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A girl in Turkana, Kenya, wraps herself in the colors of the Kenyan flag.

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Rich Stearns visited Amanda Rojas, then 15, in Tiraque, Bolivia, in 2011. She holds a photo of her sponsors, whose support has made a difference in the lives of her family and community.

# On Jesus' Side for the Poor

By Rich Stearns

**TAKING SIDES IS** an unsettling trend in our country these days. Our political affiliations and where we stand on issues has never been so divisive.

The church has had its own struggle with sides—for centuries—over the way to live out faith. Should we be more focused on saving souls or meeting people's physical needs?

This is a false dichotomy, because Jesus did both. Jesus cared deeply about the poor and the downtrodden, demonstrating his compassion in tangible ways: giving sight to the blind, touching the leper, healing the sick. But he also preached the good news of God's love and salvation.

Being on Jesus' side means doing it all. He instructed his followers to change the world in his name by embracing two essential commands: the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. We are to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39), and we are to go and make disciples of others who will do the same (Matthew 28:19-20).

It's tempting to focus mainly on the Great Commission, as if evangelism is our only responsibility. But loving our neighbor is also critically important to Jesus.

Of all the times he spoke of it, none is more compelling than the passage in Matthew 25 when Jesus describes the actions of those welcomed into his Father's kingdom: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me ... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:35-36, 40).

Matthew 25 illustrates the shocking depth of Jesus' love for the human race. His identification with "the least of these" is so profound that when we reach out to them with love and enter their pain, it is Jesus himself we are loving and embracing.

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**The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'**”

—MATTHEW 25:40

Living out the Great Commandment in the ways described in Matthew 25 catalyzes the Great Commission—because when people experience the love of Christ through our deeds, it prepares them to hear the message of Christ through our words.

So if we want to be agents of the Great Commission, first we must become agents of the Great Commandment. Being close to Christ means being close to the poor.

Matthew 25 becomes our to-do list, detailing all the problems afflicting the poor around the world today—hunger, thirst, alienation, lack of clothes, poor health, and injustice. As a child sponsor or World Vision supporter, you are responding to all these needs, helping World Vision strengthen a child's entire community. We aim to change the lives of children and families by providing access to clean water, nutritious food, healthcare, education, and economic opportunities, but ultimately we want to change the world for Christ.

Caring for people in this way signals whose side we're on—the side of our God, who desperately loves all people. When we demonstrate this love to the world through acts of kindness, compassion, and justice, we open the way for the message of a Savior who transforms men and women for all eternity. **WV**

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COME IN AND SEE THE WORLD

**ONLINE**

Read more about World Vision's response to the Syrian refugee crisis at [wvmag.org/syria](http://wvmag.org/syria).

**Lebanon**

Syrian refugee mother Heven, 30, holds baby Hasan in the window of their tent in an informal refugee settlement. The 2-month-old is the youngest of Heven's five children. She and her husband, Omar, 40, lived in Aleppo before the Syrian conflict began. They moved once within Syria to escape the violence, then came to Lebanon's Bekaa Valley in 2014. The hardest thing about being in Lebanon, she says, is not seeing her family who are still in Aleppo.

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## Bolivia

At the Reformed Church of God in Soracachi, Bolivia, services are conducted in both Spanish and Aymara—an indigenous language of Bolivia. Alejandrina Pomo, center, and her family walk here every Sunday to sing, pray, and read the Bible together. Alejandrina's 13-year-old daughter, Yuridia, is a sponsored child who excels in math and physics. Despite the area's high poverty rate, Yuridia's parents have encouraged her education over the common cultural tradition of child marriage.

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## India

Just across the Yamuna River from the Taj Mahal sits a bustling neighborhood that tourists never see. Trash litters the ground, families live in simple mud-walled structures roofed with tarps, and children sometimes work instead of attending school. It's also home to hundreds of sponsored children and the site of robust World Vision programs—like savings groups, remedial education classes, and toilet construction—that are addressing these challenges and changing the city of Agra one family at a time.

EUGENE LEE/WORLD VISION



## Nicaragua

In Cocibolca, World Vision helps families combat malnutrition two ways: growing food and cooking it. Anna is one of dozens of mothers who have learned to create healthier meals for their children in World Vision's nutrition workshop. Using nutrient-packed foods like soybeans and locally grown vegetables, these moms are overcoming the chronic malnutrition that once plagued their children. Crouching with students in the demonstration garden at a local school, World Vision staff member Victor Garcia teaches them the basics of growing healthier food, including squash—the plant the group examines here.

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Russell Moore on why Americans are called to care for refugees.

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EXPLORE THE ISSUES FACING PEOPLE IN POVERTY

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A severe hunger crisis threatens millions of people in East Africa.

## ONE OF MILLIONS

Baby Charity Asibitar is one of 25 million in need of humanitarian assistance in East Africa. The 8-month-old girl was admitted to a hospital in Lokichoggio, Kenya, after failing an appetite test. See page 14 to find out how World Vision is providing immediate relief to families while working alongside them to prepare for the future.



JON WARREN/WORLD VISION



Peru's hardest rains in decades damaged or destroyed an estimated 1,200 miles of road—about the distance from Los Angeles to Seattle.

STACY ATENCIO/WORLD VISION

## On the Ground

### Peru

Weeks of heavy rain in March triggered **widespread flooding and mudslides** in Peru. About 650,000 people were affected, more than 75 people died, and at least 100,000 were displaced. The floods and mudslides hit two areas where World Vision works, but all 1,800 sponsored children there are safe. World Vision provided families in five cities across the country with food, hygiene kits, clothing, supplies for temporary shelter, and Child-Friendly Spaces.

### Nepal

April marked the second anniversary of the **magnitude-7.8 earthquake** that shook Nepal in 2015. Already active in the country since 2001, World Vision staff sprang into action to reach more than 526,000 people in 161 communities across the hardest-hit areas. After meeting initial emergency needs, World Vision continues to focus on building resilience in Nepal with shelter, water and sanitation, health, education, gender equality, and economic empowerment programs.



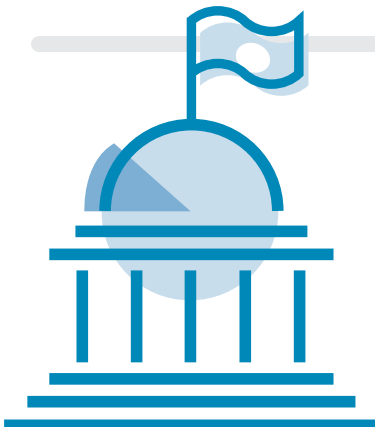
### United States

A World Vision expert on food security and livelihoods testified before members of the U.S. Congress in March about the **growing food crisis in East Africa**. Thabani Maphosa shared how World Vision is addressing the crisis and gave recommendations for the appropriate U.S. response. Experts from World Vision are sometimes called to testify before Congress on issues involving poverty in developing nations, child well-being, human trafficking, and more.



### Middle East

Two **new smartphone games** will help the estimated 2.5 million displaced Syrian children whose educations have been disrupted by the Syrian civil war. The free games—winners of All Children Reading's EduApp4Syria contest—help boost literacy skills for children ages 5 to 10 and are designed to improve their psychosocial well-being. All Children Reading—launched by a group of partners including World Vision—held the global app-development contest. **WV**



### DID YOU KNOW?

**Last year, 23 percent of World Vision's funding came from public grants, most from the U.S. government.** These grants mean the money you donate goes further to help children, because the funds are often matched. Our partnership with the government spans 30 years and has made it possible for World Vision to do everything from deliver food during the Ethiopian famine in the 1980s to strengthen sponsorship's impact in communities. Learn more at [wvmag.org/foreignaid](http://wvmag.org/foreignaid). **WV**

Russell Moore on:

# Refugees, Politics, and the American Church

By Brian Duss

Russell Moore is just as comfortable talking about *Lego Batman* as he is discussing politics. That adaptability comes in handy working with myriad people and groups as president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) of the Southern Baptist Convention. World Vision recently talked to Russell about the ERLC's work with refugees and how politics and religion converge.

**For those who don't know, can you describe what the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission is?**

**WE DO TWO THINGS.** The first thing is to equip churches to think through how to apply the gospel to ethical and moral decisions. So we equip churches on everything from orphan care to adoption and racial reconciliation to the sanctity of human life—the full range of ethical issues. Then the second thing is to speak from the churches to the outside world. We deal with government leaders, journalists, and others about what is of ethical concern to Christians.

**The ERLC has partnered with World Vision in support of Syrian refugees. What was the point at which you said, “We need to step up our game in terms of refugees?”**

**WE HAVE ALWAYS** been concerned about the plight of refugees for a number of reasons, one of them being our understanding of human dignity and the image of God. The people being driven from their homelands—they aren't just abstract numbers. Each one is a



Russell Moore

representation of the God that we love, and bears the image of God.

The other [reason] is because we (the Southern Baptist Convention) have had missionaries and others working with refugee communities for a long time, so we're able to see the human face that's behind many of the people who are fleeing some awful situations. The easy thing to do in America is to simply see these things as news items rather than feeling the weight of the fact that these children and families bear the image of the God you worship.

**Do you think in the U.S. we make the conversation around refugees more complicated than it needs to be?**

**I THINK WE DO.** I see a big difference between churches that are doing ministry to refugees and churches where the people are only hearing about refugees on the news. I live in Nashville, and there's a large Kurdish community here. We have churches that are working with this and other refugee groups. When that happens, they aren't able to just dismiss refugee issues.

We can make the refugee crisis more complicated than it is. But I also think we can make it not complicated enough. Some American Christians look at the situation and say, "Well, these people just need to go back home," without recognizing what is happening in the Middle East and elsewhere that's driving people out, and that there's not an easy fix. It's an enormously complex political reality and a human tragedy.

**“The vast majority of the body of Christ is not white, American, or middle class, and has never spoken English.”**

**When you're talking about an issue as complex as the refugee crisis, how do you help Christians understand what they can and should do—even if they don't personally know any refugees?**

**IT DEPENDS ON** where the hesitancy is. For some people, the hesitancy is apathy. They just don't know or care about what's going on. And that means educating them about what the crisis looks like and what it looks like in their communities.

There are other people, though, who are resistant due to fear. They're afraid. I know one church that was doing great work in ministering to refugees overseas. But some people in the community were upset about that because they were afraid that refugees might eventually get to their community and that those refugees might be dangerous. In that case what we have to do is first to talk about what it means to minister in a context of fear. Jesus has taught us about that with the parable of the Good Samaritan. That's the model that Jesus gave to us.

Then there are some people who are resistant because they just don't know what to do. The crisis seems so enormous. I think that's a lot of people. In that case, we have to come in and say, "This is what ministry could look like for you." Not everybody is called to do the same thing. We have a multitude of gifts within the church and a multitude of different ways of doing ministry to refugees as well as to other people.

But I've found that if a church will simply say, "God, we're open to ministry to refugee communities in our neighborhood or around the world, would you show us where you want us to go and how you want us to do that," they get answers to that prayer. The hardest step is being open and willing to do what Jesus asks.

**You've been quoted as saying, "A Christian is always at war, but we're not at war with people." How do you encourage Christians to disagree without being disagreeable?**

**ONE OF THOSE** ways is to spend time listening to those who disagree with us and genuinely seek to understand where they're coming from. It's easy, not just in Christian life but in American life generally, to not even have real conversations with one another but instead to be talking at people.

We're looking over our shoulder and saying things that are just tribal signaling to our team. We're not actually trying to persuade anyone else. We shouldn't do that because we don't have any reason to be fearful. We have confidence in the triumph of the gospel. And that means that we can present every other alternative view as fairly as we possibly can and still be confident in the truth of the gospel that Jesus has given to us.

Then, also recognize that people can change, but that people don't change usually as the result of losing a 20-minute argument, much less losing an argument on Facebook or Twitter. The way people change is they listen to a word that ultimately they find credible. I think 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 tells us how that happens through the shining of the light of the gospel and hearing the voice of Christ speaking through his Word. Sometimes it takes a while for that to embed and then to come to light.

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**The easy thing to do in America is to simply see these things as news items rather than feeling the weight of the fact that these children and families bear the image of the God you worship.”**

**You've said before, “Jesus never promised the triumph of the American church. He promised the triumph of the church.” Do you feel like it's a challenge for American Christians to see themselves as Christians before their nationality?**

**IT'S A CHALLENGE** for everyone. And that's one of the reasons we see, in the letters to the first-century church, that repeated insistence: Remember who you are in Christ and remember that in Christ, there is no Jew or Greek or Scythian or slave or free, that Christ has torn down all of those divides.

That is difficult in any context. And it's especially true, perhaps, for us right now in America where it's so easy to conflate Christianity with a certain kind of American culture. And it's also easy because the American church has had such resources, thanks be to God, in sending out a missionary force and equipping the church around the world.

Because of that it's easy to think that the American church is “normal” Christianity—that we're the center, and everyone else is spokes on a wheel around us—when that's just not the case. The vast majority of the body of Christ is not white, American, or middle class and has never spoken English.

Constantly reminding ourselves of who we are and that we're connected to one another in this great big body of Christ is difficult. But that's one of the things Paul's talking about when he says, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2). One of the ways that our minds have to be renewed is an understanding of who our ultimate tribe is, and it's the kingdom of God. That's hard for all of us, and we have to wake up every day and crucify the old and ask God to bring to life the new. But that's what we should aspire to.

**Keeping all of that in mind, should Christians withdraw from politics and culture or get even more engaged?**

**I DON'T THINK** we should withdraw. But if we do politics and culture engagement the way that the kingdom of God calls us to, it may

seem like withdrawal in some instances, because we live in a country where politics has become a religion. Political arguments and political identities have filled the void that God meant us to fill with worship of him. That is not healthy. Part of what it means to be a Christian is to recognize that politics really don't matter as much as the unbelieving world thinks they do. We know there's an ultimate truth beyond human politics.

But that doesn't mean a withdrawal from political life, because political life is how we make decisions together about the way the state ought to act in relation to its people. Well, in our system of government we're held accountable for that. So we have to be the people who care about our neighbors, and that means that we're actively engaged. But we constantly are reminding ourselves at the same time that Jesus says, “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). Sometimes that means we all have different sets of vulnerabilities and different sets of contentions.

The same thing is true when it comes to engagement with the culture around us or with the political sphere. If you're part of a group that has a tendency to elevate politics in a way that is not conducive to the kingdom of God, then you need to step back and be reminding yourself that kingdom is more than this. But if you're the kind of person who is apathetic to what's going on in the world around you, and you're just wanting to cocoon away from it, then you have to be constantly reminding yourself this is an aspect of neighbor love. That just means recognizing where your weak point is.

Sometimes we see what has gone badly and want to react to that with the extreme opposite. Well, that's not the answer. The answer is to rebalance around the gospel and around the kingdom. And that means having the kind of discernment that knows where you are on the vulnerability spectrum. That's the basic way forward. **WV**

**LISTEN** to the full interview at [wvmag.org/podcast](http://wvmag.org/podcast), and learn more about Russell Moore at [russellmoore.com](http://russellmoore.com) or [erlc.com](http://erlc.com).





EAST  
AFRICA

# BATTLEFIELD OF HUNGER

BY KARI COSTANZA

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PHOTOS BY JON WARREN



# EAST AFRICA FACES A MONSTER CRISIS.

**IF THE WORLD stands by, says Stephen O'Brien, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, "people will simply starve to death." But in four countries where World Vision works, relief and development are forming an effective alliance in the war against hunger.**

**In East Africa,** Peter and Samson hunt for squirrels and stones—squirrels to eat, and stones to mark their mother's fresh grave. The boys are orphans. Their mother died of hunger in April, and their father was shot to death in a cattle raid near South Sudan.

"The drought has finished all the animals," says Samson, 10. "Now it is killing people." As they hunt, the boys collect stones to place gently on their mother's grave as a sign of remembrance. "It makes it sacred," says Peter.

In northern Kenya, 9-year-old Ejjem mourns his favorite sheep, Merireng, now rotting in the noonday sun. "He was beautiful," he says. "When I found Merireng dead, I started crying. Of all the animals, he was the one I loved the most." Merireng was more than a friend. He was one of

100 sheep and goats that nourished the family and served as income for trade. The drought killed them all. "When the goats die, we go hungry," says Ejjem. "When they die, we have nothing."

In Somalia, Suray misses her children. She took all seven of them on a two-week trek to Baidoa in a desperate search for food, but one by one they weakened and died, the last one a baby she was breastfeeding. Kind villagers helped her dig a shallow grave in the hard ground. "I was not in my senses anymore," she says. "I was lost in my grief. I don't even know how I got here."

Thousands of other families across East Africa are at risk of living similar stories. An estimated 25 million people in East Africa need humanitarian assistance. They teeter on the brink of disaster in what U.N. officials warn could become the worst humanitarian crisis since World War II. Without immediate intervention, they risk death by starvation.

## The Crisis and Its Causes

**"THIS DISASTER IS massive,"** says Chris Hoffman, who directs World Vision's humanitarian and emergency affairs in East Africa from Nairobi. "The size and the scope of what we are dealing with now is exponentially more" than the 2011 famine in the Horn of Africa, he says. "This is the worst hunger crisis in a generation. Starvation is lurking on the doorsteps of hundreds of thousands of children."

This crisis has no single cause, but



*Previous page:* Severe malnutrition in Turkana: A child measures in the red.

### DESPERATE MEASURES

*Top left:* Nalet on the hunt for hyenas. *Above:* "We are dying, we are dying," sing the women of Turkana, with animal carcasses in hand. *Right:* Ejjem, heartbroken, with his favorite sheep, Merireng.



climate is a big contributor. Ethiopia, where 1 million people died in the 1984 famine, is the country hit hardest by El Niño-caused weather disruption. When rains failed last year, Ethiopia plunged into hunger. Now, armyworms—fat grass-eating caterpillars that travel in packs—ravage crops in the south.

In Somalia and Kenya, poor rains have left families without food, water, or animals, resulting in intense fighting as people scramble for remaining resources.

Conflict is the other major contributor to the hunger crisis. South Sudan and Somalia rank first and second on the Fragile States Index, which tracks countries with weakened governments. Countries at war often top the list. Fragile states are less resistant to shocks like conflict.

South Sudan has not suffered drought, but ongoing civil war has displaced 3.6 million of the country's 12 million people. "Conflict is driving these people out of their homes, not allowing them to plant the food they need," says Chris. Today, 7.5 million people in South Sudan are in need of humanitarian assistance.

Only one thing about this crisis comes as a surprise—its sheer magnitude. World Vision and other nongovernmental organizations rely on tools such as the Famine Early Warning System (FEWS) developed by USAID after the 1984 Ethiopia famine, to predict and respond to hunger crises. FEWS monitors changes in climate and uses satellite imagery to monitor crop production.

"We all use [FEWS]," says Chris. "We live by it. But FEWS doesn't take into account either access or conflict." Violence keeps people on the run, unable to grow and harvest crops. And it can limit the ability of humanitarian groups like World Vision to reach people who need relief supplies.

"Right now we have 850,000 malnourished children in East Africa," he says. "Without immediate action, between 30 and 50 percent of these children will die." During the 2011 hunger crisis in Somalia, most of the deaths happened between May and July.

"We haven't yet seen the ugly head of the animal in the cave," says Chris. "If we

**"Right now we have 850,000 malnourished children in East Africa. Without immediate action, between 30 and 50 percent of these children will die."** —CHRIS HOFFMAN



#### **RUNNING HUNGRY: SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES IN UGANDA**

A brutal civil war that began in December 2013 has driven 1.7 million South Sudanese to flee their country. Across the border in Uganda, there will soon be 900,000 of them. Eighty-six percent of the refugees are women and children, many of them desperately hungry, malnourished, and anemic.

The famine and hunger crisis in South Sudan is not about drought, says World Vision's Chris Hoffman. It's conflict. And because of the conflict, World Vision and other aid groups cannot reach people in some of the worst-affected parts of South Sudan.

World Vision hands out high-energy biscuits and bottled water—enough to tide refugees over for a day—at a Uganda reception center. When they move on to a refugee camp, World Vision is there to serve a hot meal and to provide food aid furnished by the World Food Program.

Other World Vision services for South Sudanese refugees: Child-Friendly Spaces, education, water and sanitation, and household goods.

don't throw a missile into that cave, he is going to come out and wreak his wrath in the next three months."

#### **Spotlight: Turkana**

THE "UGLY ANIMAL" is already wreaking its wrath in Turkana, an area in northwest Kenya. Here, drought has decimated flocks, created conflict, displaced families, and left children and their parents weak and despondent. People are taking desperate action—raiding livestock or risking a dangerous journey to find food and water.

"People are living in fear," says Michael Losiru, the assistant chief of Nanaam, a community near the border with South Sudan. He is exhausted after failing to foil a livestock raid in which five people were killed and 275 animals taken.

Nanaam means "water," but there is little to be found. "The land would be beautiful," Michael says, if not for the drought. "There would be grass, animals, but now ..." He trails off, massaging his forehead.




Families are on the move. Lopenyon Marwa and her grandchildren have been on the road for four long days, migrating 50 miles to Nanaam, hoping to find food for themselves and their last two donkeys. Lopenyon had skinned a donkey that had recently died. She carried the skin rolled up on her head, using it to shelter the children from the hot sun and to sleep on at night. "This is the most terrible drought," she says. "All my children are scattered."

Villagers renamed Nanaam, calling it Ngiksasingyen—"dry sand"—after a series of droughts. "There was a river here that used to flow with water," says Nalet Ekapuon, 53, a father of six. Nalet

# EAST AFRICA'S AGONY

BY KATHRYN REID

## South Sudan




-  **7.5 million** need humanitarian assistance
-  **3.6 million** displaced (1.7 million left the country as refugees)
-  **840,000** children under 5 acutely malnourished, **270,000** severely malnourished

**CONDITIONS:** Conflict, food insecurity, lack of humanitarian access, inflated food prices, disease

**WORLD VISION INTERVENTIONS:** Food security and livelihoods, water and sanitation, health and nutrition, education and protection

**469,400** have received aid from World Vision

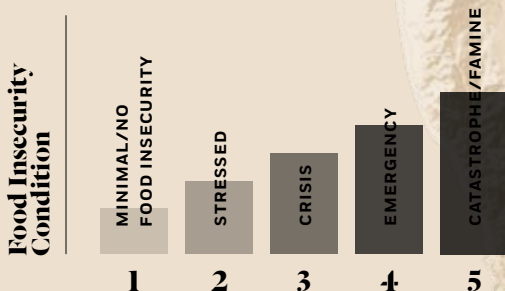
## Kenya

-  **2.7 million** need humanitarian assistance, including 700,000 children under 5
-  **500,000** refugees have left the country
-  **500,000** children under 5 acutely malnourished



**CONDITIONS:** Drought, food insecurity, malnutrition, disease, displacement, armyworm infestations, conflict over resources

**WORLD VISION INTERVENTIONS:** Health and nutrition, water and sanitation, food security and livelihoods, education and child protection

**236,000** have received aid from World Vision



## Ethiopia




-  **7.7 million** need humanitarian assistance
-  **303,000** expected to be severely malnourished this year

**CONDITIONS:** Drought, food insecurity, disease, armyworm infestations

**WORLD VISION INTERVENTIONS:** Health and nutrition, water and sanitation, education and protection, food security and livelihoods

**707,350** have received aid from World Vision

## Somalia

-  **6.7 million** need humanitarian assistance
-  **1.1 million** displaced
-  **363,000** children under 5 acutely malnourished, **71,000** severely malnourished

**CONDITIONS:** Drought, conflict, food insecurity, malnutrition, disease (cholera, measles, diarrhea outbreaks), displacement

**WORLD VISION INTERVENTIONS:** Health and nutrition, food security and livelihoods, water and sanitation, education

**335,000** have received aid from World Vision

Sources: World Vision internal reporting, WFP, UNICEF, UNOCHA, UNHCR. Numbers current as of June 1, 2017.





and his friend Tukur Ekapuon, 47, are former pastoralists who now hunt for animals to eat. “It’s not good,” says Tukur, “but I have to get something to eat.”

The people of Turkana are pastoralists, or herdsman, who depend on seasonal rains that provide food for their animals. The animals, which serve as their food *and* their livelihoods, are nearly gone. Joseph Adome, who directs World Vision’s work in Turkana, says rainfall was measly last fall—just 100 milliliters, or 3.38 ounces. (Imagine a travel-size liquid container.) Grasslands have turned into graveyards as the carcasses of donkeys, cattle, sheep, and goats litter the landscape, their ribcages white mounds jutting from the brown dirt.

Tukur shoots hyenas and vultures that prey on the bodies of dead livestock. The women roast hyena on a spit and dry the stomachs so they’ll last. The people of Turkana have never eaten these foods before, and the children hate it. “Hyena is bitter,” says Naroo, 9. “When we eat it, it gives us diarrhea. But it’s the only food on the table.” Naroo’s mother can no longer breastfeed the baby. “She wants to be fed all the time,” she says. “When we see our children so hungry, we feel like committing suicide.”

Other mothers have expressed similar sentiments while watching their children waste away. The Global Acute Malnutrition rate, which indicates the severity of a hunger crisis, is 30 percent in Turkana. “In 100 children, 30 of them are wasted,” explains Lydia Ndungu, a nutritionist with World Vision. “When a child is wasted, they have lost muscle and fat mass.” Visible signs are a change in hair color and skin luster.

Upon returning home from a failed mission to find vultures or hyena, Nalet is bone-tired. “We have no water, food, or medicines,” he says. “If you don’t take care of these children, they will die.”

## World Vision’s Response

**WORLD VISION HAS** declared the East Africa hunger crisis as the most severe category of emergency, focusing relief operations in Kenya, Ethiopia, South



### DROUGHT AND DESPAIR

*Above:* Chief Michael Losiru at a loss for what to do. *Top left:* A grandmother and her grandchildren walk toward Nanaam, searching for food in the scorching heat. *Bottom left:* With nothing left, a mother and her children suck the marrow from donkey bones.



### ETHIOPIA: BRINGING WATER

For years, Ethiopian farmers and herders have faced recurring drought that has worn down their land, livestock, and ability to make a living. Spring and summer rainfall has declined steadily since the mid-1970s, and the El Niño effect in 2015 and 2016 made things worse.

This year, 9.1 million Ethiopians will need water and sanitation assistance. “Women and girls travel up to 20 km (12.7 miles) to fetch water or buy a jerry can of water,” says Aysha Haji Jundi, a 37-year-old mother in Goro district. “Children are forced to drop education due to lack of food and searching for water.”

Where World Vision has sponsorship programs, support for water, sanitation, and hygiene helps “weatherproof” the lives of children. We build and rehabilitate wells, extend pipelines, and teach hygiene practices. Bringing water and sanitation to schools and health centers puts education and life-saving medical care within reach of whole communities.

Sudan, and Somalia. So far, World Vision has reached 1 million people with humanitarian assistance and is working to help 2.7 million more.

Food distributions are critical to fighting hunger’s advancement. “We are the largest partner with the World Food Program globally,” says Chris. “No one reaches more people with food than we do. When people need food, World Vision is there.”

A second distinctive: water. “We reach one new person with water every 10 seconds,” says Chris. “People can live without food, but they can’t live without water. That’s the reality.”

World Vision moves fast. “We were the first organization on the ground in northern Uganda when [South Sudanese refugees] started to come over the border at [a rate of] 2,000 a day,” says Chris. “That was 800,000 refugees ago. We are still there, and we are still responsive.”

Immediate assistance also comes through life-saving work in nutrition and health. In Turkana, World Vision nutritionist June Cherutich, 25, spends three weeks of every month monitoring health facilities to ensure they are stocked with the tools needed to save lives, such as Ready-to-Use Therapeutic

“The baby is hungry and weak. My daughter left when the baby was 2 months old.”

—LOBWIN, 72  
with AKIRU, 9 MONTHS

“Hunger made me faint. I’ve gone 10 days without proper food.”

—LOPUSMOE, 30’S

“When we see our children so hungry, we feel like committing suicide.”

—EBEI, 37

“We are human beings. When we are happy, we forget to pray. But when we have trouble, we pray all the time.”

—AKAI, 43



“Vulture is bitter. It is stinky. When I see these animals laying all over, I remember what it was like to have milk and sugar.”

—LOPETO, 12

“Hyena is bitter. When we eat it, it gives us diarrhea. But it’s the only food on the table.”

—NAROO, 9

“I used to have this gun for security purposes. Now I use it to hunt. It’s not good. I shoot animals I see—hyenas, foxes, vultures.”

—TUKUR, 47

“My parents told me I had to leave school. They want me to stay in the village and get married.”

—IKAI, TEENAGER

“We have no water, food, or medicines. If you don’t take care of these children, they will die.”

—NALET, 53







#### IMMEDIATE RELIEF

*Left:* Nutritionist June Cherutich measures Nakwam, who is severely malnourished.

*Opposite:* Baby Akusi passes the appetite test and receives ready-to-use therapeutic food.

*Below:* When a child smiles, hope endures.

Food (RUTF) for young children suffering from acute malnutrition.

Baby Akusi received some of this emergency food. “When the drought started,” says her mother, “it started with a wind. I named her after the wind.” Akusi’s father was killed in a cattle raid, leaving her mother to raise five children on her own.

Nutritionists measure Akusi’s mid-upper arm circumference, weigh her, and measure her height to calculate her z-score. A healthy child should have a z-score of 0, but Akusi has a z-score of -3. Her mother is given packets of RUTF and instructed to return the next week for weighing and measuring.

June predicts that early intervention will save the baby’s life. “She would have died of dehydration or diarrhea,” she says. “Akusi would have just slept into death.” The next day, Akusi’s mother will also receive a 55-pound bag of corn-soy blend, fortified with vitamins A and D, to enable her to continue to breastfeed.

World Vision also conducts a cash transfer program. The most vulnerable people in communities like Ngikisasingyen receive 3,700 Kenyan shillings a month (about \$37) to buy what they need to survive. The amount goes far in Turkana’s economy.

## Planting Seeds of Hope

**CHILD SPONSORSHIP** IS a powerful



### SOMALIA: YOUNG LIVES MARRED BY HUNGER AND DISEASE

As cattle have died and crops have withered, parents have no other option but to take their children and flee to urban areas and camps for displaced people. More than 500,000 Somalis are displaced, many living in crowded and unsanitary conditions. Childhood malnutrition has reached staggering numbers: at least 363,000 Somali children under age 5 are acutely malnourished; 71,000 are severely malnourished.

But hunger is not the only killer stalking the children. Communicable diseases like measles take a toll on their weakened bodies. Since seasonal rains began, so have massive outbreaks of cholera and acute watery diarrhea, with double the cases of recent years.

Nunay Awiow sits by the bedside of her three children who are being treated for diarrhea in a hospital in Baidoa. “My children are getting the help and care they need. I am hopeful they will get well,” she says. Nunay grieves her 5-year-old daughter who died before they reached the hospital.

tool that outfits communities to battle hunger. “The kind of programming that we do through sponsorship prepares communities to respond to disaster,” says Gershon Mwakazi, sponsorship manager for World Vision Kenya.

South Sudan and Somalia don’t have sponsorship projects yet because of instability in those countries—but in Kenya, where World Vision has worked since 1974, 33,000 children have sponsors in the U.S. In Ethiopia, 48,300 children have American sponsors.

Child sponsorship funds become life-saving funds when a disaster strikes. “We can use 20 percent of our sponsorship funding to reprogram and address the drought,” says Gershon. “Where we have program areas affected by drought, we are trucking water to schools. We are also giving water purification tablets to people who are getting water from bad sources.”

Since World Vision spends more than a decade with families in sponsorship communities, it’s possible to go deeper—not just helping people through a crisis, but equipping them to resist the next one. Staff use an approach called “empowered worldview” to change mindsets, helping people understand their value as beings created in God’s image. This biblically based approach teaches communities that they have the





#### LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT

Above: Women divide vegetable oil and maize as part of their Food for Assets project. Below: Esther, 9, carries a bushel of fresh kale home to eat.



capacity to transform themselves—they don't have to be dependent on outsiders.

June Cherutich, the nutritionist, was trained in this approach. “My takeaway was how I would be able to build up communities and change their mindset,” says June. “It's not about what we are giving, but what they have. It's a total shift.”

One example is World Vision's Food for Assets program in Turkana. Staff taught more than 6,000 people in 42 communities to create *zai* pits—shallow holes in the ground that can capture rainfall when it comes. Farmers learned to plant maize seeds in these pits, rather than just scattering seeds.

As the community prepares the land for planting, they receive food from World Vision every month—maize, beans, and vegetable oil. Community members run the distributions. There is even a “help desk” to settle any squabbles and to make sure that everything runs smoothly.

The villagers own the project. “The

community used to call this ‘World Vision work,’” says field monitor Fred Mzee. “Now they are saying, ‘This is our work.’ They are creating their own assets.”

#### The Time Is Now

**THABANI MAPHOSA**, a World Vision expert on food security and livelihoods, recently told a U.S. congressional Foreign Affairs subcommittee, “We are seeing the window of opportunity to avert a larger catastrophe rapidly closing.”

Over the next months, World Vision and others are responding to avert the rising hunger crisis, raising funds for millions of East Africans caught on the battlefield of hunger. The window is closing. We must act now. **WV**

*Kathryn Reid of World Vision U.S. contributed to this story.*

**HELP STOP** the spread of hunger and meet urgent needs in East Africa. See the envelope between pages 18 and 19.

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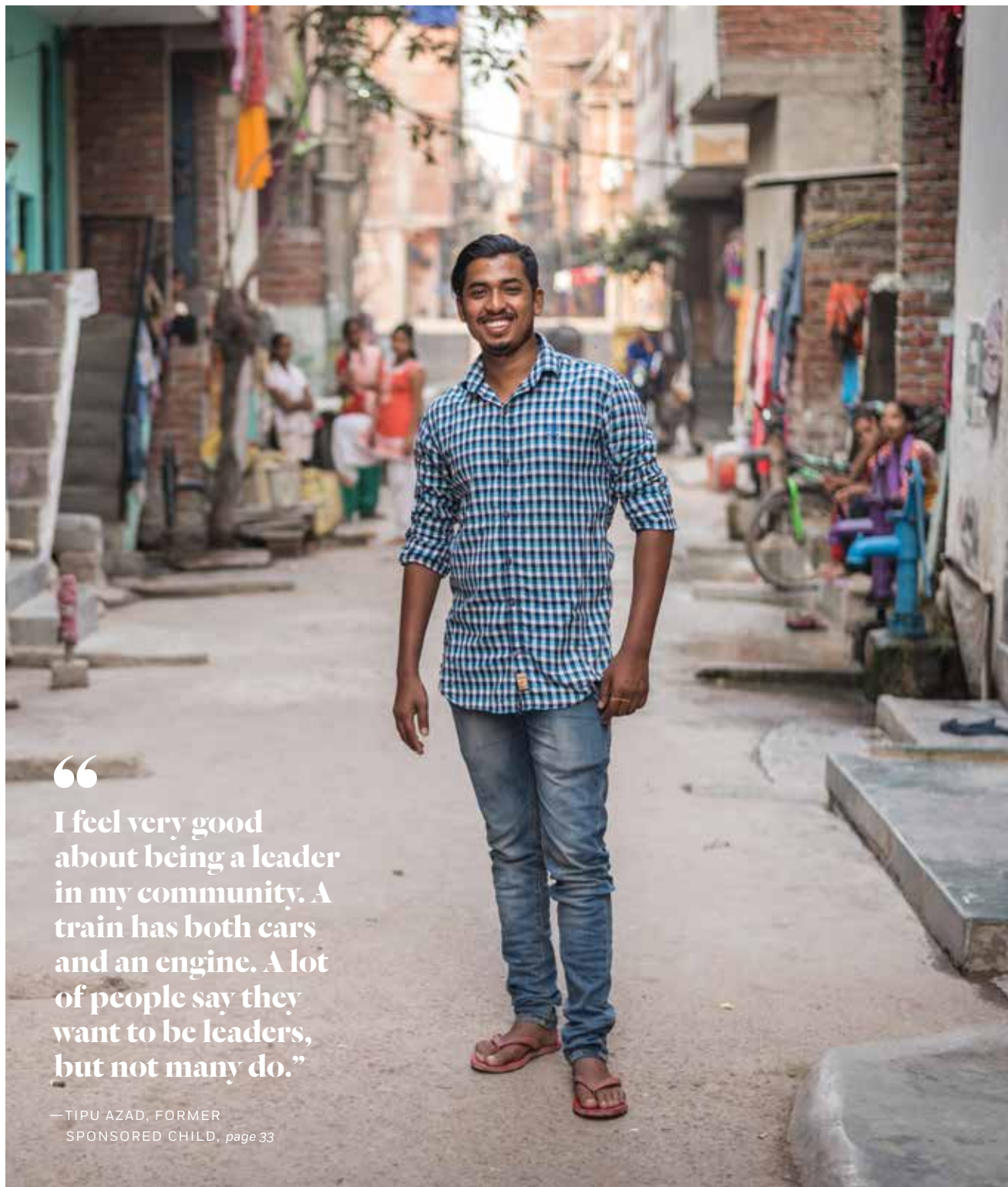
A Washington woman embraces Syrian refugees at home and across the globe.

# Inspire

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Ways to pray for the hungry in East Africa.



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—TIPU AZAD, FORMER SPONSORED CHILD, *page 33*

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Rabah Alhamdan and Cari Conklin share a laugh and a cup of tea at Rabah's home in the Seattle area.

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# From Syria to Seattle

A Washington woman helps refugees both at home and far away.

By Kari Costanza

**WHEN CARI CONKLIN WAS 10**, her father took her on a mission trip to Honduras. It was there that God instilled in Cari a deep love for people of “all colors, shapes, sizes, and cultures,” she says. “I knew that I wanted to someday be of service to God in loving people and in partnership.” But living in Seattle, now in her mid-40s, she wondered how. Recently divorced, her dreams of becoming a mother were fading as well.

In 2014, the software programmer joined a very special community: World Vision’s Child Ambassadors, a team of hundreds of volunteers across the country who promote child sponsorship. “They love God, and God put this on their hearts,” she says. (Learn more at [worldvision.org/childambassador](http://worldvision.org/childambassador).)

The next year, Cari joined other Child Ambassadors at a conference at World Vision U.S. headquarters. “Our table was asked to pray for Lebanon,” she says. “They had so many refugees from Syria. We were crying as we were praying. Children are dying.”

Cari became a World Vision Refugee Responder, giving money each month to help World Vision serve refugees from Syria, Iraq, and South Sudan.

In the fall of 2015, when the body of Alan Kurdi washed up on a beach in Turkey, Cari felt a conviction to do more. Through a friend who worked with World Relief, an organization that helps with refugee resettlement,

she was among a group who greeted the first Syrian family to arrive in Seattle that November—Bassam Alhamdan, his wife, Rabah, and their six children, who had escaped hell in Syria, suffered terribly as refugees in Jordan, and then were given the miraculous opportunity to come to the United States.

Already a sponsor of six children around the world, Cari now has a dozen children to love. “Cari loves refugees,” says Rabah. “She loves everyone. We love each other, and we share good moments.”

There have been so many good moments—sharing Thanksgiving, decorating Cari’s Christmas tree, and celebrating a Jan. 1 birthday party for all the Syrian families in Seattle, including the Alhamdams’ youngest child, Ahmad, who is 7. “Or 7-ish,” says Cari. Like Ahmad, many refugees take Jan. 1 for their birthday if their records have been lost in the war.

Last August, Cari moved to a different neighborhood in the Seattle area to be closer to the family. Her dream of loving service came full circle—from Honduras at age 10 to her home now. Without Cari, says Bassam, “Life would have been difficult. But there are good people everywhere. All the people we’ve met are good people.”

For Ahmad, the transition to a new location had been challenging. “At first he would scream a lot,” says Cari. “He was unhappy—partly because of the change. Partly because he was sick. He finally got some medical treatment here.”

She took care of Ali, 8, when he was ill. “Ali might be my favorite,” she says. “He’s shy. He got really sick when they started school. The school called me to come pick him up and take him home. I sat with him in the nurses’ station. After that, we were friends.”

There have been moments of pure crazy as well, such as the first day of school. “[Cari] came at 6 a.m. to make sure everything went great,” says Bassam. It was sheer pandemonium that morning. “It was like a fire drill,” says Cari.

And then there’s the really hard stuff. “Every week, a friend they knew dies,” says Cari. “An uncle. A cousin.” The family learns through Facebook or WhatsApp about the deaths. So

far, they have lost 20 family members to the war. “We ask God that peace will come back to Syria and that families will be safe,” says Rabah.

It’s Cari’s dream as well—a dream fueled by mission and motherhood. **WV**



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**READ MORE** about this Syrian family’s journey, beginning with their escape from Syria, at [wvmag.org/syriatoseattle](http://wvmag.org/syriatoseattle).

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—Prayer of St. Francis

**“WORRY IS BELIEF GONE WRONG. BECAUSE YOU DON’T BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL GET IT RIGHT. PEACE IS BELIEF THAT EXHALES. BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD’S PROVISION IS EVERYWHERE—LIKE AIR.”**

—Ann Voskamp, *The Greatest Gift*

# Becoming 'God-Sufficient'

Sponsorship is at the heart of a couple's desire to care for children well into the future.

By Heather Klinger



JACQUI OAKLEY

Tom and Jill Demske, World Vision partners since 2007.

**WHEN TOM AND** Jill Demske felt God asking them to act on their faith a decade ago, the Michigan couple visited World Vision's website and chose to sponsor Leonardo from Chile, whose birthday fell on their anniversary. After that first step of sponsoring Leonardo in 2007, the Demskes wanted to do more to help children living in poverty.

Little did they know that their journey to help more children would take them into neighbors' homes, to their church's small groups, and across the globe. Along the way, they have had their own transformation.

**“Most of the change that World Vision has done in us is in our hearts. It's how we see the world, how we see materialism, how we see the poor.”**

—TOM DEMSKE

“Most of the change that World Vision has done in us is in our hearts,” says Tom. “It's how we see the world, how we see materialism, how we see the poor.”

Tom and Jill, now 66 and 59, currently sponsor five children, although they say they wish they could sponsor a thousand. And though their hearts center around child sponsorship, says Tom, they've found a variety of ways to help more children: naming World Vision as one of the beneficiaries of their will (see opposite page), donating through the Gift Catalog, supporting Team World Vision, and becoming Child

Ambassadors to share the joy of sponsorship with their church and community.

“One of the most impacting experiences I have had with World Vision was seeing other people experience the joy of giving and helping others,” says Tom. “Specifically in my role as a Child Ambassador, God has equipped me to help share his message of care and compassion for the poor. I receive a special joy in my heart when I see others experience the true joy of helping others.”

About the same time that Tom became a Child Ambassador in 2010, he also read *The Hole in Our Gospel* by World Vision U.S. President Rich Stearns. The premise—asking what God expects of us—struck a chord with Tom, so he used it in his men’s Bible study group at Northridge Church, where the couple were members.

Then, in his volunteer role as Child Ambassador, Tom connected Northridge with World Vision. Soon the whole church began discussing *The Hole in Our Gospel* in their small groups. Through Northridge, Tom’s dream of sponsoring a thousand children was realized: In one weekend, church attendees sponsored 2,600 children.

“Seeing what God can do in people through churches by being educated and informed about what the Bible says about giving and helping widows, orphans, and children was very powerful,” says Tom.

What continually draws the couple to World Vision is its community development model—that the work isn’t a handout, says Tom. It’s a hand up for people to become self-sufficient.


“World Vision has a deeper understanding of the complexity of poverty and addresses it better than any organization I’ve come across,” says Jill. That’s one reason she and Tom decided to leave a gift to the organization in their will.

The couple got a firsthand look at World Vision’s model on trips to communities where the organization is working. Tom went to the Dominican Republic, and both traveled to Zambia. They left each place with an even greater desire to help children living in poverty.

“Even though you are aware” of the poverty, says Jill, “once you see it, it really touches your heart in a way you don’t expect—the dirty water, watching them carry the water. Your heart just breaks over and over again.”

And when it came time to leave Zambia, Jill wanted to stay. She says that even though there was so much less materially, there was so much more spiritually.

“We’re self-sufficient,” says Jill. “They’re God-sufficient.”

Tom couldn’t agree more. “For both of us, these experiences have changed the way we view money and our wealth,” says Tom. “God is taking away our desires for more comforts and things that aren’t necessities and given us even a greater heart for the poor.” 

## Like Tom and Jill, do you wish you could help more children?

*May he give you the desire of your  
heart and make all your plans succeed.  
—Psalm 20:4*

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# How Can I Pray

about the hunger crisis  
in East Africa?

By Elizabeth Hendley and  
Heather Klinger

“

... God always  
keeps his  
word. He gives  
justice to the  
poor and food  
to the hungry.

—Psalm 146:6-7 (CEV)

## **Pray for affected families.**

Across East Africa, millions of parents are struggling to provide food for their children. Animals are dying, instability and lack of rain make growing crops difficult, and food prices continue to rise. Mothers and fathers are helpless as they watch their children grow weaker.

*Heavenly Father, encourage hungry families in their time of despair. Intervene in ways that only you can, easing their suffering and giving hope.*

## **Pray for malnourished children.**

As the hunger crisis has spread in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, and Somalia, tens of thousands of children face starvation and malnutrition. Hunger affects a child's intellectual development, physical growth, and ability to fight off illness—and the consequences last a lifetime.

*Great Healer, have mercy on these children. Protect their bodies, and put your healing hand on them. Provide for them a way to grow up strong and healthy despite their current hunger.*

## **Pray for the responders.**

World Vision staff and workers from other humanitarian organizations are on the front lines in serving children and families suffering from hunger. They see great need every day, and their emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being is often affected.

*Lord, protect and bless those whom you have called to serve in your name. Give them energy, perseverance, and strength to be your hands and feet to suffering people. **WV***

**FOR MORE** ways to pray against hunger, visit [wvmag.org/pray](http://wvmag.org/pray).



Tipu Azad, 22, leads a group of children in games at the park in his neighborhood.

EUGENE LEE/WORLD VISION

# Tipu the Trailblazer

A former sponsored child in India builds on his own empowerment to help others.

By Elizabeth Hendley

**A PAIR OF DUMBBELLS** hits the floor as Tipu Azad finishes a set of chest presses. The disciplined 22-year-old works out most mornings at the gym, moving from one machine to the next in a circuit-training plan.

It's a utilitarian space—more like a boxing gym than L.A. Fitness—that matches the feel of his no-frills neighborhood in southeast Delhi. Most families here live in poverty, but enough have crossed an economic threshold to where they, like Tipu, have some disposable income to pay for a gym membership.

After finishing his workout, Tipu, a former sponsored child, strolls through the maze of narrow concrete streets back to his home. With a haircut modeled after soccer star David Beckham and a cell phone in his pocket that captures frequent selfies, he waves hello to neighbors and friends he passes.

He shares a four-story home with five brothers, one sister, and their parents, who brought the family to Delhi in 1995 from Bhojpur, a small city in Bihar state about 620 miles away.

An unexpected byproduct of their move: access to World Vision's presence in Delhi, which has helped each family member flourish. Eldest brother Saddham was sponsored at age 5; now 23,

he's a graphic designer. Sixteen-year-old Amir still has a sponsor in the U.S.

World Vision's economic empowerment programs also helped transform the family's future. Because they had tailoring experience, Tipu's parents, Nasima and Mohammad, received sewing machines to start a business from their home. Their workshop is now a hub of activity with two sewing machines that barely rest. "The entire neighborhood are our customers," Nasima says with a laugh.

Tipu was sponsored at age 7. But as a younger teenager, he got involved with the wrong crowd—skipping school, loitering, and teasing girls. All that changed when he began spending more time with staff at World Vision's center in his neighborhood. "It was a mindset shift," he says. "It's about taking negative things and making them positive."

All seven siblings have embraced a variety of World Vision programs and workshops. Children's clubs help them develop leadership skills and a passion for helping others; self-defense training for Heena, the only daughter in the family, inspires confidence; drama performances teach creative expression. Even the library at the World Vision center shaped Tipu's future by stimulating his appetite for books. He became a regular visitor, checking out novels, biographies, fables, and language instruction books.

Because of his transformative experience as a sponsored child, Tipu started

**“It was a mindset shift. It's about taking negative things and making them positive.”**

—TIPU AZAD



EUGENE LEE/WORLD VISION

Once encouraged by World Vision staff, Tipu now helps children who aren't in school with tutoring so they can enroll.

volunteering for a local nonprofit organization in 2011. Soon, he was hired as a full-time staff member in their South Delhi office, teaching children about health, how to respect their parents, social and emotional learning, sports, and the importance of education.

"There are small kids—6 and 7 years old—smoking, drinking, stealing, not going to school," he says—ample opportunity for him to make a difference in their lives.

Every day, he facilitates two two-hour sessions for local children. Today, a dozen kids form a circle in the neighborhood park, and Tipu leads them in a song about good hygiene habits before playing a few games and working on soccer skills. The sessions are a hodgepodge of educational activities and games, and through it all Tipu builds trust and reinforces that he's available for the kids whenever they need him.

He's proud to be a leader in his community. "A train has both cars and an engine," he says. "A lot of people say they want to be leaders, but not many do."

Inspired by a World Vision staff member, several years ago Tipu switched the focus of his college studies from

communications to social work, receiving a bachelor's degree in 2016. He's now working toward a master's in social work.

Exhausted from the two kids' sessions and his own coursework, Tipu ends the day with his siblings. They crowd into their parents' workshop, joking and talking over one another. Bolstered by their affection and care for each other, the tight-knit family has shone their warmth outward into their community.

"We want two things for our kids," says their father, reading glasses perched on his nose. "Character—that they be soft-spoken, behave in the proper way, and have good manners. And studying—that they will do something and stand on their own two feet."

With World Vision's help and encouragement, Tipu has fulfilled his father's hopes—and he's helping other children reach their own potential. **WV**

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# Delight

FINDING MEANING IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS

The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him.  
—PSALM 37:23

## IN THE KITCHEN LIME SODA

By Kristy J. O'Hara

**On a sweltering** summer day, nothing is quite as refreshing as a cold citrus drink—and fresh lime soda is a favorite way to beat the heat in countries like India and Bangladesh. This easy recipe—it's just a few ingredients—is sure to be a crowd-pleaser with your family and at summer barbecues.

**DISH:** Lime soda

**PREP TIME:** 10 min.

**INGREDIENTS:** Sugar, water, club soda, fresh lime juice, and lime wedges (for garnish)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Make simple syrup by combining equal parts water and sugar in a pan over medium heat, stirring until all the sugar is dissolved. When the edges start to simmer—the liquid should be clear, not cloudy—remove from heat. Let cool and transfer to an airtight container. Fill a glass half full with club soda, then add simple syrup and lime juice to taste. (We recommend 2 Tbsp. simple syrup and 1.5 Tbsp. lime juice.) Add ice if desired, garnish with lime wedges, and enjoy!



HEATHER KLINGER/WORLD VISION

# Page Turner

The lazy days of summer are a great time to finish that book you've been meaning to read—you know, the one gathering dust on your nightstand. Looking for a new (or new to you) book that's going to expand your worldview? We've got you covered.

By Elizabeth Hendley

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**HERE ARE A  
FEW WE LIKE:**

*Shantaram*  
by Gregory David Roberts

*A Suitable Boy*  
by Vikram Seth

*Beneath the Lion's Gaze*  
by Maaza Mengiste

**BONUS**

**Would you rather skip a book and see the movie instead? We recommend:**

*The Good Lie* (PG-13)  
After escaping the Sudanese civil war on foot and living for more than a dozen years at a refugee camp, a group of siblings comes to the U.S. as refugees. An employment counselor helps them adjust to their new lives, becoming a close friend.

*Queen of Katwe* (PG)  
Ten-year-old Phiona lives in a slum in Uganda. When she learns to play chess and begins winning tournaments, her world expands beyond her family's poverty to the opportunities now available to her.

*Lion* (PG-13)  
As a 5-year-old, Saroo is separated from his brother at a train station. He ends up in Kolkata, dodging danger at every turn. Eventually, he's adopted by an Australian family—but years later he finds his way back home. **WV**



# Bangladesh

**ON A RECENT** trip to Bangladesh, my assignment was to cover World Vision's child protection programs. The program was still quite new, so I didn't have the advantage of dozens of success stories.

To show the need to protect vulnerable children, I started by photographing a girl who was in tears as she shared her sorrows. Then, I photographed a few boys working in welding shops with no protective eye gear and only sandals on their feet as sparks flew. These definitely demonstrated heartbreaking need.

I wondered what these kids would be doing if they

weren't working. They could be in school or possibly playing, so I tried those pictures, too. One girl told me of her hope of becoming a nurse, and I took a shot of her bandaging the finger of a child in her slum community. I felt like I was moving in the right direction.

Then I asked Purnima, 11 (above), to show me what she thought a strong girl looked like. I wanted to show an empowered child, because that's the ultimate goal of World Vision's child protection programs—to create confidence and move them toward a more hope-filled future. This was her response, and I loved it! **WV**

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