

## A Hunger for Knowledge cont.

parents want to be a part of their children's education. He pointed out that during school the parents will sit underneath the classroom windows and listen carefully to the teacher. He said the parents want

to learn and be able to help their children. Not only are the children getting an education and hearing the Word of God, but the parents are too—how wonderful! *It's More than a Meal!*

## Vietnam through a Soldier's cont.

ered similar tunnels in 1968 during a mission to stop mortar attacks on the US 25th Infantry Division Headquarters. Perhaps we had discovered a portion of this major tunnel complex—I'll never know!

We then visited Da Nang, which had been a major base for the US Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps. Today there is hardly any indication US forces were even there. Vietnam has changed considerably—when I was stationed there all the women wore the conservative native dress; now, most of the women wear Western clothes. Everyone rode bicycles in the 1960s; today everyone rides

motorcycles or motorscooters. When we were out walking, I was very surprised and appreciated seeing the reactions of the Vietnamese when they realized that we were Americans—they immediately smiled and acknowledged our presence.

It was a wonderful trip. We got to renew old friendships, make new friends, and see how Feed the Hunger is impacting the world for Christ. The Church of Jesus Christ is alive and well in Buddhist Vietnam and Muslim Bangladesh, even though the churches there are a small minority!

## Praises & Prayer Requests

### PRAISES

- God giving us the resources and opportunity to help in the aftermath of severe hurricanes
- To see firsthand how the church is flourishing in Vietnam, a country often hostile to Christianity
- That Rohingya refugee children are receiving an education and the Gospel in Bangladesh

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- That the devastation in Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean would remind us of the urgency of sharing the Gospel
- For Pastor Moses and the underground church in Vietnam—may they continue to be powerful witnesses for Christ
- That our 50th year in ministry would challenge us to faithfully serve the Lord in new and exciting ways

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*I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

Psalm 91:2



*Historic flooding from Hurricane Harvey damaged thousands of homes and lives in eastern Texas. FtH was able to send food and supplies to the needy.*



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## A Word from the CEO

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

Lonnie Riley, our good friend and partner in Kentucky, has a ministry philosophy that we have adopted for the last few years. He believes that if Christians truly turn over the reins of their ministries to the Lord, something interesting happens. They will be so busy with what He puts on their plate that they won't have time to worry about anything else. They won't have time to look for ways to be relevant or resort to being marketing-savvy. They'll just focus on what God has put before them and simply share about this burden with others.

This philosophy has been on full display so far this year. Little did we know when we started 2017 that God would have us involved with three special initiatives through various Christian partners—all centered on sending aid and relief. We've been able to provide assistance to (1) ISIS victims in Iraq, (2) hurricane victims in Texas (<https://www.feedthe-hunger.org/positioned-to-help/>), Turks & Caicos Islands, and Puerto Rico, and (3) those affected by the Rohingya refugee crisis along the Myanmar/Bangladesh border.

To execute these ministries, God also had to move in your hearts to be involved and help bring them to fruition. Thank you so much for answering His call to take part in the ongoing work for these special projects, as well as in our existing programs in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean.

Responding to His direction,

Joseph Williams, CEO

## Cooperation in the Caribbean

Hurricane Maria, one of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes on record, plowed through the eastern Caribbean in late September, bringing devastation to millions of lives. Less than a week after the storm battered the Turks and Caicos Islands, Feed the Hunger began to send nearly 86,000 servings of food to that tiny

island territory and to Puerto Rico.

How could we get food to islands where infrastructure is damaged or destroyed? Airplanes, of course! Missionary Air Group (MAG), a flight training and air ambulance ministry based in Burlington, NC, arranged for our food to be sent to the Turks and Caicos via Mission-

ary Flights International (MFI). MFI has been operating transport aircraft from its headquarters in Florida for decades, so they were more than ready to participate in the relief effort.

Sean Donnelly and Scott Grote of MAG flew to the Turks and Caicos on an MFI plane carrying over 5,000

## Vietnam through a Soldier's Eyes

written by Colonel Jack Franck, US Army (Ret.)

My wife and I recently returned from a great two-week Feed the Hunger mission trip to Vietnam and Bangladesh with Melinda Staples, FtH's Project Manager. We visited several preschools and orphanages and really enjoyed helping feed the children with food provided by FtH.

In Vietnam we visited an orphanage supported by FtH and worshiped with several underground church congregations. This was Melinda's and Marilyn's first trip to

Vietnam; however, I fought there in 1964–65 as an Infantry battalion advisor and in 1968–69 as an Infantry company commander and battalion operations officer with the 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. As a battalion advisor, you eat, sleep, and fight with the Vietnamese soldiers. I learned to love those men because they saved my life many times.

While we were in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), we toured the Viet Cong underground headquarters. My battalion had discov-

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**THEN:** Col. Franck with a captured Viet Cong flag  
**NOW:** Col. Franck stands with a tour guide whose father was a Viet Cong soldier



Mothers in Bangladesh come to school to make sure their children eat a hot, nutritious lunch.

A few weeks ago I traveled to Bangladesh to visit several programs that Feed the Hunger supports. This was my third trip to the country, and each time I visit I find something unique. On this trip, I noticed that when we visited the schools, not only were the children lined up to greet us but the parents as well. This was something new! On previous trips it was just the children standing outside and waving to us as we approached. But on this particular day at one of the schools, there were over 350

children and parents smiling at us and waving. How exciting!

Once we arrived, we began helping the ladies prepare a hot lunch of FtH Beans and Rice. About 30 minutes later, the food was ready and we started to feed all the children. Parents, mostly mothers, stood behind the children and encouraged them to eat their hot food.

I asked the principal about the parents being at school, and he told me that it happens every day now. He said that the

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Loading FtH food and other supplies on a truck in the Turks & Caicos