

# FEEDING THE NATIONS®

Feeding The Nations Newsletter

## Iraq: Hope in the Midst of Heartbreak

**Hadia\* (pictured at right) is a widow who lives with in a home with 14 orphans and three other widows who lost their husbands to ISIS in the old city of West Mosul.** These ladies must find ways to care for themselves and their children despite the danger of living as women alone in a region devastated by war.

Thanks to your generosity, Hadia, and the women and children she lives with, were given food boxes. The food provided life giving nutrition *and* hope for people who feel forgotten. Haidia's story is just one of the many we are receiving from Iraq – stories of heartbreak and stories of hope.

Over 350 food boxes were distributed in Western Mosul alone. An area that was hit hardest by fighting and is now almost completely destroyed.

Not only were we able to provide food boxes to families in Western Mosul, but thanks to **your generosity, 6,750 people (of which, about 4,050 were children) received food at a refugee camp outside Mosul.** These families lived under ISIS rule for two to four years. Almost all of them have suffered from the heartbreak of losing family members and having their homes destroyed. The refugees in the camp cannot leave and buy food, so **what is provided for them is all they have**, which makes these packages of food essential.

An orphanage within Mosul also received 150 boxes of food. Some of the children had lost one or two parents before the conflict with ISIS, but many lost them due to the conflict. **One room was filled with toddlers who were found and rescued from the rubble of homes destroyed by airstrikes and mortar fire.** Another room was full of babies, many of whom were abandoned by their mothers because they were the product of being raped by ISIS members. These children with ISIS fathers are outcast and could face shame from their community their entire lives.

Because of your heart, your giving, FTN was able to send in total, **1,260 boxes of meals** to Iraq that were distributed through outreaches by our partners on the ground. These outreaches gave hope to widows and food to starving families in refugee camps. It fed babies who entered the world due to rape by ISIS and are thus abandoned. These packages of food that *you* sent are changing lives, not just because of the nutrition they contain, but the hope of the Gospel that comes with them. Thank you.

## The Beans & Rice Challenge

...Eat for a week from someone else's bowl

We've all heard the expression to "walk a mile in another man's shoes." But what if we ate for a week from someone else's bowl? This is the question we are asking ourselves this fall. **What if we took a week and chose to eat like a majority of the world has to eat?** Right now, nearly half of the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. That's about 2.8 billion people who, each day, try to survive on the cost of a cup of coffee. We created the Beans & Rice Challenge to help those who have nothing. We are asking families and churches to eat beans and rice for 1 meal per day for 1 week and donate the money saved to help feed someone else. We ask that you join us in eating simply for a week so others have the chance to eat something. **The 2018 Beans and Rice Challenge is November 12-16.** Eat for a week from someone else's bowl. For inspiring ways to get involved in the challenge, check out [feedingthenations.org](http://feedingthenations.org) and follow us on social media.



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# Haiti

**70% of all Haitians live with food insecurity on a daily basis.** Many of them are undernourished due to the lack of food available to them. Because of your ongoing support, FTN has been able to provide help to Haiti since the devastating earthquake in 2010.

Thanks to you, our partners, FTN provides food to local orphanages and schools on an ongoing basis. What a joy it is for us, the body of Christ, to join hands with the loving hands on the ground that care for these precious children. Together, we can lighten the load and provide a meal fortified with the vitamins and minerals their bodies need.

With your continued support, we will continue to provide nourishment to the children who need it.



## Help for Hurricane Florence Victims

FTN is helping families impacted by Hurricane Florence. As the flood waters recede the immense cleanup has begun. This overwhelming process could take months or years for many. Feeding The Nations has been asked to help by bringing bleach, cleaning products, masks, rubber gloves, heavy duty trash bags, dry wall and various other items to assist with cleanup and rebuilding. Will you help today?

The most efficient way to help is through monetary donations. The need is large and any gift helps. Watch for updates on our website, [www.feedingthenations.org](http://www.feedingthenations.org), regarding this opportunity to reach out to victims of Hurricane Florence.

## From FTN President, Stephen Sumrall

Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. It's always a blessing to share what your generous giving is doing for people around the world. My wife Diane and I are Papa and Nonnie to six, soon to be seven grandchildren. And in watching my young grandchildren, I am constantly reminded that the basic needs of humans are the same no matter where you live.

Kids need nourishment for their physical bodies. They need security, safety. Getting a healthy meal should not require children to search through a dumpster or stand on a corner and beg. Your loving gift provides them with the nourishment they need and takes the pressure of "breadwinner" off of their little shoulders.

Your gift matters...no matter how large or small. Thank you for partnering with us. Thank you for reaching out and being the hands and feet of Jesus to people who literally have nothing. Thank you for bringing them hope. Through your continued giving, we can continue to bring hope and the love of Christ to those in desperate need.

You can give directly online through our secure website, [www.feedingthenations.org](http://www.feedingthenations.org), or by mail using the envelope enclosed. God bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Sumrall".

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