

GROWING HOPE IN A HUNGRY WORLD



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Dear Friends,

The number of people suffering from acute hunger around the world has more than doubled since the COVID-19 pandemic. Families are desperate, and children are suffering from malnutrition that may haunt them all their lives.

Quarantines disrupted the global food supply chain, many farmers were unable to plant or harvest their crops, and skyrocketing costs have forced families to settle for less nutritious foods.

In addition, the war in Ukraine has turned Europe's breadbasket upside down, and it has become difficult for the country to feed itself, much less export the grain that sustained so many people around the world. In the past year, Samaritan's Purse has distributed 114 million pounds of food to the besieged people of Ukraine.

We are also working around the world in the Name of Jesus to help feed the hungry and provide farmers with better seeds and techniques so they can increase their harvests and feed their neighbors as well as their families. In this newsletter, we are sharing stories from Indonesia and Peru about how God is working through Samaritan's Purse to demonstrate His love by minimizing hunger.

Through our work, we always strive to spread the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we work to help meet the daily needs of the hungry, God gives us opportunities to share the message of eternal life and salvation in Christ. As Jesus told His disciples after feeding the multitudes with five loaves and two fish, *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst"* (John 6:35).

Thank you for your prayers and generosity, which make this work possible. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

ONE OF OUR PARTNERS HELPS A WOMAN GROW A FAITH (FOOD ALWAYS IN THE HOME) GARDEN NEAR HER HOME IN INDONESIA. WITH YOUR SUPPORT, FAMILIES TURN SMALL PLOTS OF LAND INTO POWERFUL TOOLS FOR OVERCOMING HUNGER.



Empowering Moms to Feed Their Families

Mama Widia's hardworking hands are full. With six children to feed, providing for her family has never been an easy task, especially in a remote region of Indonesia. She used to journey seven hours by boat to buy vegetables. Then the pandemic hit, food prices began to soar, and costs haven't stopped rising.

Sky-high inflation, sudden shortages, and severe weather events have recently doubled the number of people facing life-threatening hunger. In many cases, women shoulder the weighty responsibility of nourishing their families. But in times like these, it's too heavy of a burden to bear alone.

That's why your partnership makes such a critical difference for families like Mama Widia's amid a growing global hunger crisis.

Your prayers and support help provide vital agricultural training, tools, seeds, and livestock that families need to sustain themselves with plentiful, nutritious food—even in times of crisis. For hungry households, these gifts are life-changing. Families are transformed as they grow bountiful fruits and vegetables right near their own homes. Many are also equipped with everything they need to raise animals, like chickens, goats, cows, and pigs.

As we work closely with churches to provide these nourishing agriculture projects, **local believers are strengthened and opportunities open to plant seeds for the Gospel.** Our teams and partners get to share the living hope of Jesus Christ through relationships built in the communities, prayer times, discipleship lessons, and even Biblical principles used in our agricultural training. *"For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world"* (John 6:33, ESV).

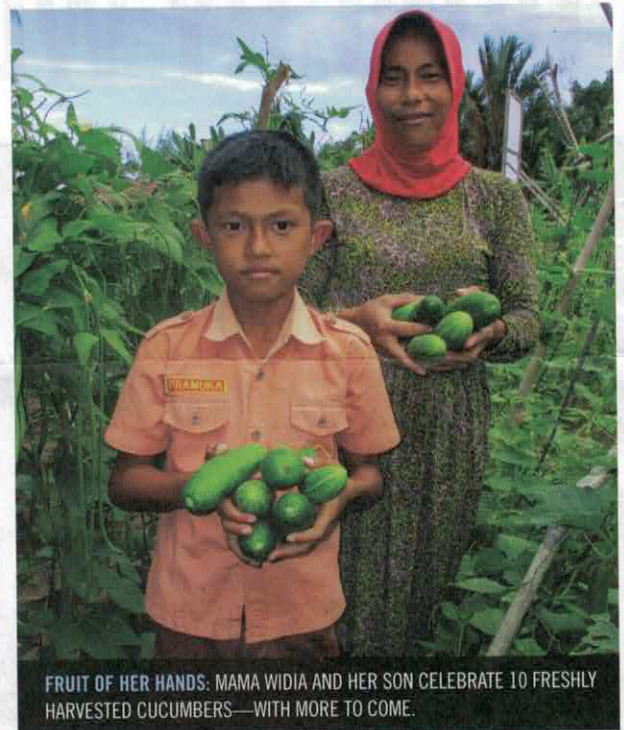
Women like Mama Widia are finding renewed physical and spiritual strength. As they participate in the agriculture training, these mothers make dedicated students. Every day, they are working hard to battle back hunger on behalf of their children.

"I was very happy to start my own gardening," Mama Widia told us. "It reduced my family's expenses, and my family can eat vegetables any time." And she eagerly shared more about her training: "I was assisted on how to prepare land, plant vegetables, apply fertilizer, install stakes, and finally pick vegetables and enjoy the yields."

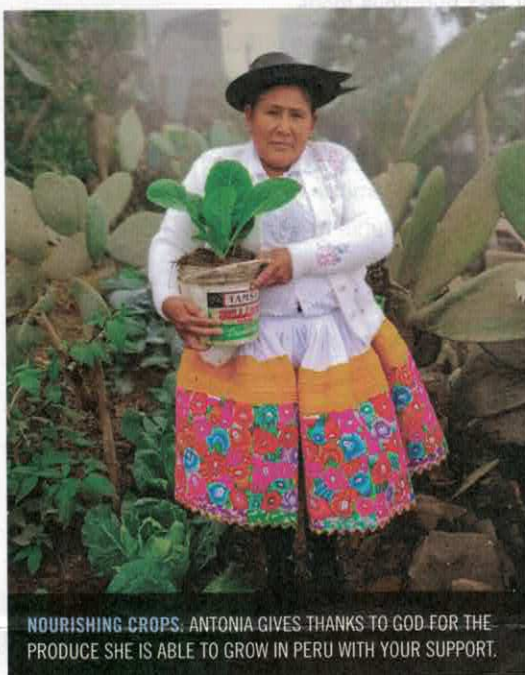
Another mom, Antonia, is raising a daughter with special needs in a struggling area of Peru. The economic turmoil of the past few years has devastated her community. But after learning all about household gardening, she has transformed her small yard into an abundance of cabbage, spinach, chard, parsley, rocoto peppers, lemon balm, and peppermint.

"She is proud of the hard work she has put into her plot of land, and she is thrilled to see her plants growing so well," our local partner reported. "She is grateful to have the support of Samaritan's Purse Canada, and she thanks God as she works to provide for her family."

Your generosity makes a world of difference for these families facing hunger today. In Indonesia, through support like yours, **Mama Widia's hands are full again. She and her son just harvested nearly a dozen large green cucumbers from their backyard garden—with more to come.** As Scripture says in Proverbs 31:31: *"Give her of the fruit of her hands."*



FRUIT OF HER HANDS: MAMA WIDIA AND HER SON CELEBRATE 10 FRESHLY HARVESTED CUCUMBERS—WITH MORE TO COME.



NOURISHING CROPS: ANTONIA GIVES THANKS TO GOD FOR THE PRODUCE SHE IS ABLE TO GROW IN PERU WITH YOUR SUPPORT.

"And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.'"

-Genesis 1:29, ESV

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

■ PRAY

Pray for families in Indonesia, Peru, and worldwide who are suffering from hunger today. Pray for continued opportunities to be Jesus' hands and feet and share the Gospel during this hunger crisis. *"The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!"* (Psalm 22:26, ESV).

■ FOOD PROJECTS

Help nourish the most vulnerable in a deepening hunger crisis. For \$20, you can provide a family with hardy seeds to grow a life-sustaining garden. With \$300, you can give everything they need to grow food for life, including seeds, tools, training, and ongoing support.

■ WHERE MOST NEEDED

Every day, thousands of people around the world depend on Samaritan's Purse for food, water, medical care, and other assistance. Your gift to "Where Most Needed" provides the resources—including personnel, materials, supporting services, and equipment—to fulfill this mission of relief and evangelism worldwide.



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