

broken bread poverty meal



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What can you do?

Think: How might you respond to this story? How will your faith motivate you to help the 1 billion people in the world living in desperate poverty, the 40 million people living with HIV or AIDS, and the 15 million children orphaned by AIDS?

Reflect: Jesus says that He is the bread of life (John 6:48). At the Last Supper, He broke bread and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). Consider how one meal, such as that of the boy who offered in faith his five loaves and two fishes (John 6:9), can be used greatly by God.

Share: During small group discussions, share this story with other participants. As you listen to each story, note how the different situations seem to lead to the same crisis. What can you do as an individual and as a group to make a difference for people in situations like these?

Pray: Read John 6:1-14 and 2 Kings 4:2-7, and pray about how God would have you be involved in accomplishing His will for the poor and broken. Pray also for those affected by AIDS, poverty, and hunger, and for those who are already working to alleviate the symptoms.

Advocate: Urge the U.S. government to maintain its food aid to 850 million of the world's hungry by texting "FOOD" to 77812 on your mobile phone.

The porridge you are eating is a corn-soy blend (CSB) made by American farmers and distributed through the North American Millers' Association. CSB is one of the staples of food distribution programs targeting those infected with HIV or affected by AIDS in the majority of food emergencies around the world. Nutrition levels have been found to be directly correlated to the effectiveness of treatments for chronic diseases such as AIDS.

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