



# 2013 Hunger Update

*Ending hunger one step at a time . . .*

An outreach of CWS



Photo: Carol Cowrie

In front of Central Presbyterian Church's charred ruins, CROP Hunger Walkers began their Walk from the church lawn.

## CROP Hunger Walk testimony: "Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed"

When a lightning strike and resulting fire destroyed the Central Presbyterian Church building, members of this small Mayfield, N.Y., congregation were not deterred.

Despite the tragedy, their plans to hold a CROP Hunger Walk just three days later went ahead as scheduled. And when the Rev. John McCullough, the CWS President and CEO, heard the story, he knew he personally had to attend their Walk and show his solidarity with the congregation.

"Even in the face of deep personal suffering and loss, people understand the imperative to feed the hungry and care for the poor," he said at the event. The Mayfield church's pastor, the Rev. Bonnie Orth, also encouraged the Walkers by reminding them, "Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed."

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds raised from the Mayfield CROP Hunger Walk went toward the church's food pantry, which serves this upstate New York community.

## Hunger facts

*Together, we can help change these statistics!*

### In America

- 50.2 million Americans live in food-insecure households, meaning they aren't always sure where the next meal will come from.
- 17.2 million children in our country don't get enough healthy food to eat.
- Households with children experience almost double the food insecurity rate of childless households.
- 1 in 8 Americans currently participate in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

### In Our World

- 925 million people do not have enough to eat — that's nearly three times the population of the U.S.
- 98 percent of the world's hungry live in developing countries.
- Malnutrition leads to nearly one-third of all childhood deaths before age five.
- More than 60 percent of the world's hungry are women.

*Sources: United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization; U.S. Department of Agriculture; United Nations Economic and Social Council.*



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# GLOBAL: CWS provides food solutions

*Friends like you help share food for all . . .*

## Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay

Supporters of CWS are helping to change lives in our Gran Chaco initiative, which reaches people in Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay. The indigenous men and women who live in this region have been displaced and live in social exclusion and extreme poverty. But through this CWS project, the people are quickly learning new techniques for sustainable food solutions — including establishing and maintaining kitchen gardens, managing livestock and producing honey.

## Vietnam

In Vietnam, the CWS-sponsored Integrated Development Project in the Lai Chau Province is helping to improve child nutrition. The support of friends like you means kindergarten students can have soup at their school break each day. And thanks to this healthy meal, teachers and headmasters have reported the enrollment rate has improved and student attendance is more stable than in the past.



Kindergarten students in Vietnam enjoy a meal of nutritious soup during their school break.

Photo: Tim Staal



Three to four boxes of food are usually gathered to help meet local hunger needs at the annual Holland/Zeeland CROP Hunger Walk.

## CROP Hunger Walk testimony: 1,000 Walkers help their community

The Holland/Zeeland CROP Hunger Walk in Holland, Michigan, instills a sense of community each year, as participants are encouraged to bring along food items with them to the Walk. During the last Walk, workers from a local shelter loaded the boxes of food in their truck and divided the donations according to each local food pantry's need. Organizers also ask Walkers to write their names on a large banner that is displayed by the sign-in, and they hand out seed packets to each participant as a reminder of the community's combined efforts in the fight against hunger — locally and globally.

Photo: CWS/Vietnam

### **Thank you!**

***We have the means to help end world hunger today — one step at a time! Your participation in our CROP Hunger Walk and your ongoing partnership with CWS makes all the difference. Thank you!***



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