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A WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER

By Marilyn Kershaw

The pangs of hunger can trigger anxiety for those of us who live in a land of plenty. When our bellies are less than full we start to plan for our next opportunity to eat, and when we meet up with friends we first consider the many restaurants available to us. While we are well aware that millions of people go without food for days at a time, the luxury of eating nutritiously on a routine basis is often taken for granted in our society. Malnourishment and starvation are common in developing countries, and while there are some encouraging statistics showing steady global improvement in hunger, we are far from conquering this widespread issue.

At The Salvation Army, we stand by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), where SDG #2 is 'Zero Hunger'. The Salvation Army is a member

of Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGFB) and as "a Christian response to hunger," CFGFB bases its entire focus on this issue. The international work of The Salvation Army addresses food security in many of our integrated projects, including emergency disaster relief, children's sponsorship, farming, and family health initiatives.

There is no way to build sustainable communities without addressing one of the most basic human needs – nutrition. The World Missions Department funds projects that are integrated in nature as it works to provide sustainable growth for families and communities.

Our *Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship* program is one that, while addressing education, also ensures children receive the vitamins and nutrients essential to healthy development.

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Food insecurity is a daily issue for many people around the globe that continues to rise as the world becomes increasingly urbanized. Today, The Salvation Army is actively working in 128 countries to combat food insecurity in local communities.

Through the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the United Nations has identified ending hunger (SDG #2) as one of 17 goals integral to ending global poverty by 2030. This goal will only be achieved if we work together to make a difference in the way we approach food development and land-use in our communities.

This issue of *Global Link* highlights how Salvation Army programs and projects are helping individuals and communities access food through agricultural production, training and feeding programs. We also showcase the Embu goat project, and our partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank in providing food relief to the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Finally, we have included an international recipe that we hope you will try. We encourage you to consider hosting a neighbour, relative or friend to share a meal with you this spring.

Today, as we acknowledge all of God's creation, help us O Lord, to think of others.

Together we can end global hunger!

Sincerely,

Major Brenda Murray
World Missions Director

A World Without Hunger continued...

This holistic approach strives to provide a better future for families and communities to become independent and self-sufficient.

Please consider ways in which you can respond as you focus on the bountiful blessings we enjoy several times each day.

For more information or to donate, please visit saworldmissions.ca.



A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO HUNGER

By Ruth Hobbis



The Rohingya are one of many ethnic minorities with their own language and culture living in Myanmar, yet the Myanmar government denies them citizenship, seeing them as illegal immigrants from Bangladesh.

Conflict arose in the country last year and in August the Rohingya people were forced to flee from what the United Nations called a "textbook example of ethnic cleansing." The Rohingya crisis quickly became known as the fastest growing refugee crisis in the world, with the entire refugee population reaching almost one million people.

Forced to flee their homes, the Rohingya are now living in temporary shelters where food and clean water are scarce. Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) and its partners, including The Salvation Army, felt called to help. As "a Christian response to hunger," this partnership of 15 church-based agencies focused their efforts on delivering food aid.

On October 18, while attending a CFGB World Food Day celebration in Lancaster, Ont., the Honourable Marie-



Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, announced that the Government of Canada had approved \$1 million to support the CFGB members' coordinated response to the Rohingya crisis. This was pooled together with donations to provide food baskets for 17,000 refugee families in Bangladesh. Each basket was filled with kitchen staples such as lentils, vegetable oil, sugar and salt.

On October 31, Minister Bibeau announced that the Government of Canada would match every eligible donation made by Canadians between August 25 to November 28. Altogether, Canadians raised \$12.5 million for the Rohingya crisis.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. Because of your generosity, we provided life-saving food assistance to thousands of people in need.

To learn more about
Canadian Foodgrains Bank visit
foodgrainsbank.ca

HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY MINDS

By Major Donna Barthau

Swedlanka Child Development Centre, Sri Lanka

When Philip was 10, his father left Sri Lanka to start a new life for himself, leaving Philip's mother in a hopeless situation with no house, no land and no income. Hoping for a better life for her son, Philip's mother asked The Salvation Army to take him into their care.

At the Swedlanka Child Development Centre in Sri Lanka, Philip eats three nutritious meals each day, which helps him develop physically and intellectually. Philip receives everything he needs, including health care, clothing, education and personal tutoring.

Philip is a diligent student who loves languages and reading and is a talented athlete, gymnast and singer. He dreams of one day having the opportunity to care for others as a medical doctor. As Philip continues to grow under the practical care and protection of The Salvation Army, he is committed to working hard to achieve his dream.

Home of Joy, Uganda

The Home of Joy in Kampala, Uganda, is a school for children with severe physical disabilities. The feeding program, which provides these children with well-balanced meals, is a vital part of our integrated project for the children's health and strength.

Gualache, El Salvador

This program in El Salvador helps to improve nutrition and end hunger in the community by providing healthy meals and snacks to children after school and on Saturdays. The program staff and children run a chicken farm, which helps bring in a small income to support the program.



GOAT PROJECT FEEDS A FAMILY

By Ruth Hobbis

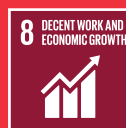
In 2010, The Salvation Army established a program in Kenya to benefit orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS and their caregivers. It soon became clear that many in these communities largely depended on food aid from the government to feed their families. In response, The Salvation Army began supplying livestock and animal husbandry skills training to individuals and families, empowering them to improve their livelihood.

Only able to find work as a casual labourer, Harrison often could not afford to pay for food, let alone school fees for his children. The family frequently went without eating and Harrison worried about his children's future. Fortunately, Harrison's children attended a Kids and Youth (KAY) Club where Salvation Army officers recognized the family's needs. Through donations made to *Gifts of Hope*, Harrison was enrolled in the Embu Goat Project.

The family's new goat and subsequent offspring have proven to be a valuable source of both nutrition and income. Harrison's children love to drink the goat milk, which is both nutritious and filling. He sells the extra milk and goat manure to other families, using the profit to buy food at the market.

Now able to provide his children with all the vitamins and nutrients they need for healthy development, Harrison's sense of self-worth has improved. He has since taken on a leadership role in the community, teaching others how to raise livestock successfully.

Harrison thanks Salvation Army donors for giving him the tools to improve his livelihood and ensure that he and his children no longer go hungry.



COOKING INTERNATIONALLY

By Major Karen Lemke

Nsima – Serves 4

Nsima is a basic starch dish in many areas of Africa. Depending on the country, it can be called Ugali, Sadza or Pap. In some places, the corn flour (maize meal) is replaced with cassava root or other ground starch.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups cornmeal, corn flour or ground maize
- 10 cups water

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Pour cold water into a large pot and begin to bring to a boil over high heat.
2. After a few minutes, when the water is warm, slowly add about half of the cornmeal, one spoonful at a time, stirring continuously.
3. Continue cooking (and stirring) until the mixture comes to a boil.
4. Reduce the heat to medium and cook for a few minutes.
5. Add the remaining cornmeal a spoonful at a time until very thick and smooth.
6. Once the desired consistency is reached, turn off the heat, cover the pot and let stand for a few minutes before serving.
7. Serve Nsima immediately, hot, with the stewed meat of your choice. With clean hands, tear bits of Nsima off and use them to scoop up the stew. Nsima can also be served thinner at breakfast as a porridge.



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