

# • Mission Update •

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## Economic Crisis Devastating the Poor



### Facts about Liberia

Population: 3.4 million  
Gross Nat'l Income per Capita: \$140 (\$US)  
Life Expectancy: 42 Years  
Infant Mortality: 157 (per 1,000 live births)  
Child Malnutrition: 21% (under 5 years old)  
Access to Improved Water Source: 61%

The weakened global economy has devastated people around the world who are already suffering from natural and man-made disasters, poverty, disease, and malnutrition. It has also stretched our resources like never before.

So far we've been able to continue sending food, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, clothing, and other critical aid to people in crisis in places like Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Cameroon, Senegal, and Zimbabwe.

International Children's Fund works to meet the desperate needs of countless impoverished African children, pulling them away from the brink of starvation, disease, and victimization. From Sudan in the north to Zimbabwe in the south, International Children's

Fund mission projects benefit local communities across Africa. ***But your support is a vital part of that promise.***

**One of the containers of relief aid you helped us ship in February landed in Monrovia, Liberia. The container held 36 pallets of meals — 1,188 boxes, 36 meals per box — 710,496 TOTAL MEALS and was divided to distribute to four of our pastors.**

**Pastor Ralph Gelego** distributed the much-needed food to support his existing orphanage, elementary school, and a vocational training institute. He also went into some rural areas to help. The following is a testimony of the distribution to an orphanage:

Dear Pastor Gelego and donors at International Children's Fund,

*We are very grateful to God for your timely gift and donation to us of food. It is currently serving as a major food compliment on a daily basis for our already increased children population by 36. May the Lord Jesus bless you for your desire to meet the needs of orphans and distressed children of Liberia.*

— Rainbow Town Orphanage

**Pastor Gelego** received another letter from the National Union of Liberian Orphanages in Monrovia, Liberia. *The Union of Liberia Orphanages and Welfare Institutions extend its thanks and appreciation to*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ Container being loaded with donated Kleenex®, feminine products, pull ups, and medical supplies for Pastor Ghansah, Ghana
- ▶ Trips: Uganda, Kenya, and Liberia



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*International Children’s Fund for the donation of food received on behalf of the Liberian orphanages. We are sincerely grateful and we pray that God continues to bless your organization and all of the donors.*

*— Sincerely, Secretary General, Ethel Wion*

**Letters like those from Pastor Gelego are only made possible through your donations. During this difficult economic time, International Children’s Fund will continue to expand the scope of our donations, touching more and more lives. We are relied on by our partners in Africa and countless individuals and families to make prayers like the following come true. More importantly, it wouldn’t happen without your support!**

**Pastor Momo Cole** has made distributions to various rural churches, schools, orphanages, communities, and other institutions that assist the disabled. Here is a testimony from

a woman that Pastor Cole connected with:

*I am a widow. My husband left me with five children and I felt that there was no way in life again but when I came across the pastor, Christian Cole, he brought us food and the Word of God*

*that night. I now have a hope that there is a new life in Jesus.*

*— Testimony from Maima in Liberia*

**Pastor Boakai Paasewe** sent a message to the supporters of International Children’s Fund: *“We thank God and the donors at International Children’s Fund for this great open door for the feeding of the children in the rural areas of Liberia. We have been able to provide food for 75 children and 40 adults in the rural GrandCape Mount County as well as 75 children and 40 adults at the Living Word Community Daycare School/Children Ministries in Sajanama (meaning of the town, New Town) Grand Cape Mount County. We also gave food to 150 children and 75 adults at the Living Word Church, DayCare school for Children’s Ministries in Gardene Town, and we fed over 200 children and 85 adults at the Living Word*

*Community Church, Children’s Ministry and Bible school. Praise the Lord!”*

**Pastor Emmanuel Gyamfi** assists people at the New Community Clinic in Liberia. *Pastor Emmanuel shared that in one month time they may see over 1,200 people. Due to the high cost of medical equipment, drugs, medical supplies, and food, they are not able to help people as much as they would like. When the 10 beds are occupied and they have more emergencies, they are forced to tell the patients to go to another place or refer them. Most of the time the patients refuse and cry to just lie on the floor to receive treatment because they believe that the physical and spiritual needs will be met at the clinic. The food that was sent to their aid is helping countless people and they thank the supporters of International Children’s Fund. (see photos on this page)*

**Will you please consider helping us continue to feed the people of Africa? We couldn’t do it without you.**





## We Take Stewardship Seriously!

The key to ICF's success is the ongoing financial support from caring partners like you. We consider each dollar you donate as a mandate for good stewardship. That's why we've been awarded a four-star approval rating by Charity Navigator, America's premier charity watch-dog group. That means 96 cents of every dollar you send to ICF goes directly to the point of need.

### Letter from Ms. Esther Yamasu, Sierra Leone:

Dear Dr. Bruenning,

I am a Christian woman, 40 years of age. I came from a Muslim background and by the grace of God I was saved in an outreach crusade. I met Dr. Bruenning at a Pastor and Christian Leaders Seminar in 1993 at the Bo Youth Community Centre. As I attended the seminar, my life was greatly challenged and blessed. Dr. Bruenning imparted great things in my life that led me to new experiences and made a great difference. I thank God for that seminar. Although during that time there was war and not much later my village was attacked by rebels that totally devastated us, I said thanks to God who took us through and was able to deliver us and thanks to Dr. Bruenning for encouraging us.

After the war we continue with the Lord's work and we are pressing on. Presently we are renting a building for fellowship and we meet four times a week. We have over 250 members, including children. I believe the hand of God is upon the life of Dr. Bruenning, and by the grace of God I waste no time to share my heart.

Please continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world and thank you for coming to Sierra Leone.



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# Current Needs for International Children's Fund

## YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

Together we CAN continue to EMPOWER life-changing experiences for people from all over the world. Here are some of the important ways your contribution can help:

## GIVE A GIFT

ICF relies on contributions from generous donors to perform its life-saving work. We welcome donations of cash or of gifts-in-kind. We accept credit card donations online at ICFAID.org or you may also mail a check to us at:

**International Children's Fund**

**Famine Relief**

**Headquarters**

**PO Box 97191**

**Washington, DC 20090**

— Or —

**International Children's Fund**

**PO Box 583**

**Neenah, WI 54957**

## IN KIND DONATIONS

Please contact us to arrange a gift-in-kind donation. Gift possibilities range from non-perishable food, used clothing, shoes, medical supplies, walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, etc, construction tools, mechanical tools, textiles and sewing items (machines, thread, etc...), literature, Christian and educational. We dedicate any and all of the resources you provide to improving the lives of those we serve.

## INCREASE YOUR AWARENESS

The first step in helping is understanding. Please regularly visit our website, ICFAID.org, for information about our progress toward meeting Africa's most desperate needs.

## PRAY

Prayer is the most powerful tool we have in the fight to save desperately poor children and families around the world. Please join our team of Christian missionary partners in prayer.

If you would like to speak to someone at International Children's Fund about giving opportunities, please call 920-729-5721 or email [contributions@icfaid.org](mailto:contributions@icfaid.org)

On behalf of International Children's Fund, thank you for this opportunity to share with you what your support can do. Together we CAN make a difference!

*Thank You  
For Your Prayers!*

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