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# Around the world: hope is GREATER

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# HOPE IS >



One of FMSC's food partners provides comfort in Haiti after Hurricane Matthew hit in 2017.

## CEO CORNER: HOPE IS > DISASTER

BY MARK CREA, FMSC CEO

Two years ago, Hurricane Matthew swept across Haiti, leaving devastation in its wake. The town of Jeremie, located on the southwest coast of Haiti, was completely shattered. Since then, FMSC has shipped millions of meals there – first to help the people survive, then to sustain them as they worked to rebuild their homes and livelihoods.

FMSC food distribution partners like Reciprocal Ministries International and others have provided FMSC meals, medical supplies and building materials. Over and over again we are told how our food has saved so many people in Jeremie.

### A POWERFUL TESTIMONY

“One of Jeremie’s town officials said, “After the hurricane, many organizations came here to help. But they were gone in one or two months. If we would have relied on them instead of Feed My Starving Children meals, we would be dead now.”





FMSC meals reached kids like this young boy in Haiti after Hurricane Matthew hit in 2017.

### YET HAITI IS NOT ALONE IN ITS STRUGGLES

From neighboring Dominican Republic to El Salvador to Somalia to the Philippines, we hear this same desperate cry of hunger.

A new report from The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) says hunger is increasing due to conflict (which creates food insecurity), drought and natural disasters (which

decrease natural resources in many regions). What's worse, a majority of those who are already undernourished have also been displaced from their homes because they live in countries affected by conflict and war.

### HOPE IS GREATER

Though ending world hunger in our lifetime is challenging, it is not impossible. There is hope. There is Jesus. There is you.

## HOPE IS > CONFLICT

### UKRAINE

In a country where life has become challenging due to war and constant conflict, 72-year-old Zinaida struggles to make ends meet. One day, she visited New Heart Ministry (NHM), which receives FMSC meals from our food partner Mission Eurasia. She was greeted with joy, given MannaPack™ Rice meals to cook at home and handed a brand-new Bible.

This simple act of generosity overwhelmed Zinaida so much that she returned to volunteer at NHM in order to serve others in the same way she had been served. She recently joined a Bible study to learn more about Jesus!

"I really like the MannaPack Rice meals," Zinaida shared. "I love eating them! I am so grateful for you taking care of us during such a difficult time for our country. Praise God for this blessing!"

I've seen God do the miraculous through your hands to feed kids, save lives and restore hope to some of the neediest, hungriest people around the world. Every time you put on a hairnet, pack meals, write a check or drop a quarter in a bucket, you are saying, "Yes. Hope IS greater."

Hope is greater than conflict. It's greater than drought and famine and disease. It's greater than earthquakes and hurricanes. It's greater than poverty. And it's greater than hunger.

What you do makes a difference. It may feel impossible at times, but together we will do everything possible to feed these children and leave the impossible to God.


Your compassionate support of FMSC is saving lives and allowing people to rebuild.

### YOU SHOW THEM HOPE IS > DISASTER.

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." – Galatians 6:2*



Zinaida cherishes the FMSC meals you sent her.

 Give hungry kids the gift of a nutritious meal this holiday season! Pack meals at an FMSC site or find a MobilePack event near you. [fmsc.org/volunteer](http://fmsc.org/volunteer)

# HOPE IS > ISOLATION

SWAZILAND (eSWATINI)



The boxes of MannaPack Rice you sent arrive at the school just in time.

In June, our food partner Adventures in Missions (AIM) heard a horrifying report. A nearby school had run out of food.

Many students hadn't eaten in days. Several children had collapsed from hunger. It was chaos.

The teachers were traumatized. They wanted to help but had no food either. They felt helpless and alone.

## UNTIL YOU SHOWED UP.

AIM had just received the shipment of FMSC meals you sent, so they had plenty of food to share with the school.

"We knew just what was needed to help these children," said AIM staff. They crammed 33 boxes of MannaPack Rice into the back of a staff member's SUV and were met with immense relief and joy.

Because you responded to these cries for help, this school full of precious kids knew they weren't alone or forgotten.

"Without you we wouldn't have been able to respond in this manner. The children wouldn't be getting such healthy food. Now these kids will be able to pay attention and learn while in school," said AIM staff.

## THANK YOU FOR SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED AND SHOWING THEM HOPE IS > ISOLATION.

# HOPE IS > POVERTY

CAMBODIA

When Ben Navin was 11, his father died in a horrible traffic accident. Ben, his mother and three siblings were suddenly on their own. Ben's mom tried hard to care for her kids. She wanted to send them to school, but paying their school fees felt impossible because she couldn't even afford the food they needed.

Ben slowly lost weight. He grew horribly weak from lack of food. His mom couldn't bear to watch him suffer. One day she heard about Keo Sama Home/Church, which offered a free place to stay where Ben could attend school and eat nutritious FMSC meals provided by our food partner Reach Now International. She wanted her son to have a better future, so she made the tough decision to send him to live there.

Three years later, 14-year-old Ben is thriving and enjoying 8th grade.

"Before, my body was weak, but since living here I'm stronger and my brain is sharper," Ben said. "Thank you especially for supporting me with MannaPack Rice to make my body healthy and joyful. This has changed my life and nothing compares to the love of God that you have shown me."

## THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY, HOPE IS > POVERTY.



Ben joyfully holds a bag of MannaPack Rice and says, "Thank you!"



# HOPE IS > DISPLACEMENT

Last year, nearly 3 million people were forced to flee from their homes due to conflict and war, growing the number of displaced people to a distressing 1 out of every 110 people worldwide.\*

As families are forced to flee conflict and persecution, they leave behind everything they've ever known. Their homes. Their jobs. A reliable source of food or income.

This is heartbreaking. It's why you work hard to get FMSC meals into the hands of as many displaced people as possible. And it's our incredible network of food partners who truly do the hardest work to get the food to those who feel devastated and alone.

Our food partner Venture provides FMSC meals to 15,000 refugees along the Thailand/Myanmar border.

Venture's heart beats in tune with FMSC's to use food as a foundation to help those in vulnerable situations get back on their feet.

"If people are not worried about where their next meal is coming from, they can start rebuilding their lives," said Ryan Skoog, CEO and co-founder of Venture.

## "I BELIEVE GOD GAVE YOU TO ME"

Meet Mya.\*\* When fighting erupted near their home in Myanmar, she fled with her husband and their four children to the border of Thailand. Suddenly they had nothing. No home. No jobs. And certainly no food. But thanks to Venture and FMSC's partnership, the family now receives FMSC meals which sustain them, give them hope and are a conduit for the Gospel.

"I am so happy that I have MannaPack Rice for my family," Mya told us. "Thank you for helping me and giving food to my family. I believe God gave you to me."

**THANK YOU FOR SHOWING REFUGEES LIKE MYA THAT HOPE IS > DISPLACEMENT.**

\*UNHCR 2018 Global Trends Report  
\*\*Name changed for protection.



**FMSC food partner Venture provides nourishing FMSC meals to refugees.**

## HEAR MORE STORIES FROM RYAN AT THE FMSC GALA!

Hear Venture CEO Ryan Skoog share more stories about how FMSC meals are bringing greater hope to refugees in Southeast Asia. Find out more at [fmsc.org/mngala](https://fmsc.org/mngala).





Photo credit: Isaiah Rustad

meals to refugees along the Thailand/Myanmar border.



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Venture feeds FMSC meals to 15,000 refugees every day.



"My children love to eat MannaPack Rice. They eat it every day," said Mya (pictured above on right).

HUNGER TO  
*hope*  
FMSC GALA



# FROM HOSTING MOBILEPACK EVENTS TO LEAVING A LEGACY



Six years ago, Barth and Mary Jo Wolf first packed FMSC meals at the Green Bay Community MobilePack event at a local church in Wisconsin.

They loved the experience and thought it was a great way for families with young children to do something together to help others, especially something as valuable as feeding the hungry.

After retiring and wintering in Florida, Barth and Mary Jo decided to start their own MobilePack event in Cape Coral, and are now active influencers for both the Wisconsin and Florida events.

“Since retirement we have been trying to see where God calls us and leads us. Sometimes it’s a pretty loud yell to feed children through FMSC,” Barth humbly said.

The couple wants to give back in even greater ways through leaving a legacy as FMSC Hope for Tomorrow donors.

## IN BARTH’S WORDS

“We have seen firsthand the good that MannaPack food brings. Since we know the financial blessings we have are not from our hard work, but really from God, we need to be sure we are not only generous with giving while living, but to be sure we continue that after we die. It is only right that we donate to causes we care about. FMSC is at the top of our list.

We don’t worry about our legacy. We are only trying to live out the Gospel. If we can in any way help others to want to give, we will just be happy to have provided a small spark that may have ignited their giving. We just hope in our small way to help FMSC try to feed as many hungry as they can. Each one who receives a meal is a child of God and one of our brothers and sisters. Knowing some will get fed is all we want.”



After packing meals at a local MobilePack, Barth and Mary Jo decided to host their own event!



The Wolfs want to feed as many kids as possible by becoming Hope for Tomorrow donors.

Thank you, Barth and Mary Jo! Your steadfast support is the reason kids keep getting fed. It’s all we want, too.

Learn more about making FMSC a beneficiary of your will or estate plan at [fmsc.org/hopefortomorrow](https://fmsc.org/hopefortomorrow).

**GIVE TO GROW**  
 BUILD FMSC'S FUTURE, BODY & SPIRIT

When expansion opportunities arise, your over and above generosity allows FMSC to act immediately when God says,





**"YES. GO NOW. FEED MY KIDS."**

[fmsc.org/givetogrow](http://fmsc.org/givetogrow)

**YES, I WANT TO FEED MORE KIDS!** Tear along perf lines. Insert in supplied envelope.

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 \$80 feeds a child for a year      \$1,800 provides a pallet of food

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# HOPE IS > UNEMPLOYMENT

## PHILIPPINES

Three years ago, Ruffa Mae's parents couldn't afford to send her to school anymore. She began looking for a job and discovered the Red Rope Cooperative, operated by FMSC food partner International Care Ministries (ICM), where she learned the art of sewing.

Now she skillfully pieces together beautiful creations like tea towels and Christmas stockings sold in the FMSC MarketPlace to earn a living wage and help her parents pay for food and her siblings' schooling.

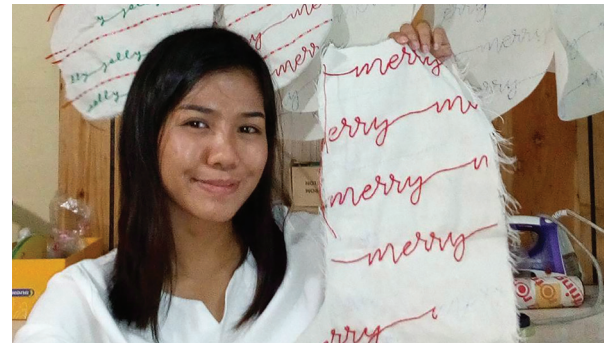
"[This work has] helped me develop my skills and learn new things," said Ruffa Mae. "I really enjoy stitching. My job is amazing and I love it more than anything. Seeing how you love our products gives us confidence and encourages us to improve our skills."

Ruffa's family also gratefully receives FMSC MannaPack meals from ICM. When resources are tight and food is scarce, FMSC meals sustain them.

"My family is my inspiration, my motivation. They encourage me to reach every dream I have. Whenever I feel the hardships life throws

on me, every single person in my family gives me reason to not give up. I can't imagine life without them," said Ruffa Mae.

Ruffa dreams of completing her education and building a sturdy home for her parents and siblings that can withstand the heavy rains of the typhoon season. **BECAUSE OF YOU, HOPE IS > UNEMPLOYMENT.**



**Shop [fmscmarketplace.org](http://fmscmarketplace.org) and support hardworking artisans like Ruffa Mae.**





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*The inside dish from FMSC*