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# FEED THE HUNGRY

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Arise,  
*Shine*  
For your light has  
come! And the  
glory of the Lord  
is risen upon you.

*Isaiah 60:1*



# Zambia

From the capital city slums of Zambia, to the remotest villages, three words bring instant recognition, joy and gratitude: Feed-The-Hungry.

Our Director of Ministry Programs, Roger Walterhouse, went to Zambia to see how our new partner, African Vision of Hope, was faring during these tough times.

They feed 3,500 children in five schools. They also have two halfway houses for boys and girls escaping crises like trafficking or modern slavery.

Roger visited three of the schools, currently closed due to the pandemic.

One school opened for the day, giving the children a chance to show off their school uniforms and their musical talent. “We walked into the classroom,” Roger relates, “and a quartet of girls started singing a praise and worship song. It was the best singing I’ve ever heard.”



As Roger, his colleagues and hosts went from classroom to classroom, he says, “The kids saw Feed The Hungry on my shirt and broke out clapping!

They were jumping up and hugging us, saying, ‘Thank you, thank you!’ We were treated like kings.”

He tells us the schools he visited, both in the villages and in the slum of Katiki-tiki, were “the best we’ve seen in Africa.” When schools closed, hot daily meals for the children ended and our partners began taking Manna Packs of fortified rice to the children’s homes.

There, Roger learned that many families, despite their extreme poverty, take in orphaned children.



Esther, a 68-year-old widow, shares her one-room home with 14 boys, some of them her grandsons and great-grandsons. Esther made a meager living breaking rocks into gravel. Now, even that source of income is gone.

When Roger asked Esther how she and her boys had survived these past months, she simply pointed at the Feed The Hungry logo on his shirt.

In the village of Chongway, Roger came across a farmer planting sweet potatoes.

Through a translator, Roger learned that the farmer, Joseph, and his extended family had been on the brink of starvation during a severe drought.

Killing off most of his crops, the family endured months of food insecurity. Until it became a daily struggle to find a single meal for his children.

And then, just as all hope for any sort of survival had pretty much faded, FTH turned up with emergency rations of fortified rice packs. Enough to sustain him until he could re-plant his crops.

“When I met Joseph, his wife and family (pictured below) they were happy and things were much better in their lives at this point”, recalls Roger,

“But I was unprepared for what happened once Joseph realised who he was talking with”.

Joseph fell down on his knees, grabbed the legs of Roger, and said, ‘You saved my family’s lives!’ Tears were running down his face.”

To these children and their families, your generosity is truly an answer to prayer.

Even those who understand little English know what “Feed The Hungry” means when they see or hear it.



Roger Walterhouse  
Director of Ministry Programs





# Beirut

With COVID-19 working hospitals over-capacity and forcing many in Beirut to deal with its effects at home, lots of people need access to oxygen machines. Jean-Pierre (Director of FTH Germany) took a team to Beirut, Lebanon last month to lend a helping hand.

The team brought eight 5L oxygen machines to the Life Centre and their medical professional instructed staff on how to handle them. Each of the small portable machines are able to supply oxygen to two people at a time and are able to administer medicine. Jean-Pierre brought twenty masks per machine to ensure that there was plenty to keep up with the flow of people while used masks were being sterilised.

The risk of COVID-19 isn't the only problem that people face in Beirut. Groceries are also difficult to buy.

Smaller grocery stores struggle to keep daily food items—like bread and milk—stocked. It is difficult to find a reliable source of food, and can lead to people fighting over it. Worse, food that can be found is often expensive to purchase - where 1 kg of meat is more than a month's salary.

In response, exchange shops have been popping up where people can exchange goods—like electronic devices—for various supplies, and the Feed The Hungry team has made a deal with the wholesaler to make each family pack of groceries cheaper.

To keep COVID-safe, the Life Centre is minimising how many people are collecting their grocery packs at one time. They avoid long queues and large crowds by sending a text notification of when to arrive to pick up their groceries.

But not everyone can make it to the centre. Some people are in quarantine in their homes, need to care for family members, or are simply too weak to come. One of these is a mother of five young children. Due to COVID-19 safety rules, the children cannot go to school during the day, so the family is stuck in their one-room apartment in desperate need of help.

Thankfully, there is a delivery service. Volunteers from the local youth group transport the groceries to those in need with the aid of an electric three-wheeler.

The Church has embraced new believers who have come to Christ after receiving food in their time of need. Safety measures have restricted how many seats are available, but every single one was occupied!

Please keep the people of Beirut in your prayers; that the threat of COVID-19 will ease, food supplies will become abundant, and the Life Centre for their commitment to feeding the hungry.



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