

*A cord of three strands  
is not quickly broken.*  
Ecclesiastes 4:12



# 2023 ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT

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# A Word from Our CEO

Dear Co-Workers in God's Service,

The renowned missionary William Carey once said to his dear friend before leaving for India, "I will go down into the pit, if you will hold the rope." I like to think of our relationship as a rope of three strands (Ecclesiastes 4:12). One strand is you, our faithful and generous supporters and volunteers. Another is our global ministry partners serving on the front lines. And finally there is Feed the Hunger, connecting your compassion with theirs to reach the lost and hurting.

We are intertwined with a common motive and heart for outreach that brings glory to God. Together, we stand for the oppressed, the forgotten, and the persecuted. We throw them a determined rope that pulls them out of poverty, gives them the strength to endure, and offers a hope and a future. We couldn't possibly achieve alone what we are doing together.

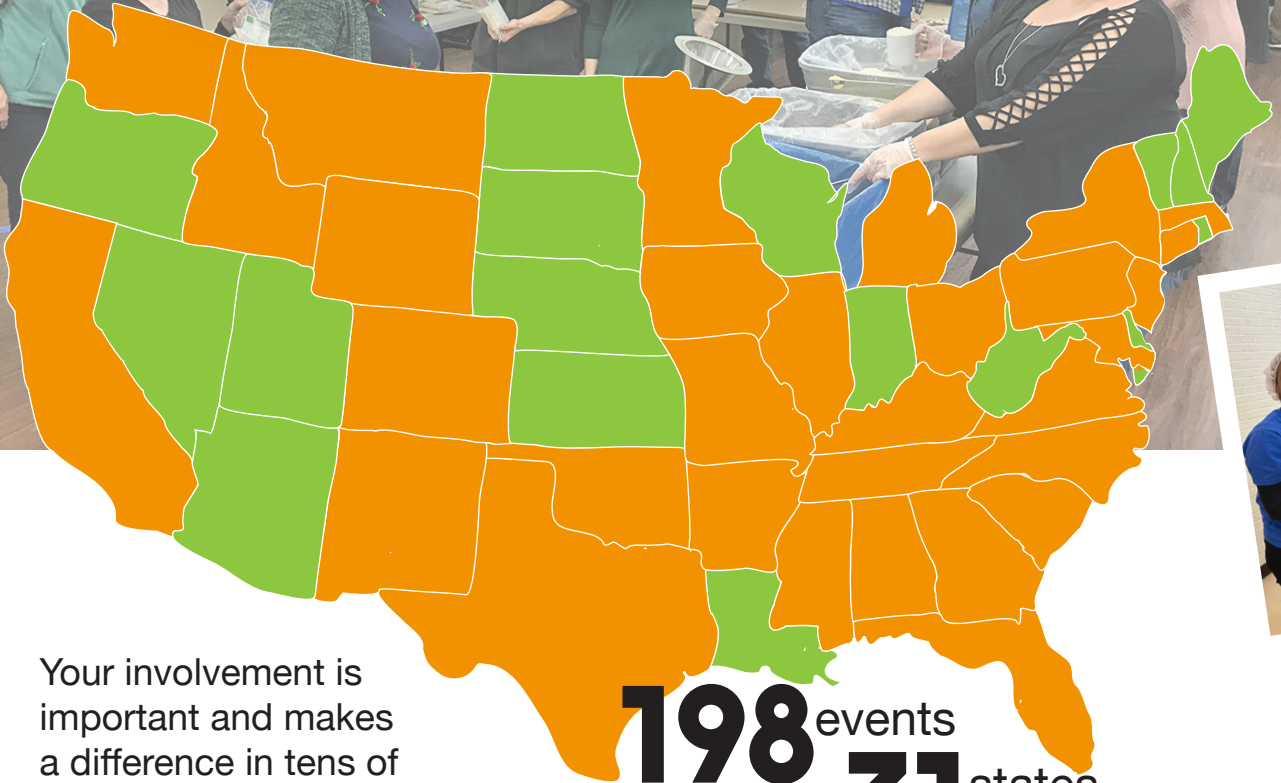
This annual report is a microcosm, a glimpse, a brief summary of the impact of this dynamic, three-stranded partnership that God has woven together. Be encouraged, inspired, and humbled by the outreach that the Lord has allowed us to be a part of this past year. Let's keep extending that rope into the future—so many more still need our help!

Holding the rope with you,

Joseph Williams, CEO



# Adding Up the IMPACT



Your involvement is important and makes a difference in tens of thousands of lives.

**198** events  
**31** states  
*in orange*

See the valuable impact  
YOU have made:

**38,709**  
volunteers

**6,531,760** meals  
packed

*46,404,995 meals packed to date*



# Serving TOGETHER







# Feeding the SPIRITUAL HUNGER

Through your prayers and support, God has healed, restored, encouraged, and rescued people around the world. **Thank you for your partnership and for making a difference in His name.**

## Bangladesh Brothels and a Rescue Mission

Our partner has been diligently working to save young girls from two of the largest brothels in Bangladesh. During COVID he learned that the madams were struggling to provide food for the women, and that's where Feed the Hunger meal packets were introduced. As we say, our meals are often “door crackers,” opening our way into communities that would otherwise be closed to us. Since then, God has been softening the hearts of the madams, allowing our partner to establish a school in each of the brothels, as well as bring in Bibles to be gifted to the ladies trapped in this life.

The mothers realize this is not the life they want for their children and have trusted our partner to take them to a safe house. This is an urgent process because once the girls reach a certain age, they are not allowed to leave the brothel and are forced into the same lifestyle. So far, 27 girls have been rescued and are receiving an education from Christian caregivers who love them.



## Living Out the Bible in Jamaica

*“The children are always excited to hear the different stories from this Bible. At devotion, after reading the story children would role-play the story and retell it. The Bible can help students develop a deep sense of purpose and meaning in life. By learning about God’s plan for their lives and the world around them, the students will now find a sense of direction and purpose to guide them.”*

**—Nigel, partner in Jamaica**



## Hope through God's Word in Uganda

New Identity Uganda has been working to distribute Bibles in the Nakivale refugee settlement, the oldest refugee camp in Africa. Nakivale is home to approximately 120,000 people, and numerous nationalities are represented. God has the power to transform lives, and that is what's happening inside this camp! As Bibles are being distributed, people are reading the Word and finding restoration and hope.



## Holistic Ministry in Ghana

*“Thank you for the Bible. As a Muslim, I have been reading it secretly. I like what I read from it. It teaches me about life and not to give up on God. The Bible can lead one to Heaven, and I am very lucky to have one. It teaches me things I wouldn't have known—God, morals, manners, and prayer, which is the key. Although I am a Muslim, I enjoy reading the Bible not just to know God but to know more about Him and to believe in Him.”*

**—College student in Ghana**

## A Prayer for Bibles in Pakistan

*“Greetings in the name of Jesus. My name is Mosa and I study in class five. I'm very thankful for those who provided me this Bible. I share with my siblings at home the story of how Christ died on the cross. I also pray to God for those who provided me this Bible: 'Holy Lord and Creator of skies and everything, I am thankful for this Bible. Loving Father, thanks for those who provided us this Bible; touch them all and bless them all. Amen.”*

**—Bible recipient in Pakistan**





# Feeding the PHYSICAL HUNGER



## Pine Ridge Food Ministry

*“The Lord is using the meal packets to reach the Lakota with his love, and they commented how good the food is. Thank you for your investment in the Native American people, specifically the Lakota on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation [in South Dakota].”*

—Wade, US partner



## Myanmar Orphanage Outreach

*“Physical feeding has become inevitable in the context of Myanmar. This country has gone through heart-aching ethnic clashes and conflicts through the centuries. Thousands of civilians have been displaced, and abandoned children in particular need shelter. Gladly, many pastors brought numbers of abandoned children under their care. By God’s grace, we were able this time to help six orphanages with some grocery items, even though we planned only for five of them.”*

—Nepali partner in Myanmar





## Helping Families in Bangladesh

Shuchona is six years old and is in Class One. Her family lives in a rural area where children face difficulties due to poverty and lack of nutritious food. Thankfully, this family has been receiving Feed the Hunger meal packets. Our partner in Bangladesh, Pastor S, told us, *“The family is now happy to have this meal packet, which helps prevent them from becoming sick.”*



## Providing Food and Education Supplies in Ghana

*“Abduali is a Fulani herdsman who lives with his wife, Amina, and four children in southern Ghana. The family is poor and could hardly provide for their children’s education and health needs. For lack of funds, their children had not been to school for a while. Thankfully, we have provided them Edu-Packs for school needs, including feeding support to keep them in school. Two boxes of Feed the Hunger rice and beans have been given to the family, for which they are grateful.”*

—Ghana partner





# Educating & Equipping for Brighter Futures

We were able to participate in Jamaica's largest back-to-school outreach event in August! Our team worked alongside members of Portmore Gospel Assembly to fill and distribute 2,500 backpacks containing much-needed supplies. Edu-Packs were delivered through multiple churches and a free back-to-school community fair. Over 650 children were in attendance, and our partners followed up and invited them and their families to church. The event was such a success that it was given recognition at their National Leadership Prayer Breakfast!

At Nairobi Language Institute in Kenya, Feed the Hunger has helped with repairs and upgrades like painting, improving bathrooms, building a classroom and science lab, purchasing food for school lunches, and funding Bibles. During our mission trip, our Kenyan partners shared the need for more desks, as there has been an increase in the number of children coming to school for a nutritious meal and a solid education. The desks create personal space for these eager young learners to think, work, and thrive. Thank you for meeting a need in their educational journey!

Our new Hygiene Packathons are having a two-fold impact around the globe. First, they are reducing infections, improving overall dental health, and providing dignity for recipients. Second, like our meal packs, Hygiene Packs provide an additional avenue for our partners to reach people spiritually. Staff saw this firsthand on our most recent trip to Ghana. Everywhere Hygiene Packs were distributed—primarily in public school settings—a New Testament was also given! This is another wonderful opportunity to feed both physical AND spiritual hunger.



*"Due to the low-income status of most families in rural areas of Sri Lanka, parents cannot afford personal hygiene essentials for their children. The United Christian Fellowship is grateful for the support in providing hygiene kits that help our ministry improve the standard of living and eradicate hygiene-related illnesses in the rural communities our ministry serves."*

—Feed the Hunger partner in Sri Lanka



# Reaching Children in HIS NAME



Thank you for sending kids to summer camp! The Lion Camp, hosted by our ministry partners in Ukraine, was a blessing for children living in this war-torn country. Throughout the summer, kids engaged in fun activities, fostered new friendships, and found outlets for their creativity. Each week allowed them to briefly forget about their traumatic life stressors, while our partners could sow seeds of hope and positivity for their future.

## Here's a recap of YOUR impact!

**96 children** attended the camp in the week you helped fund  
**70% accepted Jesus** into their hearts that week  
**100% of campers heard the News of Jesus Christ**



Shekinah Village is a beautiful 35-acre youth camp/retreat center in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains led by our ministry partner, Meridzo Center Ministries. Below is a quote from one of the attendees:

*"Camp Shekinah means so much to me, and its significance in my life is great. It has shaped me to be the person I am today. Camp Shekinah has opened my eyes to the truth of Scripture and brought me closer with God than I have ever been before. Without Camp Shekinah I would've never become a Christian, gotten close with Christ, and would still be stuck in my old ways. Therefore, I am so thankful not only to have the opportunity to attend Camp Shekinah but also to have relationships with people that will bring me closer with God."*

*"Because of Feed the Hunger, we get the awesome privilege of being the expression of Christ to the young people in Uganda who desperately need God. What an amazing gift and responsibility we have. This means a lot to us. Thanks be to God. Thank you so much!"*

**—New Identity Youth Home Director, Uganda**



# 2023 IMPACT

YOU Made *Happen*

**10** countries received Aid and Relief

**2,500** Edu-Packs distributed

**14** countries received ongoing support

**11** countries received boxed FtH food

**9** mission trips

**8** wells were dug

**15** countries were blessed with

**17,876** Bibles

Pine Ridge  
(Indian Reservation)

US

Guinea Bissau

Israel

Mali

Honduras  
Dominican Republic

Haiti

Bolivia

Ghana

Jamaica

Togo

Liberia

Southern

## MAP OF MINISTRY



Food



Education



Aid & Relief



Agriculture



Bibles



Mission Trip



Transportation



Self-Support



Feed the Hunger partners with

52

strategic partners in

28 countries

and provided outreach in

121 schools in

11 countries

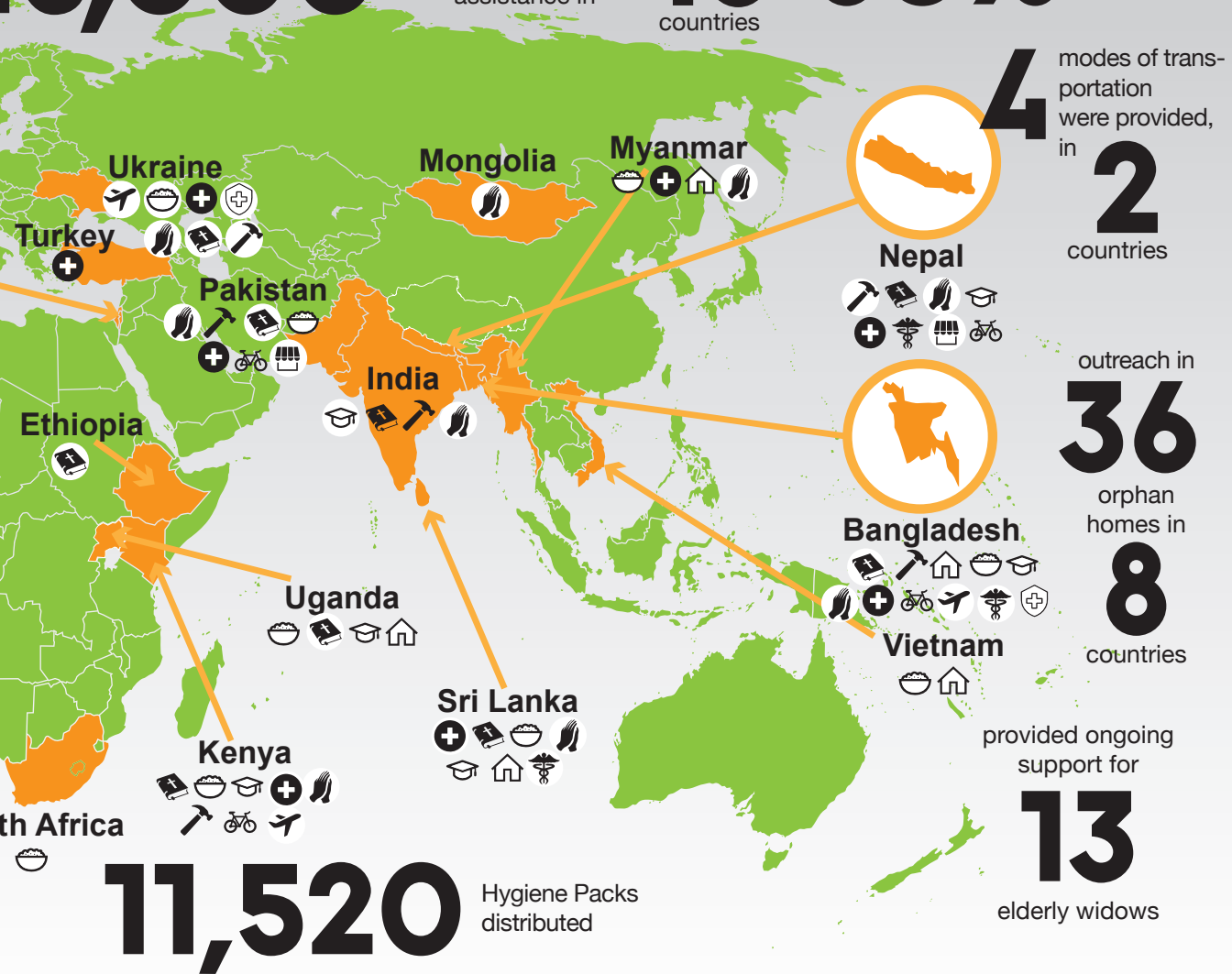
15,000+

people received ongoing food assistance in

16 countries

80%

of whom were children



4 modes of transportation were provided, in 2 countries

36 outreach in orphan homes in 8 countries

13 provided ongoing support for elderly widows

11,520 Hygiene Packs distributed



Buildings & Wells



Spiritual Outreach



Medical



Elderly/Orphan Home



Edu-Pack



Hygiene Pack

# Sharing CHRIST'S LOVE



## Aid and Relief

**Ukraine War:** As the war continues, the situation is becoming more perilous for war-weary Ukrainians. You provided humanitarian aid for people from vulnerable strata of the population: displaced persons, refugees, single mothers, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Together we are helping people get through difficult times.

**Pakistan:** Last August, Christians faced extreme persecution in Pakistan when multiple families and churches were attacked. Mobs burned churches and homes, destroying everything. Families fled to hide in crops to save their children's lives. When they went back to search their homes, everything had been burned, including their Bibles.

Our partners provided immediate assistance, including 500 hot meals, extra support for 100 families, and new Bibles for believers.

One little boy didn't let persecution shake his faith! Believers were given the option that if they said "Muhammad is the prophet of Allah," their house would not be burned. This boy denied the offer, stating, "If we say that, we'll lose our faith, but if we don't say it, we'll lose our home, so burn our house if you want to."

**Cyclone in Bangladesh and Myanmar:** You sent funds to Bangladesh to help with relief efforts from Cyclone Mocha (top image), which destroyed homes in Cox's Bazar and the Rohingya refugee camp. Over 50 villages were submerged, and 1.9 million people were affected by the destruction.

**Haiti:** The ongoing turmoil in Haiti caused two food containers to be held in customs for over eight months. Thankfully, they have now been released and food has been distributed!







# A LIFELINE of Hope

## In the Midst of Persecution and Purpose

**Meeting in Secret to Serve God:** Christians in Bangladesh live their lives in secret because they fear persecution. Despite the uneasiness, they long to share the hope they've found in Christ. During a visit with our Bangladeshi ministry partners, several ladies gave extraordinary testimonies of how their faith has gotten them through dark, difficult times.

Boldness is contagious. When we are bold for Christ and endure hardships for our faith (see Philippians 1:14), others are inspired to do the same.

These strong women have sacrificed everything—spouses, children, homes, finances—for the Gospel. Because of their faithfulness, God has moved in their communities! In just three years, 194 house churches have been established, with a goal of 3,000 in the next five years.

**Finding Purpose:** Self-support projects are a blessing for pastors. These income-generative projects ensure that pastors can focus on their mission without having to worry about how to earn a living to care for their families. We sent funds for a grocery shop for a pastor in Nepal and funded two projects—a vegetable stand and a shoe shop—in Pakistan, where Christians have a difficult time finding employment.







# Expanding the REACH

In 2023, Feed the Hunger established two new exciting ministry partnerships in South Africa. Focus on Christ Ministries serves the poor, destitute, and displaced in Durban, the third most populous city in the country. They feed 200 families weekly. Dokimos Ministries International is located in the town of Phoenix, a suburb of Durban established by Mahatma Gandhi. Over 5,000 people are being fed regularly in schools, orphan homes, and impoverished communities. Our first container of meals was shipped out in October.

We also began some special relationships right here in our own backyard! Alamance Rescue Mission, S.A.F.E. Food Pantry, Shalom Food Pantry, Alamance Community School, and Cummings High School, just to name a few.







## From Texas with Love

Feed the Hunger has been packing in Texas since we started Packathons in 2010. Three part-time staff and two Board members actively work to grow our footprint in the state. And God is using YOU to increase meal packing and outreach. In states west of the Mississippi, you helped pack more than six million meals from 2021 to 2022! This growth and expansion accelerated the need for warehouse space in Texas. Thanks to your prayers and support, in 2023 we opened a warehouse and began shipping out of our new facility in Argyle, TX, to help reduce costs, increase efficiency, and be the best stewards of God's provisions. This new location helps us better serve the region and continue our mission of feeding the spiritual and physical hunger of the suffering.

We know that, over time, this warehouse will have a significant cost-saving impact and radically change our capability to meet more needs. **To date, we have shipped:**

4

Containers

1,080,000

Meals

5,670

Hygiene Packs

We have already saved more than \$40,000 in shipping costs.

## Permanent Packing in NC

Lake Norman Baptist Church (LNBC), a long-term Feed the Hunger church partner in Huntersville, NC, has a permanent packing location allowing up to 50 volunteers to pack meals anytime the facility is open. LNBC packed **424,560 meals** across 25 weeks during 2023! This permanent station allows businesses, schools, community groups, sports teams, and other churches to experience what Packathons are all about.





# Together We Are Making A DIFFERENCE

**Meet and Retreat!** In February, several key liaisons from Packathon host locations were brought together at Myrtle Beach, SC, to discuss ways to enhance the Packathon experience and produce more meals to share Christ's love with those in need.

**Golf to Give Back:** Your participation and support in the Third Annual Golf to Give Back Tournament raised funds to provide over 42,000 meals for hungry and vulnerable people around the world.

A special thanks to our event sponsors:



**Celebrating 55 in Style:** One of the ways we celebrated our 55th year of ministry was to throw Packathon parties to bless others with much-needed meals. Thank you for sponsoring and packing over 243,000 meals in three cities.

**GivingTuesday and Giving Blessings:** Last year's GivingTuesday was supported by so many who have a heart for making a difference! The focus was on raising awareness and funds for Bibles. Additional gifts supported other areas of ministry, such as Special Needs and Where Needed Most. Thank you for your generosity on this special day of giving. You provided over \$37,000 to bless others with Bibles and the love of Christ!



# CHRISTMAS

## *Blessings and Thanks*



*"I appreciate everyone who contributed towards our Christmas gift. My family appreciates it, and our prayer is that their barns will be filled with plenty, and their vats will overflow with new wine. May God richly bless you."*

**—Andy, New Identity Uganda**

*"I have received the funds for teachers' Christmas. For sure this is great for our teachers, and they received it with great love. May God bless the giving hands. I also say thanks a lot for remembering our teachers. God bless you."*

**—Pastor Charles, Kenya**

*"I am very thankful to God and you because I received the money for Christmas gifts for orphans and poor children. What a blessing rains from the Lord through you. Thank you so much for helping and working with us. May the Lord richly bless you!"*

**—Moses, Vietnam**

*"Praise God, we had a wonderful Christmas Kids' Festival, and we distributed food packages to widows and mothers. Thank you very much for your love and prayers. God bless you and Feed the Hunger's mission work."*

**—Lamuel, Pakistan**

## We Never Take Support FOR GRANTED

Feed the Hunger was blessed to receive two new grants that foster community collaboration through Packathons. We thank the Alamance Community Foundation for a \$5,000 grant in support of a Back2School partnership effort with St. Marks Church.

We also received a \$4,000 grant from FedEx Cares, a global engagement program that uses charitable giving to "connect people and possibilities to make the world a better place." The grant was put into action on Veteran's Day as FedEx employees volunteered their time to participate in a Packathon.



# Your WHY Matters!

*“My name is Vee Chandler, and I am from Burlington, NC. I participate in Packathons, support the ministry financially, and am currently serving on the Board of Directors. In the past, I have traveled with Feed the Hunger to Haiti, India, and Nepal. In each place I visited, I saw firsthand the work done by our partners whom God has called to serve Him in their own land. Feed the Hunger provides help—the resources of food and Bibles—so that our partners can fulfill God’s purposes. How exciting! So, one reason I am involved with Feed the Hunger is that it is just plain exciting to be a part of the work of the kingdom of God. I am thankful for the opportunity.*

*A second reason I am involved with Feed the Hunger is that all who follow Christ are specifically called to help the poor. It is one of the distinguishing marks of a Christian. Feed the Hunger helps the poorest of the poor, unlike the levels of poverty we have in this country (although help is given here also). I believe that, according to Scripture, we are held accountable for our lives. I had this thought once long ago: What will I answer if God asks me, “What did you do for the poor?” I don’t want to come up empty-handed, although I will always feel that I don’t come close to doing enough. Since I don’t interact with people living in extreme poverty in my everyday life, Feed the Hunger gives me the opportunity to help.*

*Finally, I have chosen to become and stay involved with Feed the Hunger for many years because of trust. I personally know the staff and Board members. I know their commitment, work ethic, and integrity. In addition, I know that the staff only supports partners overseas whom they know personally and trust. They regularly visit to see the work being done. I consider it a very fortunate situation to be able to give of my resources knowing that they are not wasted, or worse, pillaged by corruption.*

*So, my ‘why’ is threefold. I support Feed the Hunger because it provides me with the opportunity to be a part of the work of God’s kingdom, because all Christians should help the poor, and because I trust the integrity of those who carry out the work here and abroad.”*

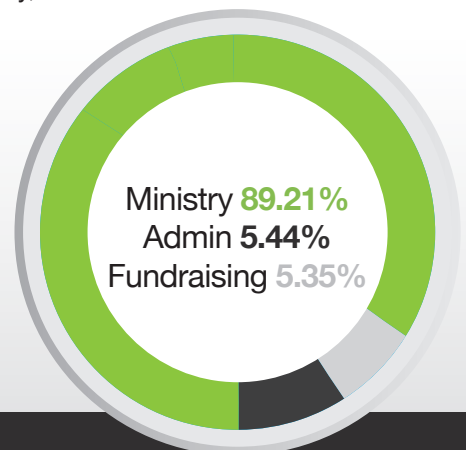
**—Vee Chandler, Feed the Hunger Board member and longtime supporter**





# Growing and Advancing THE MISSION

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. Our finances undergo a full audit each year by an independent public accounting firm, and we have been a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability since 1985. We have earned a Gold Seal of Transparency from GuideStar since 2019. **In 2023 we (once again) received the highest rating (4 stars) from Charity Navigator.** In striving for greater efficiency, we have increased investment in program expenses (ministry activities) to more than 89 percent.



Audited financial statements and charity ratings can be accessed at:  
[feedthehunger.org/about-us/financial-summary](https://feedthehunger.org/about-us/financial-summary)

## Welcome to the Team:

**Bec Blakemore** –  
*Texas Administrative Assistant*  
**Mia Buck** –  
*Packathon Specialist, Carolinas*  
**Jennifer Noah** –  
*Executive Administrative Assistant*

**Vicky Stelling** –  
*Project Distribution Coordinator*  
**Nathan Williams** –  
*Digital Media Associate*  
**Kelly Zindel** –  
*Warehouse Manager, Dallas–Fort Worth Area*

# Sharing and Connecting



To receive 2023's *The Blood Covenant*, please contact us at [info@feedthehunger.org](mailto:info@feedthehunger.org). You can also read each devotional online at the below link:

[feedthehunger.org/devotionals](https://feedthehunger.org/devotionals)



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