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**I rescued the poor man who cried out for help, and
the fatherless child who had no one to support him.
Job 29:12**



WE ARE CALLED TO MINISTER TO THE HUNGRY

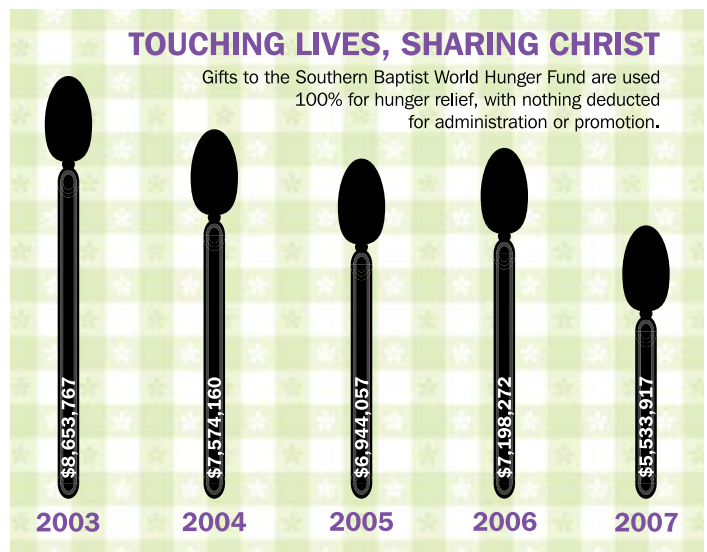
Hunger can be felt anywhere—an apartment in Eastern Europe, a cardboard shack in Central America, a tent in the Sahara, or a farmhouse in rural America.

If possible, Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers are there as well, offering nourishment for the body and soul. And each of us can have a part in those ministries through gifts to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund.

In one Balkan country, where minority groups live far below the poverty line, the World Hunger Fund provided food for seventy families for four months of a hard winter. Abraham Shepherd, who directs SBC relief work there, says these communities have become a breeding ground for organized crime, human trafficking, and repressive religious and political ideologies. “We can make a real difference in people’s lives,” he said, and “for what many families in North America spend on one outing at a restaurant, we can feed one family for an entire month.”

Across the globe, Jon and Mindy Jamison tap into the World Hunger Fund as they direct the ministries of the Friendship Baptist Center in inner-city Des Moines, Iowa, where 30-35 percent of the households live in poverty. “Many people struggle with having something to eat,” Mindy says. “For kids in the area, there’s no one at home to take care of them. They go hungry and without basic needs, much less encouragement and nourishment. We’re so thankful that . . . we

can focus on the ministry without worrying about where funds will come from . . . or how to find money to feed hungry people.”





Hunger claims thousands of lives each day. What should we do? We should give our money and ourselves to the hungry in Jesus' name. Pray, asking God for wisdom in spending your time and energy. If He tells you to pray, then pray. If He tells you to give, then give. If He tells you to serve, then serve—in Jesus' name.



Richard L. Lewis

Around the world

- The World Bank has estimated that there are an estimated 982 million poor people in developing countries who live on \$1 a day or less.
- The most recent estimate (2006) of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization says that 854 million people worldwide are undernourished. This is 12.6% of the estimated world population of 6.6 billion.
- Under-nutrition among pregnant women in developing countries leads to 1 out of 6 infants born with low birth weight. This is not only a risk factor for neonatal deaths, but also causes learning disabilities, mental retardation, poor health, blindness and premature death.

HungerNotes

In the United States

- According to the most recent survey on hunger and homelessness conducted by the United States Conference of Mayors, 40% of adults requesting emergency food assistance were employed. In 2006, 16.8 million people lived in working-poor families.
- One out of six children lives in a food insecure household, which means they do not always know where they will find their next meal.
- 9.4 percent (3.4 million) of the elderly live below the poverty line.
- Counties with disproportionately high rates of persistent poverty are often rural.

Feeding America

Why should we give to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund?

The Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund uses 100% of all contributions to feed hungry people around the world. Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers engage in hunger ministry not only to feed the body, but also to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. And when possible, ministries are designed to build long-term relationships and independence from food aid.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1. PRAY**, asking God for the wisdom to see others as He sees them and for boldness to reach beyond your comfort zone to someone in need.
- 2. LEARN** about how hunger affects those in the United States and around the world.
- 3. GET INVOLVED** in meeting the needs of the hungry.
- 4. GIVE** through your church, designating your offering for the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund, or through your state Baptist convention. (States vary in how hunger fund gifts are distributed. For more information, contact your state Baptist convention.)



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