

# 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



**FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.**

*Saving Lives... Transforming Communities... Renewing Hope*





## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Inside the pages of this report you will find details of what your loving generosity accomplished in 2012. But look beyond the numbers; you will discover something even more tremendous — the many ways you shared God’s love with the poor.

Your dedicated service to the poor helped so many children, families and communities last year.

When an anguished mother in Haiti had nowhere else to turn, she reached out and asked for help to save her severely malnourished baby. You answered her desperate plea with compassion. A Jamaican family had been praying for 14 years for God to deliver them from their unsafe home. Your generosity moved them into a new, secure house. Thank you.

As you read this report and reflect on all of the lives you helped transform in 2012, I hope you will remember what a blessing you are to the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America. Thank you for sharing God’s love, and please continue to allow His light to shine through you in the coming year.

A servant of the poor,

Robin G. Mahfood

*“And you shall be secure,  
because there is hope...”  
(Job 11:18a)*

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**ADMINISTRATIVE RATIO**

### 2012 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES\*

Total Expenditures .....	\$896,490,359
Operating Expenses .....	\$37,022,656
Trailers of Aid Distributed .....	3,414

*\*Subject to final audit.*



# FEEDING THE HUNGRY

You helped countless children and families in 2012 through your generous compassion. Because of you, they had food to eat. The hunger that most people experience here doesn't compare to the aching agony many poor children and their families suffer nearly every day in the countries we serve. For many, the food you provided was their only real meal of the day. From helping to feed little ones in Haiti to giving food to the elderly in Honduras, you were there delivering food where it was most needed.

Your support supplies food to our partners who feed the poor. At our Haiti feeding center alone, you are ensuring that 15,000 meals a day are provided six days a week. You also help provide food to numerous schools and partner organizations for other feeding programs in Haiti.

Thanks to you, feeding programs throughout the Caribbean and Latin America are being supported. Grateful smiles are often seen on children's faces at the programs you help supply with food. The awful, gnawing pain of hunger vanishes with meals of rice, beans, meat and vegetables.

Because you shared your blessings with the poor, you are nourishing minds and spirits and giving hope to those who need it most. Thank you for making a difference and feeding the hungry in 2012.

## FEEDING FACTS & FIGURES:

**IN 2012, FOOD FOR THE POOR DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 67 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD, ENOUGH TO FEED MILLIONS OF MALNOURISHED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS INCLUDED MORE THAN:**

- ❁ *30.1 million pounds of rice*
- ❁ *8.1 million pounds of beans*
- ❁ *28.8 million pounds of grains, canned foods and other assorted foods*

*Food For The Poor also implements hundreds of food-generating projects in recipient countries such as the ones listed on page 6 of this annual report.*



*"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied."  
(Luke 6:21a)*



# SHELTERING THE HOMELESS

You touched thousands of lives in 2012 with the houses you helped to build through Food For The Poor. These secure havens provide safe shelter to families and give them a healthy environment in which to raise their children.

The shacks the poor build to shelter themselves from the elements are small, unsteady and often dangerous. It is all they can afford. Sometimes the houses themselves become more dangerous than the storms raging outside, for these fragile shelters can easily collapse on the family inside. When it rains, these homes leak and often flood. Dirt floors turn to mud and children are exposed to intense heat and vermin. Families often have no security from intruders.

Inadequate housing is a link in the chain of poverty that keeps children trapped in its terrible grip. Living in these precarious shelters means the children can't study if they attend school, and they often fall ill from the damp and unsanitary conditions.

But the Food For The Poor houses you provide are true blessings for families. Parents finally have a strong door they can lock to keep out intruders who might come into their home and hurt their children. The family's health and outlook on life improve. And best of all, families are shown what can happen when caring people like yourself share Christ's love with others.

Through Food For The Poor, your support continues to replace treacherous shacks with safe, sturdy houses. Thank you for sheltering the poor in 2012.

## HOUSING FACTS & FIGURES:

**IN 2012, FOOD FOR THE POOR BUILT 6,805 HOUSING UNITS FOR FAMILIES IN DESPERATE NEED OF SAFE SHELTER. SINCE 1982, WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED MORE THAN 84,000 HOUSING UNITS FOR THE POOR.**



*"I would soon find a shelter from the raging wind and storm."  
(Psalm 55:9)*





# DEVELOPING A FUTURE

The future is brighter for destitute families across the Caribbean and Latin America thanks to you. Whether you provided shelter for a family, helped dig water wells, started micro-enterprise businesses, built schools, or helped in other areas, life-changing projects that transform communities became a reality.

Many families we met last year have been given the opportunity to start income-generating animal husbandry projects. Whether raising chickens, goats, bees, pigs or other livestock, the pride that family members radiate as they explain their roles in the care of the animals is amazing. Because families now have a source of income, children have food to eat and can attend school. This transformation is a God-given miracle that your generosity helped bring about.

The joy of God's love couldn't have shown brighter than in a mother's smile as she tearfully thanked God for her new home; overjoyed that her baby daughter would not have any memory of the horrible shack she began her life in.

Your kindness has fed, clothed, sheltered, educated and brought clean water to poor, hardworking families. Thank you for the profound difference you have made in the lives of our poorest brothers and sisters.

*"Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your little ones..."*  
*(Lamentations 2:19b)*

## 2012 PROJECTS SUMMARY

PROJECT	COST
❖ <i>Housing/Housing Villages</i> .....	\$9,194,818
❖ <i>Construction and Repairs</i> .....	\$4,262,300 <i>(for schools, clinics and multipurpose centers)</i>
❖ <i>Water/Sanitation</i> .....	\$3,416,016
❖ <i>Development and Self-Help Projects</i> .....	\$1,263,636 <i>(for aquaculture ponds, fishing villages, fruit tree nurseries and animal husbandry)</i>
❖ <i>Program Support</i> .....	\$617,917 <i>(for clinics, nursing homes, schools, feeding programs and orphanages)</i>
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS</b> .....	<b>\$18,754,687</b>





# NURTURING THE SICK

**M**edical care is critical to saving lives, but for poor families, it is a luxury they can't afford. Those who live in developing countries may not have ready access to health care, and often wait until it is too late to take a sick loved one to see a doctor. But you are helping to change that. Your support helps build medical clinics and supply existing clinics and hospitals with much-needed medicine and supplies.

Through Food For The Poor, you were able to deliver vitally important medical supplies in 2012. Because of you, quality pre-natal care is available at our Haiti clinic to give babies a good start in life. Thanks to your generous support, the doctors and nurses who help the poor have the resources they need to save lives.

You are helping to fight disease and save lives in the Caribbean and Latin America. You're the reason why Food For The Poor can deliver aid where it is needed most. Your generosity provides love and support to the sick and the hurting who need professional medical attention.

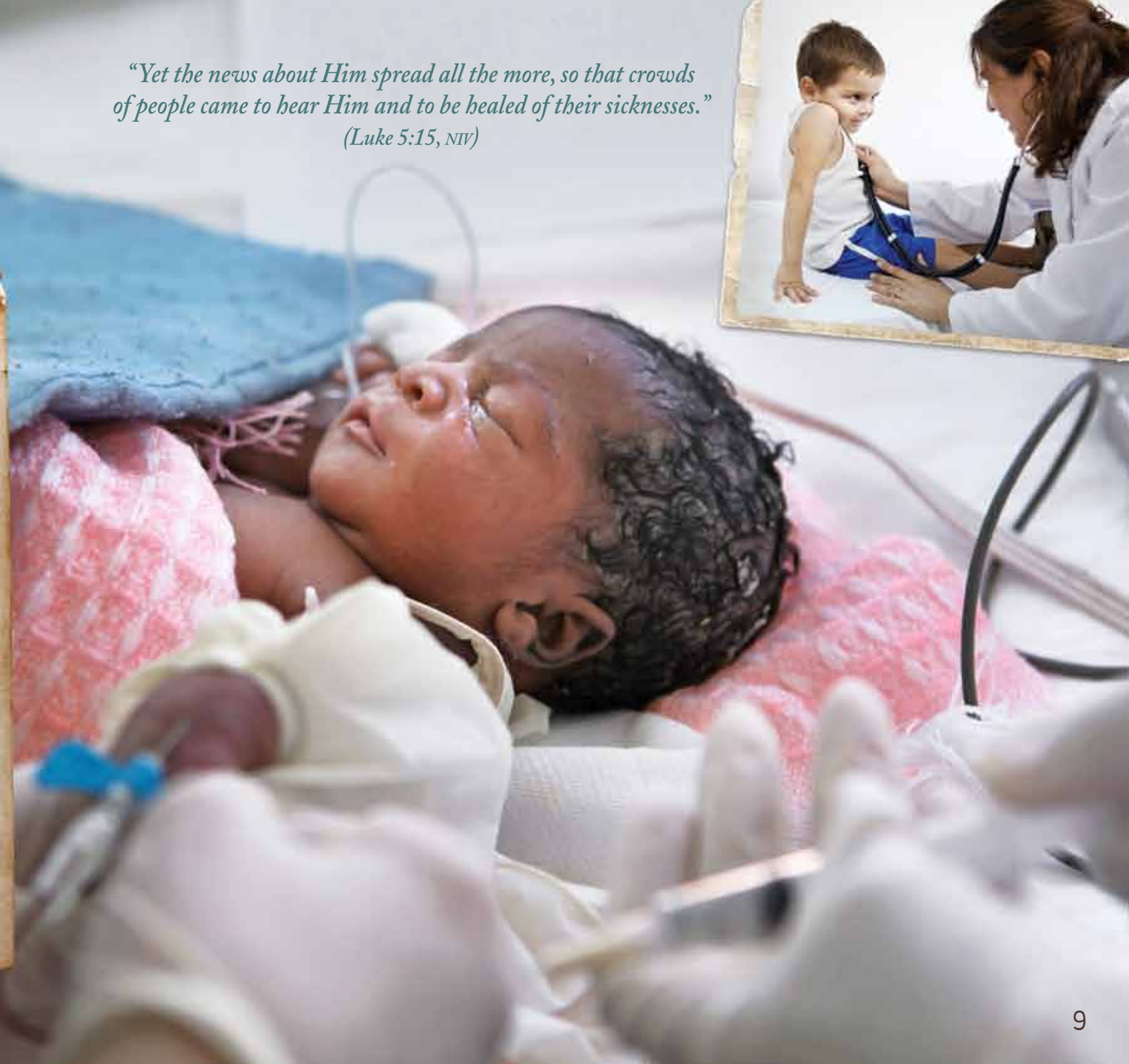
Thank you for nurturing our brothers and sisters and giving them lifesaving aid.

## MEDICAL FACTS & FIGURES:

**FOOD FOR THE POOR  
SHIPPED 609 TRAILER LOADS  
OF MEDICINES AND MEDICAL  
SUPPLIES IN 2012.**

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>TRAILERS</u>
<i>Jamaica</i> .....	122
<i>Haiti</i> .....	113
<i>Guatemala</i> .....	90
<i>El Salvador</i> .....	75
<i>Nicaragua</i> .....	61
<i>Honduras</i> .....	41
<i>Guyana</i> .....	40
<i>Dominican Republic</i> .....	28
<i>Other</i> .....	39

*"Yet the news about Him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses."  
(Luke 5:15, NIV)*





# TEACHING THE CHILDREN

**E**ducation is essential to breaking the cycle of poverty. In 2012, you made a significant impact through your support in educating children in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thanks to you, 531 trailer loads of educational supplies were shipped to the poor in 2012, including school furniture, books, computers, pens, pencils and other school materials. Children at these schools are eager to learn, but the schools are so impoverished that students must share paper and pencils.

At one school in Nicaragua, you are feeding not only young minds through your gifts, but you are giving them life-sustaining nutrition as well. The school's feeding program is part of the Food For Education program run by one of our partner organizations. Many students in the program rely on the food as their one hot meal of the day. And the educational tools you help provide are giving these pupils a chance to break free from the cycle of poverty.

Thanks to your support, children are given a chance to learn and fuel their hopes and dreams for the future.

*"Make known to me Your ways, LORD; teach me Your paths."  
(Psalm 25:4)*



## EDUCATION FACTS & FIGURES:

**IN 2012, FOOD FOR THE POOR BUILT, REBUILT OR CONTRACTED TO BUILD 37 SCHOOLS.**

# CARING PARTNERS

**C**hildren and their families in the developing world don't enjoy the same opportunities we do in our country. Each day is a struggle for survival. That is why the diverse group of partners Food For The Poor works with are vitally important to the poor we serve.

Our partners help with everything from self-sustaining aquaculture farms to feeding nutritious meals to schoolchildren. More than 25 million pairs of shoes were distributed in 2012 thanks to you and the support of our partners.

Thousands of trailers of aid were shipped from Food For The Poor warehouses in 2012. Because of our partners, these lifesaving shipments were sent in a cost-effective manner and were distributed quickly to help people in desperate need in the countries we serve.

The partnerships we share include community leaders, churches from various denominations, domestic corporations, missionaries, local governments and other charities. Your devotion to partnering with Food For The Poor to serve the health and wellbeing of the poor brings the love of Christ into so many communities across the Caribbean and Latin America.

Thank you for empowering and comforting poverty-stricken families whose hope is to help their children have a better future.

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
(1 Peter 4:10)*



## CORPORATE PARTNERS:

ITEM	TRAILERS
Shoes .....	99
Clothing .....	391
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>490</b>

*Our partners also helped to provide food, medical supplies and other aid listed elsewhere in this annual report.*



# THE DIFFERENCE YOUR GIFTS MAKE

Each grateful smile on this page is a small reflection of the joy you brought into countless lives in 2012. You helped to answer heartfelt prayers and lifted many suffering people out of the darkness of poverty. You are truly at the heart of our mission to provide aid and comfort. Thank you for everything you do for the poor.



After

*“...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me.”  
(Matthew 25:40b)*



Before

## A CHILD'S GRIN

Ashrena used to squeeze her eyes shut when a stranger approached, a natural reaction after a lifetime of abuse. After being placed in an orphanage you help support in Guyana, this precious little girl began to heal physically and emotionally. Now she greets visitors with smiles and giggles instead of fear and apprehension.

## A MOTHER'S HAPPINESS

New Haitian mother Sophonie, 26, feared for the life of her daughter Gaielle. At 3 months old, the baby suffered from anemia and malnourishment, and weighed only 5.7 pounds. Through your support, Gaielle received the nutrition she needed. Now the baby is chubby and healthy, and Sophonie is filled with joy over the amazing changes in her daughter.



Before



After



After



Before

## A FAMILY'S HOPE

Water constantly poured inside their home, soaking their beds and making life miserable for 12-year-old Geanelle and her family in Jamaica. After receiving a Food For The Poor house you helped to build, the grateful family became filled with hope for the future.



# 2012 FINANCIAL STATEMENT\*

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### SUPPORT & REVENUE:

Contributions - Cash	\$ 106,646,494
Contributions - Donated Goods	790,980,226
Contributions - Pledges	2,569,652
Other Income	338,060
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 900,534,432</b>

### EXPENSES:

Program - Education	\$ 56,832,331
Program - Health Care	526,743,163
Program - Basic Needs	164,397,358
Program - Community Support and Development	80,787,467
Program - Intra-program Costs	30,707,384
Fundraising	29,162,486
Administration	7,860,170
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 896,490,359</b>

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** \$ 4,044,073

\*Year ended December 31, 2012. Subject to final audit.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### ASSETS:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 10,287,404
Contributions Receivable	1,094,229
Property and Equipment	15,744,920
Goods-in-Transit	2,923,630
Other Assets	985,542
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 31,035,725</b>

### LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 5,432,235
Loans Payable	2,353,290
Accrued Liabilities	330,948
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 8,116,473</b>

### NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted	\$ 22,893,200
Restricted	26,052
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 22,919,252</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:** \$ 31,035,725

## DISTRIBUTED IN 2012

**3,414 TRAILERS WORTH \$811,778,744**

Antigua	\$125,894
Belize	\$2,220,527
Dominica	\$8,294,386
Dominican Republic	\$56,033,021
Ecuador	\$740,424
El Salvador	\$66,786,052
Ghana	\$6,476,537
Grenada	\$5,980,754
Guatemala	\$118,332,362
Guyana	\$47,853,008
Haiti	\$207,720,688
Honduras	\$80,355,425
Jamaica	\$98,371,293
Kenya	\$47,729
Mexico	\$4,384,768
Nicaragua	\$73,301,538
Panama	\$206,540
Paraguay	\$13,903,377
Philippines	\$417,627
Peru	\$14,110,449
Saint Lucia	\$1,057,060
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	\$20,580
Trinidad	\$4,971,500
U.S.A.	\$67,205

## Board of Directors

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## REVENUE

## EXPENSES

CONTRIBUTIONS -  
DONATED GOODS:

87.8%

CONTRIBUTIONS -  
CASH:

11.8%

CONTRIBUTIONS -  
PLEDGES AND  
OTHER INCOME:

0.4%

FUNDRAISING: 3.3%

MANAGEMENT: 0.9%



# GIVING THANKS

Your kindness and support in response to those in need in 2012 is a reflection of God's compassion and mercy. You are a shining example of God's love in so many ways.

As we look back over the last year, we give thanks to you for transforming lives and giving hope to families who had none.

It is a privilege to work alongside our partners who are able to bring sustainable development, small business projects and lifesaving shipments of aid to the poor of the Caribbean and Latin America. Your generosity has touched many lives and serves as a reminder to those struggling to survive that they are never forgotten.

We are deeply indebted to those who have left a beautiful legacy of love for the poorest of the poor through our Planned Giving program. Your planning will allow your gift to continue spreading God's love for many years and will touch the lives of those in need.

For those who have traveled with Food For The Poor on a mission trip, we are grateful that you were able to bring your experiences home and share the love and joy of serving God with others.

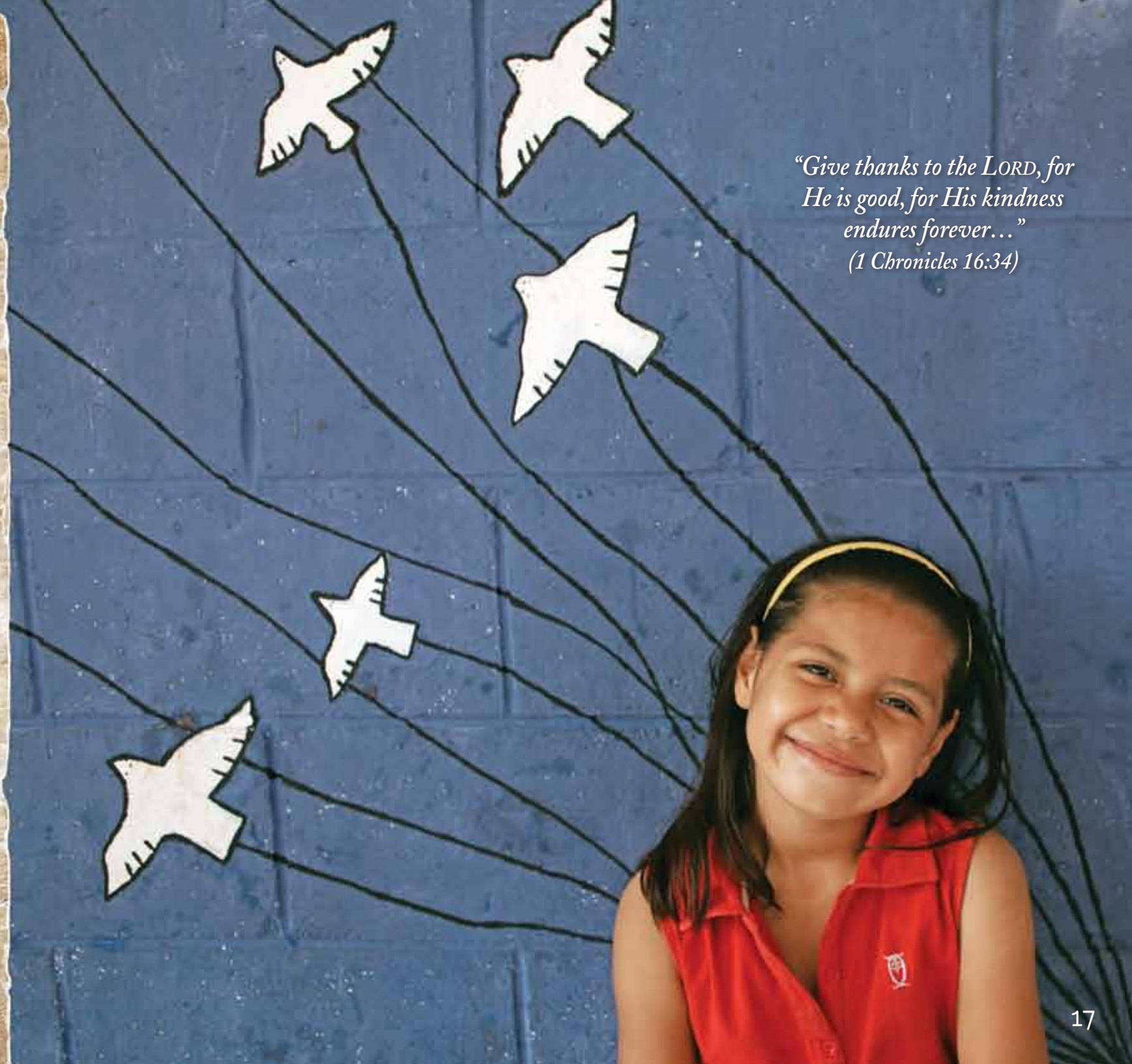
Each day, Champions For The Poor and the people involved with our Operation Starfish program give sacrificially to raise money for the poor we serve. Your selfless acts of kindness are making a tremendous difference in the world, one person at a time.

The clergy, churches and Christian organizations, both here and abroad, set God's love afloat in remote villages in the countries where we serve. We are sincerely grateful for the compassion you lovingly give.

In every way, your encouragement, comfort and support of the poor bring tremendous hope to those we serve. For a family who holds the key to their new, safe and secure home and unlocks the door for the first time, there is no greater joy. Children giggling and rushing to fill their buckets with clean, fresh water at a new community water well is a joyous site. Those same children are able to attend school because they no longer have to walk for hours to fetch water for their families.

All of these life-changing moments and more were made possible because of your love and compassion for the poor. Food, clothing, new homes and medicine were distributed across the Caribbean and Latin America because of your dedication to serving the poor. Thank you for continuing to share your love, prayers and treasure with those in need, and may God bless you.

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for  
He is good, for His kindness  
endures forever..."  
(1 Chronicles 16:34)*





## VISION STATEMENT

Food For The Poor is God's instrument to help the materially poor and to renew the poor in spirit.

Our ministry is a reflection of our Lord's unconditional love – a love that surrenders all, that inspires trust and faith, and that embraces all people, regardless of race, status or creed.

It is also shaped by our belief that Christ is alive and can be served directly by serving those in greatest need. (Matthew 25:40)

For guidance and to maintain the purity of our mission, we stress the need for regular prayer.

Through surrender, service and prayer, we seek a closer union with our Lord.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit.

The materially poor are served by local churches, clergy and lay leaders who have been empowered and supplied with goods by Food For The Poor.

The poor in spirit are renewed by their relationship with and service to the poor through our direct ministry of teaching, encouragement and prayer.

Ultimately, we seek to bring both benefactors and recipients to a closer union with our Lord.



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