

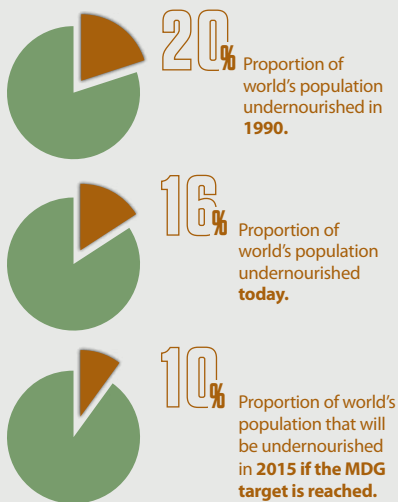
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HUNGER BY NUMBERS

In 2000, world leaders agreed on eight Millennium Development Goals. Achieving the first goal would mean that the percentage of undernourished people in 1990 would be halved by 2015.

The world has made some progress. Estimates for 2010 reveal that there were 92 million fewer hungry people in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa than in 2009. However, progress will need to pick up speed to reach the MDG target.



SOURCE: FAO, SEPT. 2010

QUOTABLE »

“It is important for people to realize that we can make progress against world hunger, that world hunger is not hopeless. The worst enemy is apathy.”

—REV. DAVID BECKMANN
PRESIDENT, BREAD FOR THE WORLD



ABBY METTY/WORLD VISION

Hungry for Help

World Vision rushes food aid to the Horn of Africa. BY ABBY METTY

ABOVE | Plumpy'nut keeps Emuria alive.

Deriko Nyekora coaxes her 15-month-old son, Emuria, to take a little more Plumpy'nut—a high-nutrition food product especially designed for starving children.

Emuria is too weak to show much enthusiasm, but Plumpy'nut is almost certainly keeping him alive. “Our child was malnourished,” Deriko says. “I don’t have enough food.”

Sadly, Emuria’s plight is common in Turkana, in northwestern Kenya—one of several countries that are experiencing their worst drought in 10 years.

Lack of rain has killed livestock—a principle source of income and food—and made farming virtually impossible. Moreover, the scarce resources have heightened tensions between rival tribes. “The animals that I depend on were driven away by [raiders],” Deriko says.

To help people survive the drought, World Vision is urgently distributing Plumpy'nut and a corn-soy blend to prevent starvation.

Deriko also believes in the power of prayer. “I pray to the Lord to give me good health, to protect my children, to give us enough food, and [to] continue providing us daily bread,” she says. “I pray continuously.” ■

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Growing Success

Reaping bumper harvests in a hungry land.

BY MICHAEL CZOBIT

According to the United Nations, the southern African country of Zimbabwe is one of the hungriest in the world. Currently, it suffers from a major shortfall in food production, leaving 5.1 million people chronically malnourished.

But anybody looking at the flourishing gardens near the town of Hwange would find this statistic hard to believe. Here, World Vision helped the local community establish a pioneering drip-irrigation system, so that carrots, tomatoes, beans, leafy greens, and onions now grow in abundance.

Among those with a passion for gardening is 14-year-old Samuel Ngwenya, who is responsible for cultivating six of his family's vegetable beds. Samuel now claims agriculture as his favorite school subject. He eagerly applies everything he learns but says the use of drip irrigation—which allows water to reach the roots of plants via a network of valves and pipes—is among the most fundamental improvements. Without it, he says, “there would be no food for my family.”

Samuel's parents, Kinosi and Maria, agree. Their old garden either produced little or failed completely due to erratic rains. Kinosi and Maria made a living by plastering mud huts, but it was an unreliable source of income. “Sometimes the people we used to work for needed our services,” Maria says, “but they did not have money.”

Things got especially bad when Kinosi was forced to sell a goat to buy millet seed. He worried that soon he would have no hope of providing for his wife, two sons, and the five other relatives who live with them.

Shortly afterward, the family learned about the drip-irrigation project. World Vision provided an irrigation kit plus training on installation and on how to keep their garden free of pests.

Production soared from their garden. Kinosi not only is able to feed his entire family but also makes about \$7 a week selling surplus vegetables. The income covers school fees for Samuel and his 5-year-old brother, Patrick, plus clothes and luxuries such as sugar. Soon the family

hopes to make even more income by cultivating new crops such as spinach, squash, and mustard seed.

Far from becoming dependent, the family now assists some of Samuel's friends, many of whom are orphans. Meanwhile, Samuel is grateful to World Vision's donors, who have made it all possible. He hopes that God will bless them and that they will be encouraged to continue helping those in need. ■



FROM THE PRESIDENT

JON WARREN/WORLD VISION



A genocide memorial in Rwanda.

The Heat of Battle »

Last Christmas, my daughter gave me “Band of Brothers,” the award-winning HBO series that follows the legendary 101st Airborne Division through its key battles in World War II. One of the most dramatic episodes depicts the Battle of the Bulge—Hitler's last-ditch attempt to disrupt Allied supply lines and stop their forces advancing toward Germany. Hitler lost. The rest, as they say, is history.

Just as two kingdoms clashed during World War II, today there continues to be a clash of two spiritual kingdoms in our



ABOVE | A drip irrigation system (above) supplied by World Vision helps Kinosi (left) feed his children, Samuel and Patrick (far left).

VITAL COMPARISONS

	ZIMBABWE	UNITED STATES
Population	13 million	314 million
Infant mortality per 1,000 births	81	7
Life expectancy	37 years	79 years
Annual per capita income (\$US)	\$340	\$47,200
Access to improved drinking water	83%	100%

world—the kingdom of God against the forces of darkness.

If you don't believe in these forces, I would invite you to see what I've seen—to see places where children are bought and sold for sexual slavery; where soldiers gang rape and mutilate women for sport; and where the poor suffer unrelenting hunger.

The world is at war, and you are in the battle. World Vision supporters are feeding the critical supply lines for God's kingdom ministries on the frontlines around the globe. If donations stopped today, World Vision, with operations in nearly 100 countries, would be out of business within 60 days.

No money, no ministry. No ministry and the battle is lost.

Jesus said to his disciples: "From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it" (Matthew 11:12). Friends, please continue to be forceful men and women. Much is at stake for the kingdom of God. ■




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Feeding the Hungry

There are about 925 million hungry people in the world today—a number that is declining, though slowly. World Vision tackles the hunger crisis on two major fronts: first, through delivery of emergency food aid; and second, by building the capacity of impoverished communities to produce more food.

WORLD VISION
IS THE LARGEST
DISTRIBUTOR OF
EMERGENCY FOOD
AID IN THE WORLD

 **Total distributed
so far in 2011:
120,500 tons**



 **Total
beneficiaries:
3,705,000**

THE TOP 10 COUNTRIES RECEIVING WORLD VISION EMERGENCY FOOD AID*

1 HAITI
AFTERMATH OF MAJOR EARTHQUAKE, POVERTY

 **Food distributed: 27,200 tons**
 **Beneficiaries: 678,300**

2 SUDAN
HIGH FOOD PRICES, CIVIL STRIFE, POPULATION MOVEMENT

 **Food distributed: 23,300 tons**
 **Beneficiaries: 885,700**

3 PAKISTAN
FLOODING, CROP DESTRUCTION

 **Food distributed: 19,400 tons**
 **Beneficiaries: 271,700**

4 KENYA
SEVERE DROUGHT

 **Food distributed: 8,755 tons**
 **Beneficiaries: 235,700**

5 ZIMBABWE
HIGH INFLATION, ECONOMIC DECLINE

 **Food distributed: 7,500 tons**
 **Beneficiaries: 157,800**

6 AFGHANISTAN
CONFLICT, HIGH FOOD PRICES

 **Food distributed: 6,300 tons**
 **Beneficiaries: 158,500**

7 ZAMBIA
POOR WEATHER, HIGH RATES OF HIV INFECTION

 **Food distributed: 5,600 tons**
 **Beneficiaries: 364,600**



8 TANZANIA
POOR RAINFALL, CROP PESTS, HIGH REFUGEE POPULATION

 **Food distributed: 5,100 tons**
 **Beneficiaries: 64,200**

9 ETHIOPIA
POOR RAINFALL

 **Food distributed: 4,000 tons**
 **Beneficiaries: 64,700**

10 UGANDA
ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION, POVERTY, POOR HYGIENE

 **Food distributed: 3,700 tons**
 **Beneficiaries: 308,200**

* Based on approximate tons distributed so far this year.



JIM WENDENHALL/GENESIS PHOTOS

MY STORY

Name: Craig and Carol Powell

Occupation: Credit analyst and office manager

Home: Meadville, Pa.

Program: Gift Planning

Buzz: As a former farmer, Craig Powell appreciates the value of water in an agrarian society and longs to make it available to those who need it. His wife, Carol, a former paralegal, loves the idea of feeding hungry children. For years, the couple has contributed to both goals by purchasing items from World Vision's Gift Catalog—providing funding for things like wells, chickens, and fish ponds. Impressed by what their donations have achieved, they want to continue giving after their lifetime and have made World Vision a beneficiary of their will. ■

"For many years, I have been in estate administration as a paralegal. I am always amazed by what people can accomplish by making a charitable donation in their will."

—CAROL POWELL

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The answer is life-changing, and it's mobilizing people to help change the world.

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Learning to Live

New farming methods open minds and fill tummies.

BY LE THIEM XUAN

Caring for a healthy litter of piglets is just one of many signs that Ho Thi Phung's life has undergone a radical change for the better. The 14-year-old from Quang Nam province, Vietnam, also regularly attends school now and recently acquired a new bicycle.

Things were different when Phung was little. Back then, her parents would take the family to the surrounding hillsides for several weeks at a time as they practiced slash-and-burn cultivation.

"My parents were so poor they couldn't afford my studies," Phung says. "[My mother] said it was unnecessary for me, a girl in a mountainous area, to go to school, because words couldn't feed my stomach."

Still, Phung often went hungry because of the poor yields from slash-and-burn techniques.

Things changed when World Vision began a development program

in Quang Nam. Phung's mother, Ly, attended a night class for illiterate adults, and her father, Nhon, participated in a village farmers group.

Nhon received training in home gardening, animal husbandry, and the planting of high-yielding varieties of rice—enabling the family to abandon slash-and-burn farming methods. The couple also learned to plant fruit trees and raise pigs.

Meanwhile, World Vision assisted Phung to start school—a proud moment for her mother.

Ly has a new-found respect for education. Her night class has taught her a lot about farming, and she has made progress in literacy and numeracy. "I learn to read and write at class," she says, "and from my children at home." ■

BELOW | Phung (center) enjoys lunch with her family. Now, they enjoy three meals every day.



LE THIEM XUAN/WORLD VISION

Vision for the Blind

A World Vision program helps children with disabilities realize their dreams. | BY ARMENUHI SAHAKYAN

Liana Igityan suffers from congenital retinal detachment, meaning she is almost completely blind. In addition, the 14-year-old from Gyumri, Armenia, has suffered major disappointment and frustration.

Disappointment came following two failed operations to improve her sight. The doctor said further surgery might help, but Liana's impoverished parents had no money to continue treatment.

Frustration came when Liana was enrolled in a mainstream school. There, she was stigmatized and discriminated against, which is a common problem for the disabled in Armenia. Liana switched to a special school in the capital, Yerevan—a two-hour drive from Gyumri. It meant living away from her family for weeks at a time. She became lonely and depressed and dropped out.

Hope came when Liana enrolled at a center in Gyumri known as the Disabled Peoples Organization—a World Vision-supported initiative. After years of feeling rejected, it took time for Liana to respond. “She would sometimes rudely reject



ARMENUHI SAHAKYAN/WORLD VISION

ABOVE | Liana reads using the Braille alphabet.

all our attempts to involve her in any activity,” recalls DPO head Armine Nikoghosyan.

Fortunately, Armine had the wisdom to see that Liana was in fact a smart girl who lacked social skills and was self-conscious about being unable to read and write.

Through regularly attending the DPO, Liana learned to read and write using Braille. She also enrolled in a computer class that

uses groundbreaking educational software for the visually impaired.

Today, computer classes are the highlight of Liana's week. She interacts easily with those around her and has plucked up the courage to enroll again in a mainstream school. “I was afraid I would never be literate,” she says. “Now I am even asked to approach the blackboard to answer [questions]. It brings me real joy.” ■

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Technology Breakthrough



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HAITIANS EMPLOYED in a World Vision cash-for-work project sign in to receive their payments using a World Vision-developed mobile technology known as Last Mile Mobile Solutions. Using ID cards for beneficiaries and hand-held scanners, LMMS automates the tracking and allocation of relief goods or payments. Traditionally, in emergency situations, electricity or Internet connections are nonexistent or unreliable. That's meant that World Vision has had to rely on hand-written forms and fingerprint identification—a time-consuming process that sometimes forces recipients of aid to line up for hours before receiving help. LMMS substantially speeds up the process and provides rapid analysis and reports of aid delivery to World Vision staff. It's proved a boon in Haiti, where more than 8,000 people a month benefit from World Vision cash-for-work programs following the massive earthquake last year. The work includes rubble removal, drain clearance, irrigation, and tree planting. ■

THE STORY

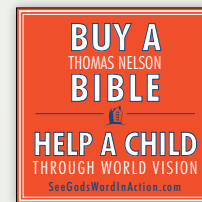
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ENDING HUNGER



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