

Off-Road with the Gospel

When you travel to third-world countries, the luxury to move around in a car, especially in rural areas, can be nonexistent. Our pastor and evangelist partners often share with us stories of having to leave their families for days as they walk in areas where there are no roads, where the weather is unpredictable, where there is no electronic communication, and where uncertainty and danger surround them with each step they take. Although traveling is very difficult, these men and women have been called by God and are committed to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Each year FtH receives numerous requests from partners for assistance in buying motorcycles. With a motorcycle, the pastor/evangelist can travel for hours to remote villages and hold Bible studies each week, preach at several churches on Sunday, pray for healing for those who are hurting, plant new churches in areas that have never heard the Gospel, and train other pastors and leaders. A motorcycle is a tremendous tool for our partners in sharing the Gospel, and for only \$2,500, it allows them to touch lives in the most remote parts of the world.



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PRAISES

- God blessing us with 50 years of proclaiming the Name of Jesus around the world!
- Hundreds of thousands of meals packed so far for victims of ISIS in the Middle East
- Churches packing, following, and distributing the very food they sponsor

PRAYER REQUESTS

- That God would give us direction as we seek to carry out His will in the years to come
- For the remaining J.L. Memorial Packathons, that thousands more meals will be packed
- Our partners traveling to do ministry in places lacking basic infrastructure, like roads

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*Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations...*
Matthew 28:19

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A Word from the CEO



Dear Friends and Partners,

Many of you recently received our 18-month (July 2017–December 2018) inspirational Holy Land calendar, containing 38 pictures selected from around 4,000 photos taken by our team. We also hope you enjoy the captions and inspirational verses accompanying the photos. If you didn't receive a calendar, please let us know and we'll send you one.

The calendar is being released to launch the ministry's 50th anniversary year (August 2017–August 2018). We have made additional plans to celebrate what God has done through your partnership, so stay tuned.

As we reflect on the last five decades, we do so by remembering my father and the ministry's founder, Dr. J.L. Williams. After his heaven-going at the end of last year, my mother and I wanted to honor his life and ministry by holding a series of Packathons to benefit ISIS victims. This was a cause very close to his heart.

Four of the eight food packing events have already been held, and when it's all said and done, nearly 700,000 meals will go to Iraq in the Name of Jesus and in memory of my father. My mother and I hope you will participate through your prayers, support, and volunteering.

Grace and peace,

Joseph Williams, CEO



Seeing Is Believing

Glenn Lerich, Missions Pastor, The Fellowship (Katy, TX)

Nearly two years ago during a training run for a marathon, Pastor Jerry Edmonson and I heard (for about the tenth time) from one of our fellow runners about an organization called Feed the Hunger. We were told that volunteers pack hundreds of thousands of nutritious, nonperishable meals at highly organized events called Packathons, and that the meals are then delivered to areas of the world where hunger is rampant.

Our fellow runner, Jerry Weant, told how he first experienced a packing event in Flower Mound, Texas. Being somewhat of a skeptic, Jerry decided to follow the food to its destination to see if it really got there and made a difference. He joined a FtH team going to Haiti and was blown away by the impact one meal a day can make in the life of a starving child! From that trip, Jerry and his wife, Pam, became strong supporters of Feed the

Hunger and wanted The Fellowship to send someone to a Packathon.

So, in November 2015, Denise Mayfield, Director of Compassion Katy, Jerry Weant, and I flew to Dallas for the FtH Packathon at RockPointe Church in Flower Mound. We met the FtH team and the RockPointe coordinators, toured the packing areas, and experienced a packing session. It didn't take long to see that this was a great event that everyone in a church could participate in. We began praying and dreaming about inviting other churches in Katy to partner with us.

The following week we reported to Pastor Jerry and asked him to help us challenge other Katy pastors to join us in a community-wide Packathon. After pitching the idea to some pastors at their monthly meeting, we got a thumbs-up. Denise and I proposed a target of 250,000 meals. It seemed like a safe goal, but

one that would also stretch us. Through a series of planning sessions with Pastor Jerry, the goal became 1,000,000 meals packed at five locations over three days!

Our prayers switched into high gear! We asked God to demonstrate what the Body of Christ can accomplish when unified! Three churches caught the vision to host the event, and more than 50 other churches, businesses, and civic organizations came together to pack 625,000 meals in three days in November 2016. What a huge answer to our prayers!



This past week was the icing on the cake! A team of 10 from The Fellowship and Redeemer Community Church, led by FtH, went to Haiti to deliver meals packed during our event! We saw firsthand what a difference the meals we packed are making in the lives of children! While visiting a variety of schools and orphanages, we rejoiced to witness an organization at work that feeds more than 5,000 kids every day. The children do not just receive food for their bodies, but they are also being fed spiritually from God's Word! Not only are the children being transformed, but so are the families and other adults who help administer the program! How it touched our hearts to see children being loved and educated for Kingdom purposes and for Haiti's future like never before!



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