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# FEED THE HUNGRY

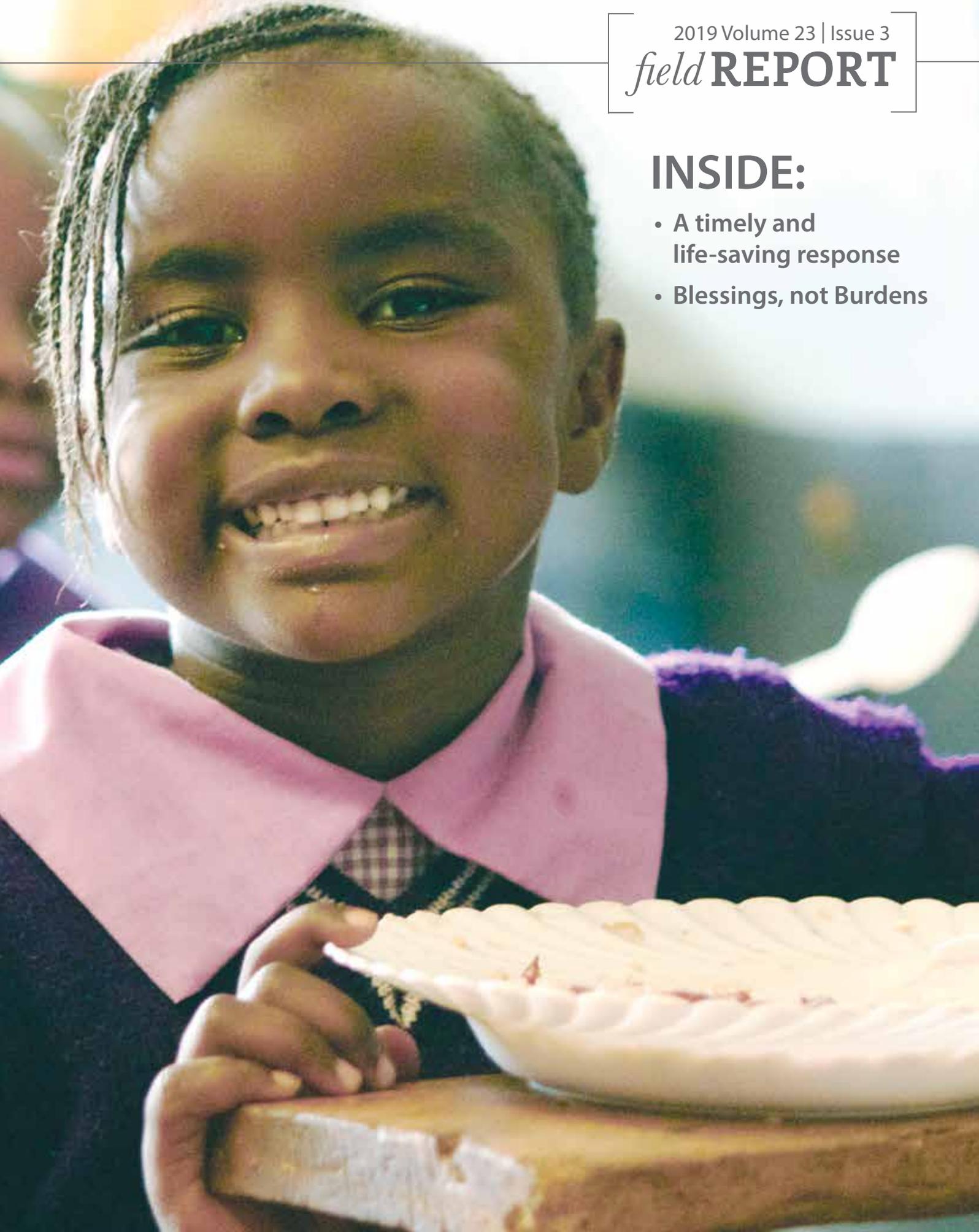
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# BLESSINGS, NOT BURDENS



At the end of two days of children's ministry training in Kiryandongo, Uganda, a pastor hesitantly raised his hand and stood up before a hundred of his peers.

*"I want to confess," he began. "For years, I have not had the right understanding of children's ministry. In fact, I've been annoyed by children. And that, I've realized to be a sin."*

This pastor was not the only one among his peers to have underestimated the importance of bringing children to Christ. Even though Jesus Himself admonished the disciples to allow the little children to approach Him, the culture in Uganda views children as burdens rather than the blessings you and I know them to be.

Feed The Hungry is tearing down the idea that children don't have a place in the church or in the Kingdom of God. Many communities in which we serve treat children as the lowest part of society. In Uganda, children are routinely mistreated and even kidnapped.

Thanks be to God, change is on the horizon.



Where children have been brutally abused, we now see God's grace shining with abundance and bringing people to Christ... people who are now passionate about their children being change agents in their communities.

People are learning that children can and will step up to do God's will. For example, in Nicaragua, a teenager named Josefa is running a children's church and inspiring a whole generation of future spiritual leaders. Josefa has the right idea, as I recently demonstrated to a group of pastors.

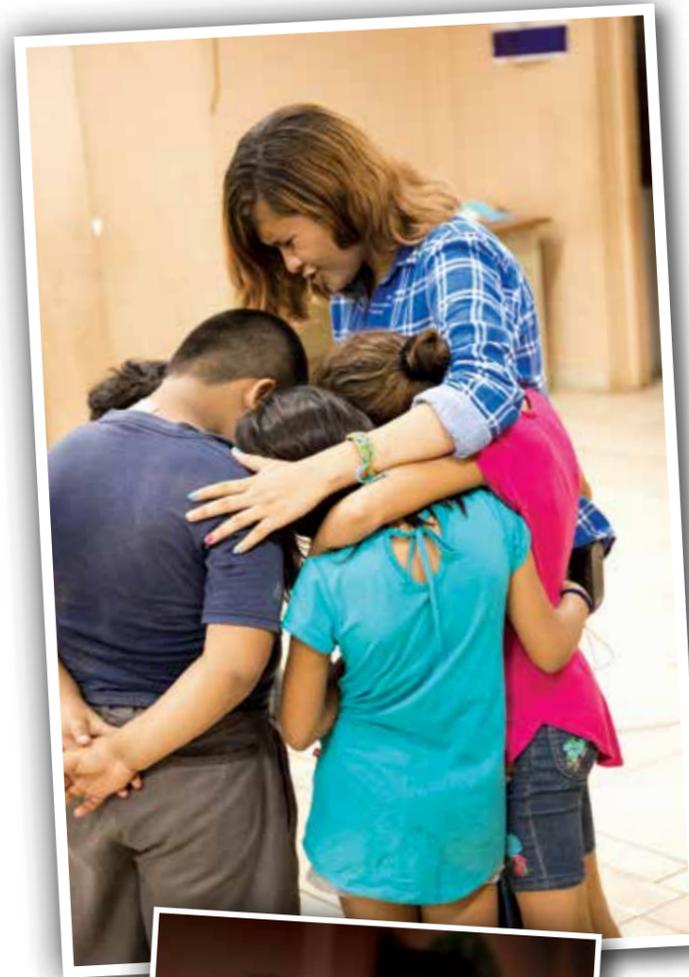
I gave a handful of Play-Doh to one pastor and a brick to another. I asked them to use the materials they were given to form the outline of a dog. The pastor with the Play-Doh went right to work.

The pastor with the brick simply stood there. Everyone laughed, but they got the point.

Children are pliable and flexible, like wet cement. We can smooth out the rough spots. However, the older they get, the harder that becomes.

Thank you for seeing the potential in these little ones and for helping to create a culture that will let them become blessings to the next generation.

~ Roger Walterhouse



*Josefa (pictured) was just 8 years old when she was abandoned by her drug addict mother and joined our feeding program. Today, 15-year-old Josefa ministers to those in the Feed The Hungry program, and she preaches God's Word to 110 youths every Saturday night!*



When Feed The Hungry hired me in November 2017 as Director of Ministry Programs, they were taking an intentional step to press into Dr. Sumrall's original vision to empower the church and share the hope that comes through Jesus Christ.

My daily reminder is: We are not just feeding a physical body but ministering to an eternal soul.

To that end, I oversee bible and discipleship material distribution, leadership training and development, pastoral care of our national leadership, and maintaining relationships with our resource providers.

Every eight to ten weeks, I visit one of our national fields. These visits give me the opportunity to assess how well we are doing in meeting both the physical and spiritual needs of those we are serving.

Additionally, I spend time investing in our national leaders by presenting a six-hour training session, "developing a Heart for Children's Ministry." This teaching outlines both a theological and practical strategy that uses our feeding programs to introduce children to Jesus.

More than 300 pastors and church leaders in Haiti, Honduras, Uganda and Kenya have been trained. By providing this training, Bibles for distribution and materials for study, Feed The Hungry is positioning our partners to be "thoroughly equipped for good work" (2 Timothy 3:17).

Roger Walterhouse  
Director of Ministry  
Programs



# A timely and Life-Saving Response

When a company in Italy offered us this bounty of non-GMO meals—the only kind allowed into Zimbabwe—we knew we could count on friends like you to act quickly. And with your generous response, Feed The Hungry has sent over one million life-saving meals to boys and girls in Zimbabwe, so far.



We recently saw the dramatic effect of your partnership when visiting the Mazhandu family in June. While the church prayed for Macdonald and Macarthur on their birthday (pictured), Pastor Elna Mukamuri leaned over to speak about the twins.

*“These boys would not be alive today without Feed The Hungry. When I first met them, the boys were lethargic, grey and had extended bellies. They were days away from starvation.”*

Now, Macdonald and Macarthur are happy and healthy 13-year-old boys. They love learning in school, playing soccer, and spending time with their church youth group. The spectre of hunger is gone. In its place is hope for a bright and prosperous future.

There are children all over the world like Macdonald and Macarthur. With your generous response, children are given hope with their meal. Your support is truly saving lives.



## Who could turn away 2.8 million free meals?

16 000 hungry school children in Zimbabwe were counting on us to step out in faith and secure the shipment before it was lost and trust God to make a way.

You gave more than a meal, you gave a future to the children of Zimbabwe.

### Thank you!

