



THE VOICE



A Look at How Your Support Made a Difference!

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GROCERY BAG APPEAL IS A SMASHING SUCCESS!

100's of Families Served #becauseofyou!

Your gracious support never ceases to amaze. You know how important and hard-to-get food can be sometimes for our families in Romania.

With the war raging next door the prices for essential food items continues to soar. However, your continued support allows these families to have some high quality food on a frequent basis. Thank you!

#becauseofyou we were able to provide all of the Point of Hope families with a couple bags of groceries during the Easter season. I cannot begin to tell you how appreciative these parents are when they receive this generous gift of food.

“Moms are under tremendous pressure to put food on the table for their family. Your support helps a lot”

--Daci Moldovan

You can probably imagine how stressful it is or maybe you've had

personal experiences of not being able to provide for your kids like you know you should. This can cause feelings of shame, discouragement and depression.

You also know how humbling it can be to have someone step into help when you need it most. 2 Corinthians 8:13-15 says,

“13 This does not mean that others do not have to give and you have to give much. You should share alike. 14 You have more than you need now. When you have need, then they can help you. You should share alike. 15 The Holy Writings say, “The man who gathered much did not have too much. The man who did not gather much had enough.”

You have showed to these families and the world that this is a powerful and humble way to live. You are a great encouragement to these families.

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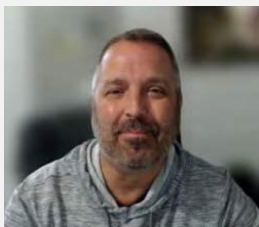


Your support gave this grandma and her grandson the precious gift of food!



CUTENESS OVERLOAD!
A child enjoying her 1st chocolate Easter treat ever!

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“To be able to abide in Him has caused me to seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance much more than I have in the past.”

The challenge of being a follower of Christ is with us each day. Sometimes it sure feels easy and other times you just wonder how much effort it’s going to take to get through the moment.

God has blessed ACF so much over the past few years, but I have to be honest with myself: you all have made it such a joy to see God actively working in the world when so much of the news seems bleak.

Over the past few years, God has had me on a journey. A journey that has caused me to TRUST HIM more than I have ever had in the past. He’s moved me from a state of doing His work in the world to a place of obedience. To be able to abide in Him has caused me to seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance much more than I have in the past.

Now he’s moving me into another level of trust. A place of total surrender. Through the teachings of my pastors and the leading of the Spirit, I find myself looking to surrender everything to Him. I’ll be honest. It scares me a little bit. However, as I look at how he has been so faithful to me how can I not respond to this call of total surrender.

I’m not sure where you find your faith at this current moment in time. However, overcoming the challenge of not being fearful of where he is taking you and I is difficult. So hang in there and trust that God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

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We just need to pray that in a future time these families will be able to share with others the same blessing you have shared with them.

Thank you again for stepping in to be the hands and feet of Jesus during their time of need.

The war will eventually end and things will be able to get back to normal for these families. But until that happens it is good to know that you are standing ready to serve where God calls you.



Your ongoing support of these families is huge! Remember them as you pray!

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You Lit Up a Child’s Life!

“The colored soft-glow lanterns that were donated are also used to treat PTSD. This is an additional benefit that can’t be understated.”



Ukrainian children with the lights you generously provided!

Your support helped light up the world of a child in Ukraine. Your support and an unexpected gift from a church partner allowed us to donate a large number of solar-powered lanterns to children struggling with nightly power outages in war-torn Ukraine.

These solar charged lanterns are eco-friendly, waterproof & portable, which means they are perfect for the rolling blackouts that shroud the nights in cities like Kiev.

ACF Director Tim Oloffson says, “The colored soft-glow lanterns that were donated are also used to treat PTSD. This is an additional benefit that cannot be understated.”

Your overall support of all the work ACF does reflects the genuine light of Christ throughout the world. Your generosity allows ACF to support projects that help children wherever an urgent need arises.

Home Generator Delivered To South Africa Amidst Blackouts!



Because of your ongoing support, a home generator has been purchased to power the Ruby Havens Group Home in George, South Africa. You and I all experience storms rolling through our communities knocking out power for hours at a time. What a huge inconvenience this is to our lives.

In South Africa, they have rolling blackouts that last from 6 to 10 hrs each day. Just think of the inconvenience that amount of time would be to your home while raising 6 children.

ACF is blessed to be able to have a number of donors who simply want to help when a need like this arises. Our mission partners in South Africa are very appreciative of the flexibility of the ACF donors and say Thank you!

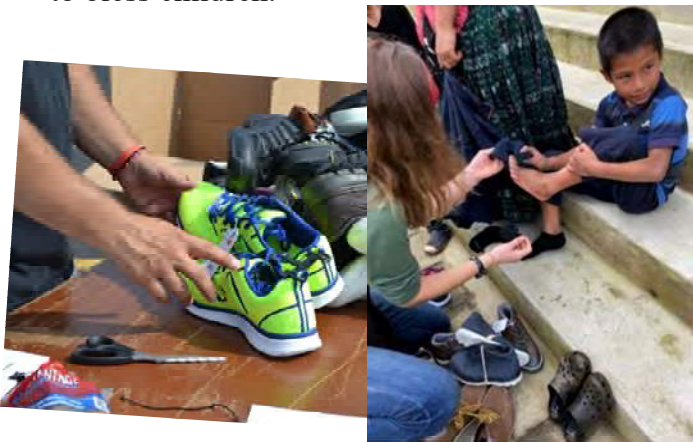
Your Aid Donations Are Making A Difference!

On a beautiful sunny day in Tactic, Guatemala a van load of diapers, socks, shoes and soccer balls were delivered making the day even brighter.

Your Project Respond aid drive donations last year are still making a difference TODAY! These valuable items are used to support our partner ministry Impact Ministries spread the Good News of Jesus to their community and beyond.

Your diaper donations support the Vida Children's Home that houses up to 12 abandoned infants. The shoes, socks and soccer balls are used by Impact Ministries to support their school programs for impoverished children as well as to help them reach unreached communities in their area.

THANK YOU are the words we hear from the children and staff as they use these valuable items to bless children.



Phase 1 of Capital Campaign is Complete- Thank you!



We now have a Living Water Aid Processing Center in Calhoun, TN!

This Processing Center is just step one of what we hope to be a 3 building complex on the property donated by ACF co-founder Tim Oloffson and his wife Theresa. We were also able to purchase a vehicle and trailer to help move the aid we collect from location to location.

Donors have also come through to help create 2 satellite ministry sites. We now have permanent ministry sites in Walnut, Illinois and Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. These satellite sites will serve the children God has called us to serve through various ministry activities, as well as provide infrastructure to streamline humanitarian aid collection efforts.

Phase 2 of our Strategic Plan kicks off later this year, with the construction of the Point Of Hope Acadiana, a full-service local ministry site on a 3-acre plot of land in Louisiana, which was donated to ACF earlier this year. More details to follow.



Your "Send a Kid to Camp" gift will be **DOUBLED TODAY!**

Each year 45 kids get a chance to go to a VBS camp and enjoy other fun summer activities. \$10,000 is needed by June 1 to ensure this happens this year. That is a lot of money but together we can raise it.

Which is why a champion like you is needed today. **I'm not asking you to do anything dramatic. Just a donation. Maybe \$26, \$52 or \$130** or any amount that makes sense for you. Because that is how this challenge gets met.

And because of matching funds, a gift of \$130 will actually provide a week of camp for 2 children.

Your gift will send a child to this much anticipated VBS camp and all the other wonderful summer activities planned for these kids. Camp is a place where they can blossom into the child God created them to be.

We can do this. I know because of friends like you, people who value and champion the lives of voiceless children. YOU understand the need to invest into these precious lives. It is up to us to do this together!

The challenges these children have already overcome is inspiring to all of us who have invested into their lives. It's amazing to see how they persevere through life's struggles. **They just need someone like you** to continue to meet some of their spiritual needs which are strengthened at a VBS camp.

The dream is to restore dignity to the children in whom God has created is His image. To make it safe for these children to dream **BIG DREAMS** and share their talents with the world!

Will you send a gift today?

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

I Will Provide Camp & Summer Fun for a Child!

YES, Tim! Please have my gift **DOUBLED** and use my gift to help send a kid to camp, give a child a Summer of Fun and support all the work of Another Child.

Enclosed is my gift of:

- \$26 to provide 1 day of Camp & Summer Fun for a child
- \$52 to provide 2 days of Camp & Summer Fun for a child
- \$130 to provide 1 week of Camp & Summer Fun for a child
- Here is my **BEST GIFT!** \$ _____



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