

A young girl with dark hair and bangs, wearing a grey tank top, is smiling and holding a large metal plate filled with rice and beans. She is standing outdoors in front of a stone wall. Other people are partially visible in the background.

2016 ANNUAL
MINISTRY REPORT

Walking
by *Faith*
Responding
in **Obedience**

F E E D T H E H U N G E R . O R G

A message from the CEO

Hello Friends and Partners,

I greet you in the Name of Jesus Christ! You may recall that our plans for 2016 were summarized in the 2015 Annual Ministry Report simply as “*Bags and Bibles*.” Our desire was to touch countless lives with spiritual and physical food. Now that the year has been completed, I would adjust this mission statement to be “*Walking by Faith, Responding in Obedience*.”

Yes, we still wanted to give out food and Bibles, but only as God directed—we then followed with action. We didn’t want to spend any time or energy on endeavors that the Lord wasn’t orchestrating, trying to do things through our own efforts. This brought a wonderful freedom to follow His lead.

As you read this report, let me also stress that while it contains a lot of numbers and statistics, we are more interested in impacting each individual life. Stats certainly have their place, but the reality is, we could give away millions of meal packets and Bibles and still not be very effective.

Specifically, we distributed over 3.5 million meals in eight countries and gave out thousands of Bibles and devotionals. Without strategic partners in place to do outreach with maximum impact, however, our efforts would be incredibly limited. In other words, we’d rather be used by God to steward fewer resources than be ineffective with a vast supply.

So, we rejoice in every gift given for us to steward, every serving of food packaged, every Bible and devotional handed out, and every life touched. Keep this in mind as you read through what God made possible in 2016 through your partnership.

In Jesus’ Name,



Joseph Williams, CEO



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Ministry Summary and Highlights

- ▶ 8 countries received our meals
- ▶ 8 countries receiving ongoing support
- ▶ Over 2,000 Bibles distributed in 8 countries
- ▶ Over 1,200 devotionals distributed in America, not including dissemination via email, blog, and social media

AID AND RELIEF

- ▶ Hurricane Matthew relief in Haiti and the US
- ▶ Winter blankets in Nepal and Bangladesh
- ▶ Water projects in Brazil, Nepal, and India

TRANSPORTATION

- ▶ Motorcycles for evangelists in Nepal
- ▶ Motor scooters for physically disabled persons in India



MICRO-ENTERPRISE



- ▶ Sewing machines for self-support assistance in Haiti
- ▶ Goats for micro-credit project in India

Outreach Ministry



Conferences, community outreach, programs, gifts, and food in a dozen countries and a half dozen US states



Other Notable Highlights

A final container was sent to aid ISIS victims in northern Iraq through partnership with World Help; a total of nearly 700,000 meals were distributed.

The All-American Packathon was held throughout the summer, producing over 300,000 meals ready to disburse after a natural disaster. In fact, distribution soon took place in partnership with CitiIMPACT—first following historic flooding in Louisiana, then in North Carolina after Hurricane Matthew.

When they realize that there is an entire book about the one true God who saves, heals, delivers, and brings peace that they so desperately long for, they become overjoyed and their entire demeanor changes as they take it into their hands. For them, the Word of God changes everything. Your prayers and financial support make the same impact as if you went and distributed the Bibles personally.

— “Jungle Jen” Foster, FtH partner in the Amazon

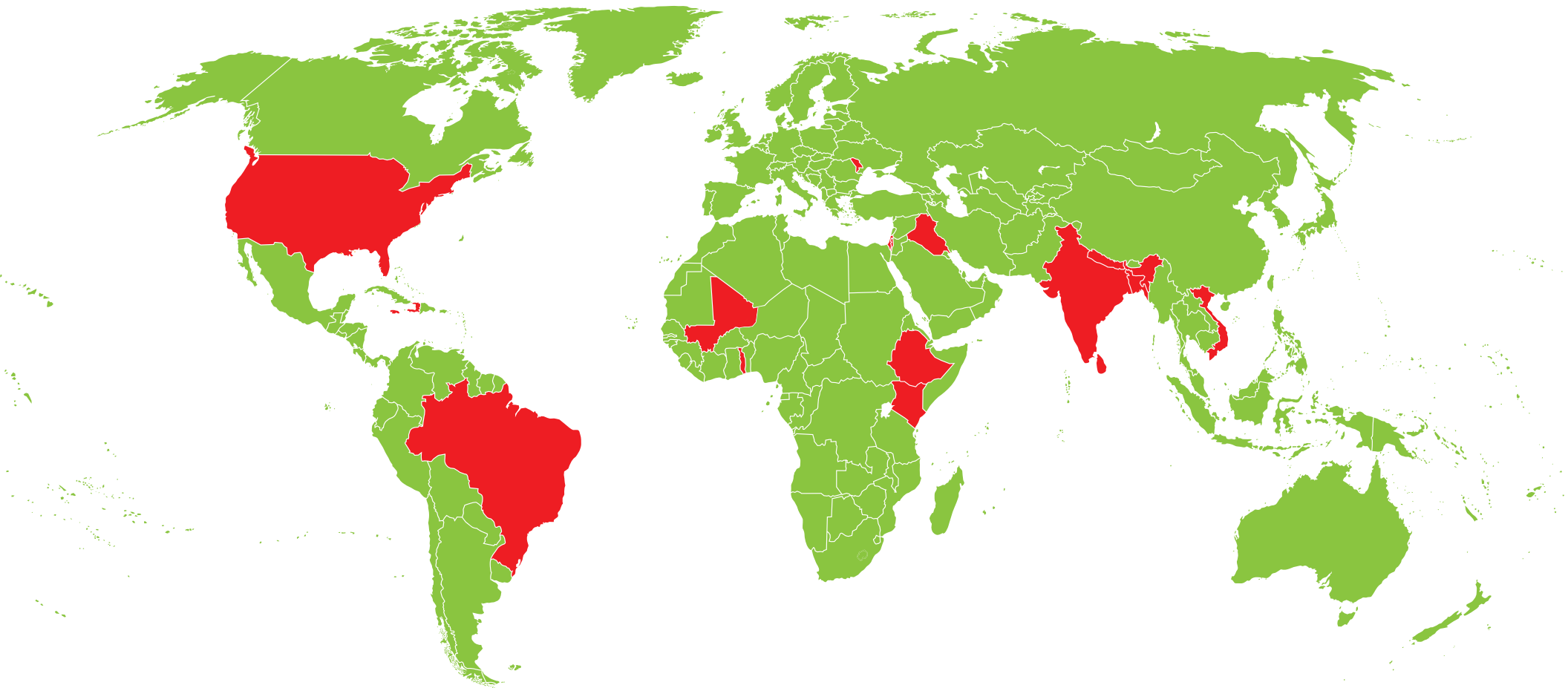
Some newer partnerships have blossomed. In Vietnam, we were able to help more than 60 orphans each month, while in Brazil, our partner distributed Bibles and led construction of a church building in a previously unreached community in the Amazon.



2016 OUTREACH MAP

31 strategic partners ministering in 16 countries

Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Kenya, Mali, Moldova, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Togo, Vietnam, and the US



PACKATHON

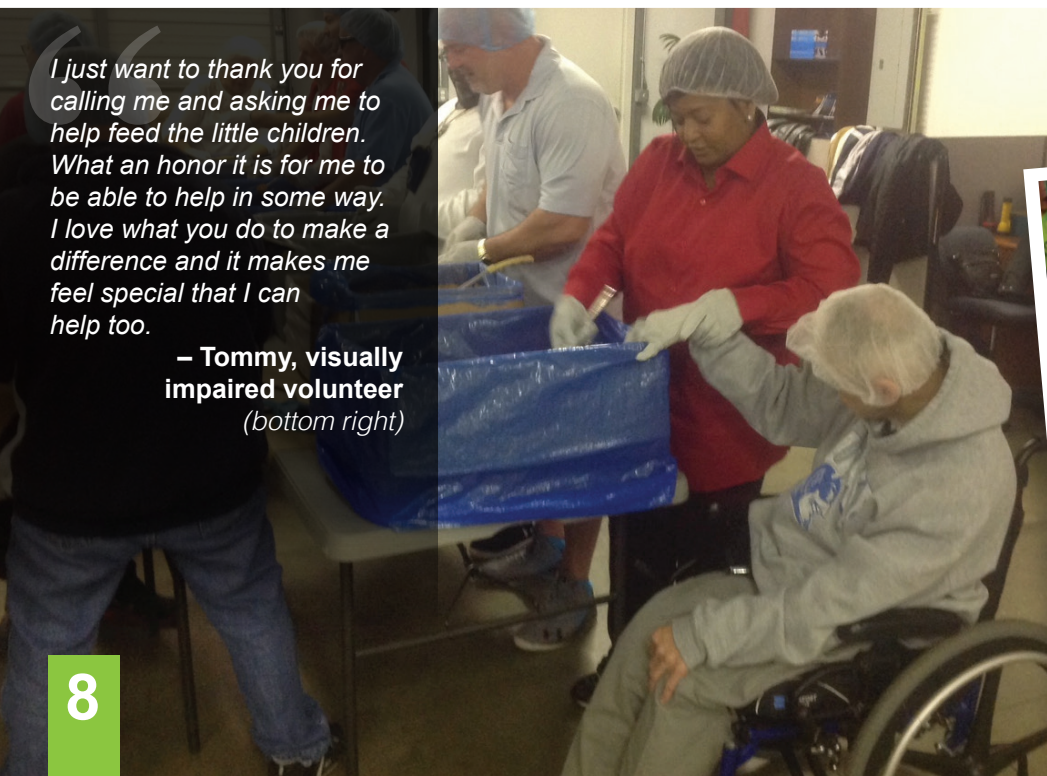
We were even more intentional this year in treating each Packathon as an outreach in itself. Our goal was that each volunteer knew they were needed and appreciated, and that they left feeling blessed to help those in need.



78 events in 16 states
24,299 volunteers
3,535,570 meals (15,366,208 to date)
Distributed in 8 countries

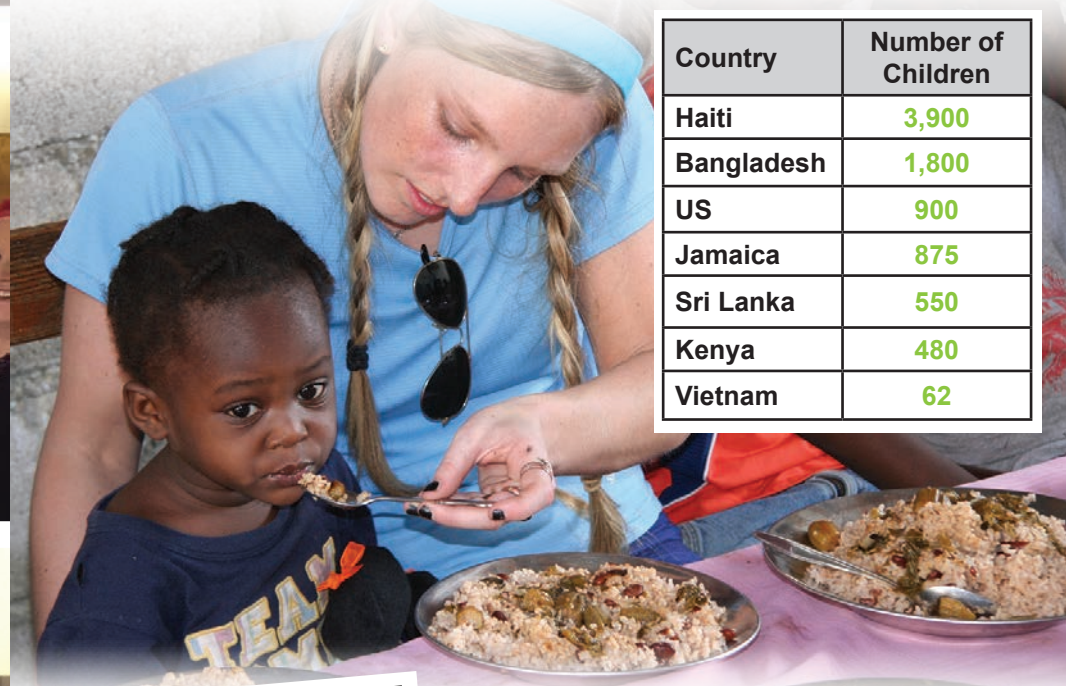
I just want to thank you for calling me and asking me to help feed the little children. What an honor it is for me to be able to help in some way. I love what you do to make a difference and it makes me feel special that I can help too.

– Tommy, visually impaired volunteer
 (bottom right)



Children's Outreach

8,567 children received ongoing food assistance in **84** schools and orphan homes. Each soul is precious in the Lord's sight and in ours. Our desire is to see them spiritually and physically fed, and for them to receive an education to help them change their countries for the better.



| Country | Number of Children |
|------------|--------------------|
| Haiti | 3,900 |
| Bangladesh | 1,800 |
| US | 900 |
| Jamaica | 875 |
| Sri Lanka | 550 |
| Kenya | 480 |
| Vietnam | 62 |



As I was standing in the community center in a small town in eastern Kentucky, little Joshua came busting through the doors, filthy and sweaty from playing outside. Out of breath and with tears falling down his dirty cheeks, he rushed up to me and in a quivering voice said that he was hungry. I bent down and wrapped my arms around him and asked him when he last ate. He replied, "yesterday at lunch"—24 hours since Joshua had eaten! At that moment Joshua joined the many hundreds of other children in Kentucky who receive FtH food.

– Melinda Staples, FtH Project Manager

Mission Trips

This was one of the lightest years in recent memory for mission travel, with 35 adventurers joining us on trips to five countries. This was mainly due to our Packathon schedule. However, 2017 already has a half dozen trips scheduled by summer.

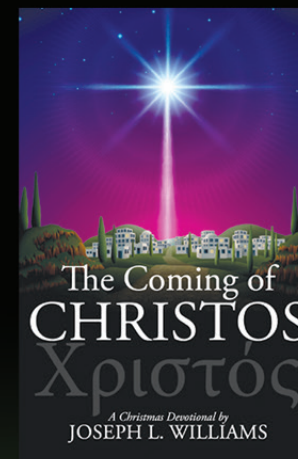
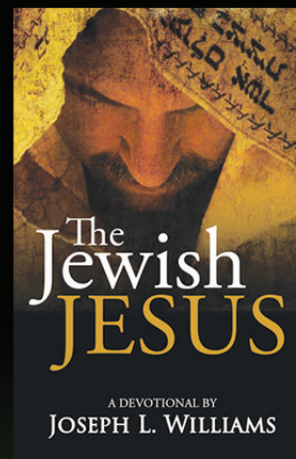
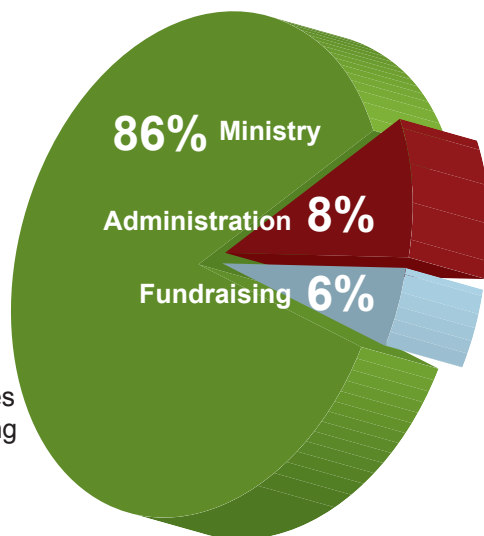
“There was a little boy around three years old. I never knew his name and I’m not sure how we got connected, but the boy was clinging to me. He never said a word or made a noise, but just needed to rest in my arms. For a whole hour he wanted nothing more than to be held by me. In those precious moments with that boy, I knew that I was needed, not only by him but by others. I think that was the Lord tugging on my heart, calling me to be greater than myself and to never stop serving others.

– Ashley, Mission Team member



Financial Accountability

Under ongoing oversight by a dedicated Board of Directors, Feed the Hunger strives for financial excellence in our stewardship of the resources God entrusts to us through your gracious giving. Each and every year, our finances are reviewed by an independent public auditing firm. FtH has also been a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability since 1985. Demonstrating the positive financial commitment of this ministry, our expenses have consistently maintained the following averages for the last five years.



If you would like to receive one of the devotionals (*The Jewish Jesus* and/or *The Coming of Christos*) contact us at info@feedthehunger.org. You can also read each devotional online, as well as posts by our CEO and other Feed the Hunger Staff, at:

feedthehunger.org/blog

please feel free to comment or ask questions

2016 Videos

(can be viewed on our website)

All-American Packathon
Follow the Food
Packathon Promo



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