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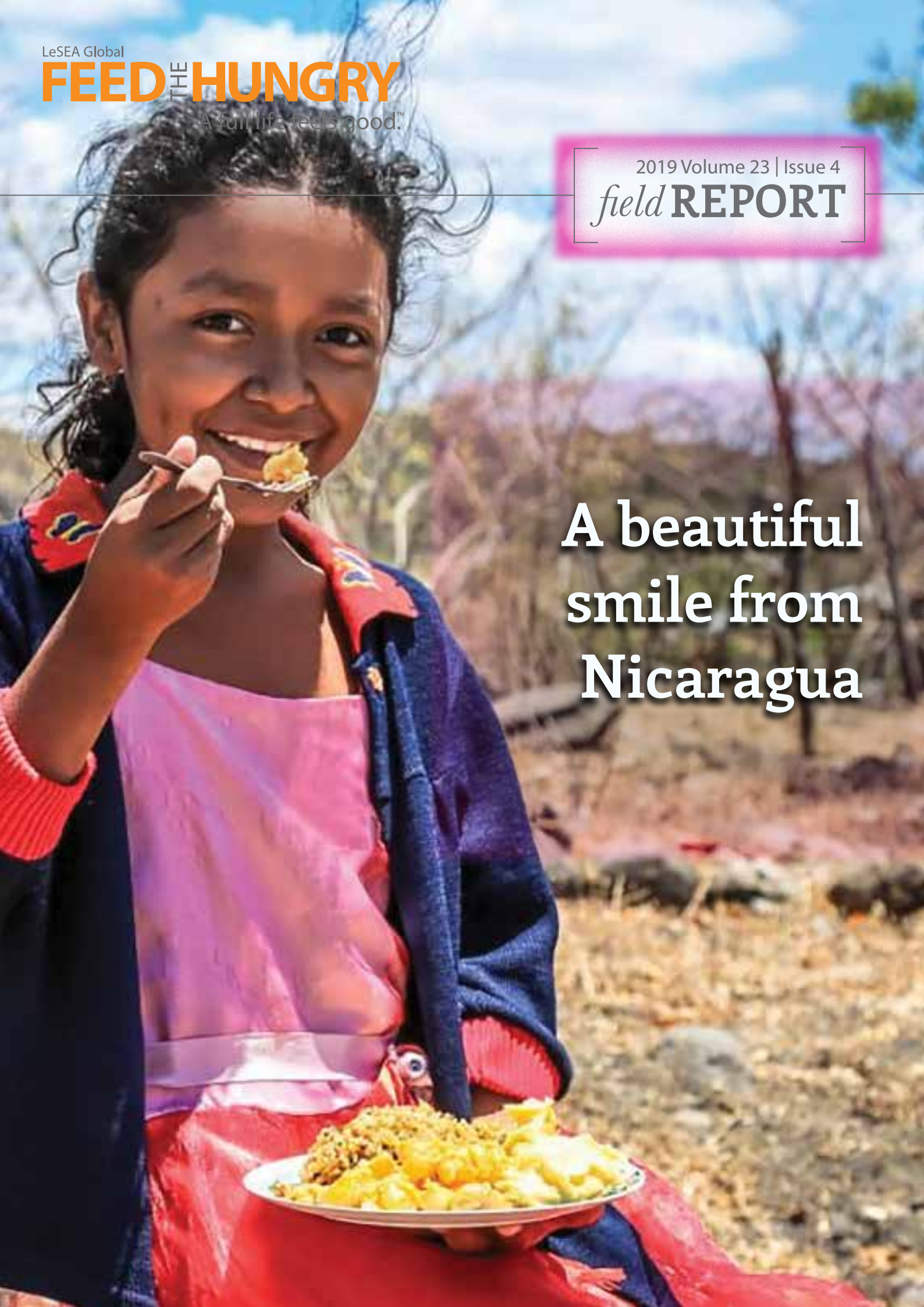
**FEED THE HUNGRY**

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*Anemic and malnourished, Rosa was unable to fight off sickness. But the meals you provide brought her back to health.*



*Rosa and friends enjoying the life-changing meals you provide.*



*Because of the nourishing meals you send, children in Nicaragua, and throughout the world, are saved from the terrible ache of hunger.*

*Thank you.*

**For nine years, Feed The Hungry has sown seeds of hope in Nicaragua. It is a difficult task.**

This nation has been troubled by civil war, drug cartels and national disaster, leading to devastating poverty and hunger. But when you look at the beautiful and healthy face of Rosa, you know the fruits of our labor are sweet.

Rosa lives with her parents and little brother in an area nicknamed "Sinaloa", after the infamous cartel. This part of the country is far away from any cities, making it virtually impossible to find gainful employment. Rosa's father treks into the mountains and hunts for iguanas to sell on the highway. Their small shack is no match for the rainy season — the family and their few belongings get soaked.

Anemic and malnourished, Rosa suffered from those cold, wet nights. She contracted pneumonia and because she was so weak, it became a chronic condition.

Since Feed The Hungry started a daily feeding program at their local church, Rosa no longer struggles with sickness or hunger. Like the other children in the program, she is happy, energetic and enjoying a better life. Best of all, Rosa and her family are growing in Christ and doing well in school. Now, when Rosa attends the children's church service, she is one of the brightest and most enthusiastic in the room!

Because of the nourishing meals you send, Rosa's family and many more can enjoy a harvest of hope this summer and for years to come.

# Your gift of "Daily Bread" to the people of Malawi

**When floods devastated the Shire Valley in Malawi, thousands of men, women and children were left homeless. I recently visited a relief camp that is home to 750 displaced families.**

The tiny sugarcane-thatched huts were placed dangerously close together. One stray spark from a cooking fire could ignite the entire village. However, families in the camp had been out of food for some time.

As our truck, marked with a Feed The Hungry Malawi logo, came to a stop, a crowd quickly approached. We had already delivered over one million meals to flood victims across the valley, but the people in this camp were clearly suffering. I saw the devastating look of hunger in their eyes ... the emptiness, the longing, the small glimmer of hope asking, "Will you care again?"

I promised the village elders I would appeal to the churches back home, and we prayed for a generous response. This prayer trusts in the compassion and love of God. It is alive in our hearts, in our churches and in our actions.

I thank God we can be a conduit to deliver His love and compassion to these people in great need.

**You are the answer to hurting people who pray, "Lord give us this day our daily bread."**

— Chuck Strantz, Church Relations



*Just one bowl of food, and we could see the relief and gratitude in this woman's eyes.*



*Each family received a box of fortified rice meals, one liter of cooking oil, 2.2 lbs. of salt and four bars of soap.*



*Thank you for being the answer to their prayer!*



*The fortified rice meals are filling, nutritious and delicious!*



*You have shown these children that God is good through your compassion and action.*



# From Dumpsite to Learning Center: *Chris Okumo's Vision Comes to Life*

"You can be in the slums but the slum does not have to be in you!" says Reverend Chris Okumo. Since planting the seeds of Soweto Academy in a marshy dump site 31 years ago, he and his wife, Joan, have seen hundreds of students thrive, overcome their environment and grow into joyful, responsible adults.

The Academy has also grown, now comprising of three schools, an early childhood development center, a medical clinic, a small farm, and even a water bottling plant. "We dug a well 800 feet down," says Chris, the Academy's director and pastor. "We hit the best water in Kenya!" Proceeds from the water sales benefit the Academy.

Before Chris founded the Academy, the dump site was a playground for the children of Kibera, who ate whatever they could salvage from the heaps of garbage. Today, Soweto Academy students grow strong on meals provided by Feed The Hungry, supplemented by the produce they grow themselves and milk from the cows they raise.

"Our vision is for these children to be self-sustaining in the future," says Chris, "so they can grow food and feed the cities instead of building more slums."

Students are also nourished by God's Word and encouraged to strive for excellence in all areas of their lives — including athletics. The Soweto Academy

girls' volleyball team ranks second in East Africa!

"The students here are changing the community and changing the country to be a better place for everyone," Chris says. "That's what we all want. We want people to serve one another and love one another."

We thank Chris and Joan for faithfully serving children in the slums of Kibera, Kenya. And we thank you for supporting their efforts through your gifts to Feed The Hungry!



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