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field REPORT

A photograph of two young children, a girl on the left and a boy on the right, both smiling broadly. The girl is wearing a black top with a green mesh-like pattern. The boy is wearing a black top with red trim. The girl is holding a red plastic container filled with a white, textured substance, likely a meal. The background is a weathered wall with peeling paint.

I was **hungry**,
and you fed me...

Matthew 25:35-40

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Let all things work together for good...

Romans 8:28

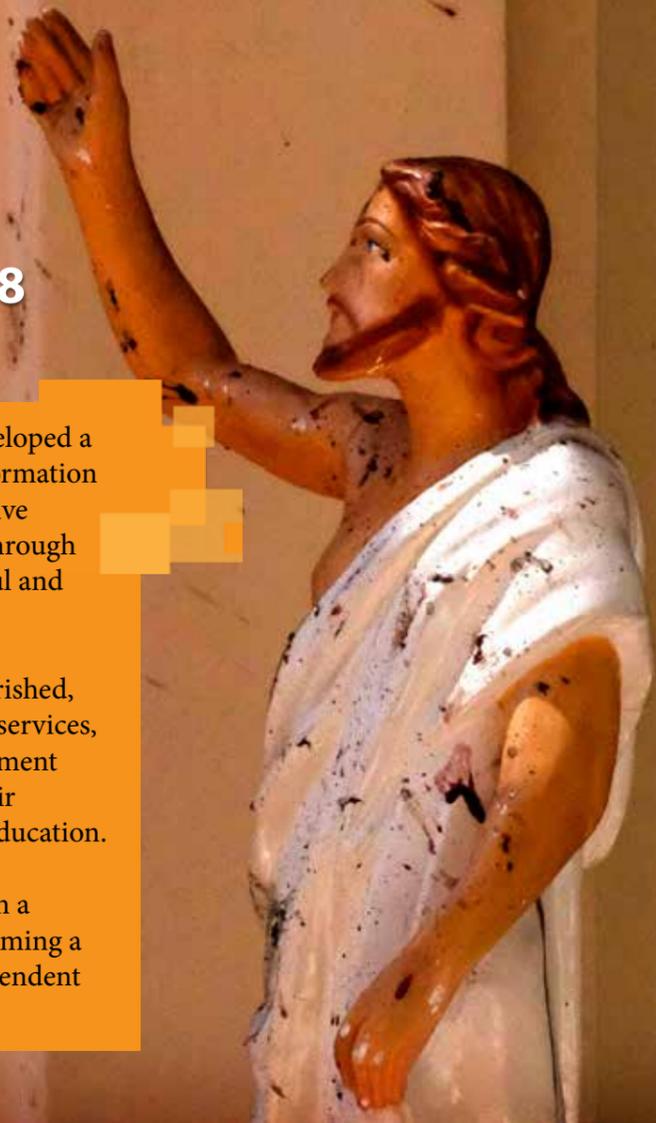
On 21st April 2019 the world was shocked to learn of a series of terrorist bombings across Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. Three churches were targeted including St Sebastian, where this image was taken. Over 259 people lost their lives in this senseless attack on innocent people.

FTH immediately reached out to long-time partners, Child Action Lanka (CAL), to help us respond and show Christ's compassion for families affected by the attack.

Together we have developed a plan to bring a transformation in their lives, and to give them a stable future through education in a peaceful and safe environment.

They will be well-nourished, receive quality health services, and live in an environment that will empower their opportunities for an education.

Children will be led on a pathway towards becoming a responsible and independent citizen of Sri Lanka.



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“Dozens of children were killed in Sri Lanka’s Easter Sunday attacks. Dressed in their finest clothes for one of the most important church services of the year, this was the first generation in decades to grow up free of violence. Their stories - and the struggle for the surviving children to comprehend the carnage - took the island down a devastatingly familiar path.

“When bubbly Priya went along for the Easter Sunday service, her mind was on something else entirely. She had spent weeks excitedly making plans for her 13th birthday - a day she would never get the chance to celebrate.

“She was like a little bird. She loved to dance. She danced to anything. If you asked her to dance, she would immediately jump into a sari or a long skirt and oblige,”

her mother, Srimathi says. Priya, Srimathi and their neighbours all left together in an auto-rickshaw. Only Srimathi came back. Priya was among many children who died when a suicide bomber blew himself up at the Zion church in Batticaloa. Now Priya’s mother gazes in anguish at her daughter’s photo. Part of the bomb embedded itself in her upper lip - a constant irritant, a permanent physical mark and reminder of her loss.

“An entire family, including three children, died in the explosion: The youngest of the child victims was only 11 months old. Bevon, 9, and Clavon, 6, also died in the April 21 blast. An eight-year old cousin, Joshua, is struggling to come to terms with the loss. “I love my cousins. I’m sure they’ll be back soon and then we can cycle and play in the street,” he said.

“Child Action Lanka is proud to partner with FEED THE HUNGRY towards helping kids like little Joshua, who are suffering the aftermath of loss and tragedy, face life again.

They may not have much but thanks to your generous donations, CAL has been able to set up a process of long term support for children who were affected by the bomb blast.

CAL is assisting those who have no one to help them get back on their feet.”

*Report provided by
Debs Dilshan,
CAL Founder & President.*



Hundreds Commit to Christ at Children’s Festival in Uganda

Great ideas come from friends working together.

Early last year, our Feed The Hungry team met with friends at the Irene Gleeson Foundation (IGF) in Kitgum, northern Uganda, where your support feeds over 4,000 children. As we met, the idea was born to hold a large children’s festival with students gathered for two to three days of worship, Bible teaching, practical ministry and recreation.

Partner ministries came on board, like our friends at Feed My Starving Children. Friends from Biblica, the International Bible Society, committed 3,500 New Testaments to be handed out to the students in attendance.

The Reach 4 Life festival was finally held at Christian Community Church in Kitgum in November, 2019.

On Sunday night, children began arriving from communities around Kitgum. Truckloads of children were brought in. By Monday morning, the public schools had heard about the gathering and canceled classes so students could attend.

Music and drama teams from local youth ministries provided worship opportunities, and staff from Feed The Hungry led the children in Bible studies with an emphasis on the value of living a pure life.

When the first session began, more than 4,000 children had gathered in the sanctuary. The energy level was high, with teaching, singing and dancing. Feed The Hungry provided meals for the children during the festival.

Over the course of the event, hundreds of children made commitments to follow Jesus as their Savior.

Pastor Alfred Komagum told the children that they were experiencing something that will change generations to come, and the community would plan for the festival to be an annual event.



Thank you for empowering Feed The Hungry to make the most of moments like these, where hungry children can be fed physically and spiritually in an environment that shows them just how good God really is.

Over 20,000 children fed for a month



Last Christmas, generous donors with enthusiastic media broadcasters, partnered together with FTH to feed 20,750 children for an entire month!

We are incredibly grateful to partner with Canberra's 1Way FM, 103.5 Orange FM, 98.5 The Light Albury Wodonga, Bathurst Life FM, Dubbo's 94.3, Wagga's Life FM, and Vision Christian Radio.

Without the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of the staff and volunteers of every radio station, the day would not have been such a success.

We thank God for christian radio that can broadcast truth and hope in perilous times such as this.

With every \$6 donation, a hungry child received a healthy and nutritious meal, every day for one whole month!

But it's more than a meal, you're giving a brand-new hope and the promise of a future. Through nourishing meals, education, and the opportunity to know Jesus - you're providing thousands of the world's hungriest children the chance to live a full life. And a full life feels good.



Thank You!

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