



Feed my Lambs

... the words of Jesus

Founder's Update



Dear Friends,

I am so excited to share some really good reports with you. We've been working on some special projects and throughout this newsletter you can read about the successes and what's been going on.

Renee and I want to thank you for your prayers and encouragement during our recent medical challenges. Last year, both of us were diagnosed with cancer and had to endure surgery and treatment. This year, Gary was diagnosed with a second kind of cancer and had to have another surgery.

The great news is that we are both healthy and cancer free! We want to thank God for His healing and protection, and thank you for continuing to pray for us. Now together, we can all feed these precious orphans.


Gary VanDyke
CEO & Founder

Celebration in Central African Republic

On November 13, 2008, Food for Orphans loaded a 20-foot shipping container with 285,000 highly nutritious, pre-packaged meals ... headed to the orphans of the Central African Republic.



"The food from the USA is very good! If I eat it every day, I will get very big because there are lots of good vitamins in it. I like to eat this food a lot!"

But due to problems getting it through the Port Authority in Cameroon, it stayed on the docks until March 6, 2009. Then they insisted on levying an enormous tax on the shipment. And of course we had to pay it.

GOOD NEWS

The good news is that the container of meals has been safely delivered, food distribution has begun, and the orphans are loving the food!

This food was formulated by the scientists from three major food corporations to save the lives of starving children. It seems to be working well and the orphans really love it!

Your generous donations allowed us to ship these much-needed meals. YOU made this all possible, and we appreciate your generous demonstration of love to these orphans.



"I have seen that all the kids in our orphan program enjoy the food very much. There hasn't been one that doesn't like it!"

Africa's Orphan Crisis: Worst Is Yet to Come

According to UNICEF, the orphan crisis is going to get worse in Africa. Here are two important facts from their report:

- **Eight out of every 10 children who have lost parents to HIV/AIDS, live in sub-Saharan Africa.**
- **If one parent has HIV/AIDS, then in most cases, so does the other parent. This**

means that children face a large risk that both their parents could die within a relatively short period.

Unfortunately, the need for Food for Orphans' services is increasing steadily. Every day, there are 44,000 new orphans around the globe. We are committed to doubling our efforts to care for the ever growing number of innocent orphans in this harsh region of the world.

National Orphan Sunday is Coming

It's official ... November 8th is 2009 **National Orphan Sunday**, as recently announced by the *Christian Alliance for Orphans*.

So RIGHT NOW is the time to talk with your pastor about putting it on the church calendar.

Make It Special

On **Orphan Sunday**, your church has an opportunity to do something really significant to bless orphans. Food for Orphans is committed to providing your church whatever it needs to make that day special. But you have to make sure your church has it on the calendar.

ONE Meal Miracle

One day while Jesus was speaking to a large crowd of 5,000, the disciples told him that the crowd was hungry.

Jesus told them, "**Well, YOU feed them.**" The disciples told Him they only had ONE meal **donated** by a little boy ... two fish and 5 pieces of bread. Jesus took that ONE meal, blessed it, fed all 5,000 people.

In Obedience to Christ

On **Orphan Sunday**, we are asking your pastor to ask each family to be like the little boy and **donate** ONE meal per month (\$15) to feed ONE orphan. That \$15 will provide

ONE orphan ... ONE meal per day ... a **ONE Meal Miracle**.

Your Church ... and Orphans

Food for Orphans can provide your church what it needs to make that happen:

- Posters
- Bulletin Inserts
- Video
- Pledge Cards
- Sermon Notes

So contact your pastor today, ask him to honor orphans on **National Orphan Sunday**, November 8th. And then let us help make it a really special day.

Food Shipment Arrives in the Dominican Republic

It was a very emotional night for the orphans in the Dominican Republic orphanages, Jackie's House, and other projects. They were giddy with delight at the thought that a bountiful harvest of food was arriving soon ... food given just for them.



The students at a local school graciously volunteered to unload the big container of food. But they didn't realize what a huge adventure to which they were committed ... unloading 285,000 meals.

The container arrived at Herrera close to 8:00 PM at night. The high school students had been waiting since 6AM and were very anxious, as there were a lot of boxes. It turned out to be a very tiring and long night.

They had to park the container at the end of the main street coming into Herrera, and from there take the boxes in a smaller truck, a couple of cars, and even some motorcycles. At about 11:00 PM the parents of the students came for them, but a new group of people from around the school were ready to continue the work, about 30 people joined in and got all the boxes up to the 5th floor by 1:30 AM. It was a big job, but now the orphans will be assured of having an abundance of nutritious food to eat.



Myanmar Recovery is Slow

The country of Myanmar has suffered greatly from natural disasters these last few years. Hundreds of thousand have died, and thousands of children have become orphaned.

The young lady in the photo is one of those victims. She lost both her parents in Cyclone Nargis last year. Now she has dedicated her life to helping to care for the other orphans in the orphanage. She is such a wonderful blessing to others.

Earlier this year, Food for Orphans president Gary and his wife Renee visited the orphans in Myanmar. While there they were blessed to be able to train over 100 dedicated workers who are caring for the orphans of Myanmar.

Food for Orphans and donors like you are feeding nearly 500 orphans in eight separate orphanages in Myanmar.



Another Container of Food is Ready to Ship

It's not often that a miracle happens multiple times. Food for Orphans was recently contacted and told that another container of this very nutritious food was going to be available to ship very soon. Now that is really a miracle!

Now we have a unique opportunity to ensure that more orphans will receive a life-saving meal every day. 285,000 meals are ready to go. But they have to just sit there until we can ship them.

If you would like to ship 1,000 of these meals to

the orphans in the Dominican Republic, then make your donation for \$75. This shipment is ready to go, it literally is waiting for shipment.

Be Like Jesus ... Feed 5,000

If you make your donation for \$375, we will be able to ship 5,000 of these pre-packaged meals to the orphans. **Jesus fed 5,000, and now so can you.**

We need your help now. So please fill in the form below and make a sacrificial gift today.



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to ship the food*

Food for Orphans

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 \$ _____

MONTHLY

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