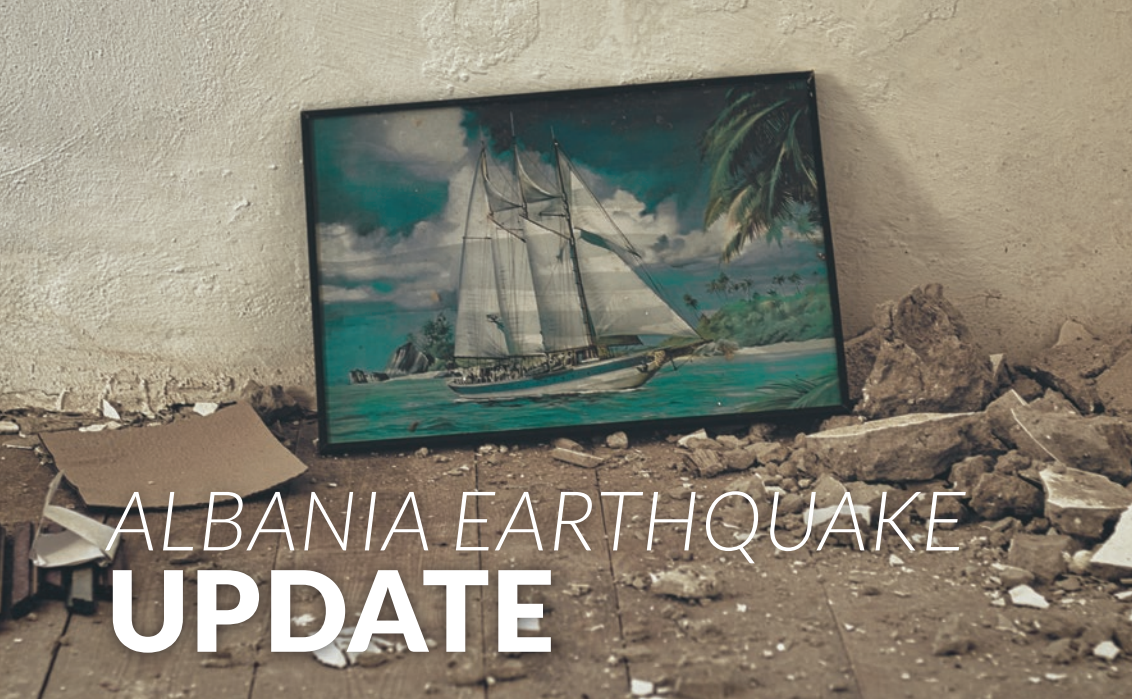
Now multiply these stories by 26 countries.

When I tell people what I do for my job, they'll often say, "That must be so satisfying." It is, but it is also such a heavy weight to carry. I know that while 297,063 children receive meals, I think how many more will not know the relief of a full belly. I see the desperation on parent's faces and the gaunt stares of their children who haven't been fed. In this stark reality, I can't lose sight that I work with some of the greatest people on Earth. They aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and charge into places long ago surrendered to despair. They are serving a meal, putting shoes on bare feet, teaching, mending, loving. They carry mercy and kindness like a medic carries bandages onto a battlefield.

I don't write this as an indictment of your lifestyle but as a request for your prayer. Remember those who are on the front lines of human decency. Consider how you may become more involved in offering resources to organizations that are confronting legitimate injustice.

God bless you.

- Roger Waltherhouse
Director of Ministry Programmes
Feed The Hungry



ALBANIA EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

Jean-Pierre Rummens, from Feed The Hungry Germany, has recently visited Albania to see how they are recovering following the earthquake in late-2019, and to understand how Feed The Hungry can continue to support them moving forward. This is a new area of work for us and we are thankful to God for the doors that He has opened already, enabling us to help those in greatest need.

“I spent six days with Pastor Festim Hoxha. He is pastoring the ICF Church in Fier, on the western coast of Albania. He started the church two years ago, together with his wife and some friends. It is a very young church made up of young families and a lot of teenagers; some of those were street kids in the past.

For three days, we were on the road with him and a team of volunteers. We distributed food to earthquake victims in remote areas. The capital city of Tirana was not badly affected. Damages in the city were fixed very quickly or are still under way. But the poor families and those living in more remote areas were those who suffer the most. There was a little help from the government in the form of food and tents, but that was everything they had received.

Festim has been able to reach those who have the greatest needs. I really was touched by an older lady who lived in her house all by herself. Her husband died years ago and her children have moved away, some of them to Greece. Most of her

house totally collapsed. Plaster and beams covered her bed. Her life was probably saved because she is very petite! She was so thankful for the help she had already received from the church.

Earlier that morning, a young man took her to another place to have a shower. She, like many others, is now living in a tent. They cook outside. It is too dangerous to stay in their houses, although some people do it anyway because of the cold.

The need is still great. The government cannot, or doesn't seem to want to help. Albania is one of the poorest country in Europe. There have been meetings at the EU Headquarters about financial help for Albania in their effort to rebuild the



There are many people who have been affected by the earthquake. The support from the government has been limited.

country, but a lot of EU Members are hesitating to help, out of fear that the aid will not get to the people who need it.

Festim and his wife Elisabeth went to Bible school in Uppsala, Sweden. They have a real heart for the lost. Please continue to pray for them and Albania.”

NEWS

To keep up to date with all our latest news stories go to fth.org.uk/news or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Christmas CD

In December 2019, 18-year-old Joel Thomas launched his debut singing compilation CD, 'Remaking Christmas'. This young man has been singing from a young age and is now a worship leader in his local church. He recorded a collection of favourite Christmas carols and songs in a local recording studio in a Youth Centre, and then sold it via social media and at his church, raising over £250 for Feed The Hungry.

Zimbabwe Drought

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the appeal for Zimbabwe. Containers of food have arrived with our church partner, The Joseph Foundation, with further containers already on the way. Please continue to pray for Zimbabwe at this time.

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HUNGRY FOR LAUGHTER

A NIGHT OF COMEDY IN AID OF FEED THE HUNGRY

Tony Vino is an ambassador for Feed The Hungry. He is known for his seamless mixes of well thought-out observational humour with audience interaction and quick-witted responses. His life and interests are wide-ranging, and so is his material; all performed in a warm, friendly and non-offensive style.

In 2019, Tony visited the Kibera slum in Kenya with Feed The Hungry. With this experience, he not only brings laughter and joy to an evening but also his life-changing stories of his walk with God.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to have Tony to perform at a comedy night at your Church in 2020.

For more information on hosting a comedy night, please visit fth.org.uk/laugh

