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A Year in Stories

What a year! We praise God for His provisions and faithfulness. With God's help we were able to reach 11 nations with a total of 10,069,920 meals along with vitamins, probiotics and other supplies.



But people matter more than numbers.

Our God is personal. He loves each and every one of us. He knows each one of us, just as He knows the number of hairs on each of our heads. Before our food arrived in Haiti, He knew Suma. As Amalia sat hungry in Cuba, He loved her and provided a way for our food to reach her. As the 102-year-old widow in Haiti sacrificially gave her last morsels of food to her daughter's family, He had gone ahead and arranged for more food to reach her.

These lives have been changed because of people like you. We could not do what we do without you. Because of you, orphans, widows, single moms, dads, grandparents, refugees and

victims of natural disasters around the world are receiving food and the hope of Christ.

We want you to know the difference you are making. So, we are sharing just a few stories of the lives that were touched this year because together we are making a difference.

Let us reach even more hurting people in the coming year. Thank you for caring.

In His Name,



Malawi: Suma, an HIV+ single mother



Thanks to people just like you who have partnered with us, women like Suma are receiving food and hope despite living through difficult circumstances. Here's a portion of her story:

"My name is Suma,

I come from Mong'ongo village. I am about 34 years old, and I am living with HIV even though I was only married to my husband before he vanished. Now my children and me live with my parents. I walk to CLI Hospital often to get the medicine I need to survive, and two years ago when I had my second child, I came to here where they gave medicines to keep my son from getting the disease while developing in pregnancy. In recent times I have been struggling to take all of my medicines because without enough food, the medicine ejects from the body. I was getting sick and feeling weak. So I asked a nurse at CLI Hospital if they could give me food, and she gave me food to eat so I could take the medicine right away, and others brought some small items to me to take home. Then today I arrived for our meeting (HIV+ community support group) and they had big boxes of food on the tables in the hospital courtyard waiting for us. Now I can take home this dried food and cook meals for myself to take my medicine at all times. I thank the supporters of CLI Hospital, your food gift will allow me to take the medicine I need to live here, most of us do not have hope outside of this place, but with your food we can take it home so hope remains with us.

I thank you for your kindness and love done to us."

Haiti: Larosa, a 102-year-old Widow

Larosa Pretil lives in a widows' village in Haiti. Her old home was destroyed by Hurricane Irma on September 8. Thankfully she moved to the new home before Hurricane Maria struck less than two weeks later. Through our partners on the ground, Feeding The Nations has been providing her with food each month. Despite the fact that she very much needed this food for her own survival, she shared it with her family. By the end of the month, she was out of food and walked four hours to her daughter's house in the hopes that she would still have some food left to share. But thanks to our continuing efforts, she now receives a box of food each month.

But that's not all we've done in Haiti. We are also feeding Haitian children thanks to our partnership with Fishers of Men Ministries. Through their feeding program, 4,000 students in 25 schools are being fed.



Cuba:

Amalia, a lover of "rico"

"Rico" is making the difference in the life of a girl named Amalia. She lives in Cuba and since she has been receiving a steady diet of nutritious meals, her health and energy levels have improved, making it easier for her to learn and play.

Our partners in Cuba sent Feeding The Nations this report on Amalia and the "rico" she has been enjoying:

"Amalia is a 7-year-old girl

living in a depressed area of Havana, Cuba. Although food is available in her area, the nutritious value is questionable and there is also a lack of variety in the foods available. The fortified meals are an excellent basis of nourishment for these children and combined with any additional items, in this case eggs, it will meet all vitamins and minerals required at her age.

"She has been receiving the food for a few months and the changes that she made are amazing. Amalia gained weight and has more energy to learn new things and play.

"She thanks all those who made possible that she can eat this rice which she calls the Spanish word 'rico' (good tasting)."



India:

Priyanka, a future engineer

Each month we feed about 700 school children in India thanks to our FTN Finland office's partnership with IndianChildren, including children like Priyanka.

Priyanka is 16 years old.

She lives with her parents and two siblings in one room. She is in the 10th grade and has been with IndianChildren since preschool. Her dream is to become an engineer. She studies to get the best grades possible, so that she can continue her studies after primary school.

Priyanka loves to sew and spend time with friends. Every free moment she has is spent doing just that, but she also needs to help at home where it is her responsibility to do the dishes and laundry.



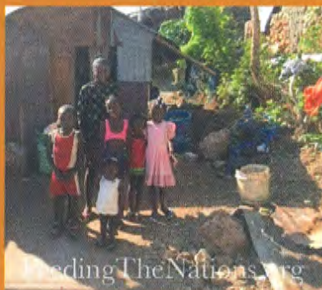
She is so grateful for the opportunity to go to school instead of needing to give her childhood to working an extremely low paying job to help support her family. Without the help that we together give to the children, Priyanka's dreams for the future could never come true as she would need to find other avenues of food.

Haiti:

Yonise Louise, a mother of 11 children

By working alongside other organizations and thanks to individual donations, Feeding The Nations has delivered meals to families who lost their homes in Hurricane Matthew, as well as to women, children and the elderly. This food has kept families from experiencing disaster-related starvation and malnutrition. It has given people like Yonise Louise security in knowing they don't have to look for food elsewhere; instead they can focus on shelter and other immediate life needs.

Yonise Louise and her husband care for her family of 11 children in a tin shack that was repaired after the hurricane. She works by washing clothes and preparing small food items on the street. Her husband has been very ill for years, and with him unable to work, she takes care of the family and some of their nieces and nephews. She was able to get back to work without needing to worry about feeding the family and continue making her business work which supports them daily for food, water and other needs. Without her working, they cannot make it.



Burkina Faso:

Zoré Issouf, a graduate with a future

Zoré Issouf is an orphan living in Burkina Faso.

With the opportunity to receive an education and consistent meals, his life has forever changed. Below is a letter from Sharyl J. Sieh, president of ACTS Ministry USA. She tells Issouf's story—one of possibilities and life change thanks to Feeding The Nations and all the people who partnered together to make a difference:

Issouf came to Hope Center eight years ago and was not able to visit any of his relatives because they live very far from Ouagadougou. This year when Issouf graduated to the next level of secondary school before university, his cousin surprised him by attending the ceremony.

His cousin expressed gratitude to the staff saying: "I have come to say thank you for what you have done for Issouf. Because you accepted him at the Hope Center, his life was not wasted. He survived because you cared for him, gave him food, a place to live. Thank you for saving his life."

Then he went on to say: "Issouf comes from a family with eight siblings; his father died because of alcohol; the children were all left to a younger uncle who also began to drink heavily. Three years after Issouf came to the Hope Center, his uncle died.

"Issouf is the only family member with a school diploma. His sisters were forced to get married and the other brothers are doing small jobs in the village. If Issouf had stayed in the village he would not have had this opportunity to earn a diploma."





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Dominican Republic: Feeding Over 1200 Families

Tim and Trena Johnson have lived and worked in the Dominican Republic for decades. They have raised their three boys, shared the gospel, raised up pastors and invested in the local community in ways that could never be measured. Feeding The Nations has partnered with Tim and Trena by sending food, supplies and missionary teams for years.

In 2017, FTN sent 272,160 meals to La Casa Grande which is the home and headquarters of the Johnson's ministry. After weeks and months of faithful work, 1,215 families received food and hope. Many outreaches were done to bring love to the community and beyond. God's love and food was shared in schools, churches, feeding programs, and many poor areas around the city and in the mountains near the north coast. More than 385 people prayed to receive Christ as their Lord during those gatherings.

Nicaragua: 300,000 Smiles

Feeding The Nations had the honor of partnering with 1Nation1Day as they blessed the country of Nicaragua. During the event, hundreds of thousands of people gathered across Nicaragua in 12 different locations and millions of people watched through a live broadcast. The event brought the nation together for the same cause—to see a brighter, more vibrant Nicaragua.

We provided food that was distributed to families in need. As a recent report said:

"We also distributed thousands of meals to families in need—just the start of the 300,000 meals our team will give away throughout the trip. If we do the math correctly, that adds up to 300,000 smiles. More important than simply meeting the material needs of the townspeople, we met their spiritual needs. We ministered to the locals and began to see God moving in ways that only He could move. We saw people healed, both physically and emotionally. We saw chains of the enemy broken and generational curses cancelled in Jesus' name."



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United States: Hurricane Harvey Victims

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma, Feeding The Nations partnered with World Compassion Network by providing finances for them to purchase necessary supplies. Because of our supporters' donations, we helped to assist thousands of families in Texas and Florida. They were cared for by distributing supplies to meet immediate needs along with helping to aid in recovery efforts.



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A Reason to go to School

Each day, Feeding The Nations helps to feed children in schools around the world, including Kenya and El Salvador. By providing a steady diet of protein-fortified meals, the children's overall health, ability to focus and learn, and desire to attend school have all increased! Plus, their parents encourage their school attendance because they know they will receive food there.

This is about more than providing a bowl of rice. This is about giving hope for the future! Take a look at what our partner, Star of Hope had to say:

"The children of Star of Hope Kenya send their deepest gratitude to Feeding the Nations, donors and well-wishers for supporting a balanced diet for their healthy growth and development throughout their time in school. You have continued to make it possible for these children to actively participate in school activities after taking the 10 o'clock porridge and the 12 noon lunch. This has made their afternoon nap a comfortable one and the afternoon lessons lively. Because of you, our children have a healthy smile."