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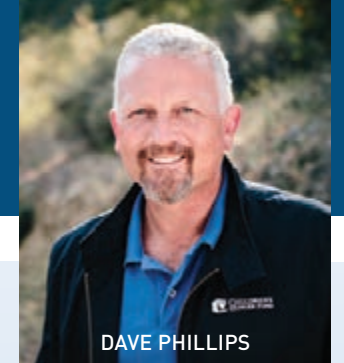
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Dinah receives hope from her local church in Uganda through a CHF Mercy Network.

NOTE: All names are often changed to protect their privacy.

From the President



DAVE PHILLIPS

Dear Friends,

The gospel of Christ is both beautiful and boundless.

In this issue of Frontlines you will get a glimpse of the ministry happening in Peru through Children's Hunger Fund partners.

What we have found is that many of the pastors who make up our Mercy Network there were saved out of lives of drunkenness, gambling, and abuse. These men often were thought of as the lowest of the low in their community, but God opened their eyes to sin and saved them.

The gospel isn't limited by our sins or our past. We praise the Lord because his grace can reach every sinner, no matter how far gone they seem. His love reaches to the deepest depths and grabs hold of hearts.

These men still must deal with the consequences of their past sins, and when they begin ministering to the communities in which they once were drunks and abusers, they are often met with scorn.

Yet, once again, God proves his faithfulness. As the men seek to shepherd their communities with resources like those from Children's Hunger Fund, they gain the trust of those around them, and their lives reflect the grace of God.

The photos and stories here are evidence of God's ability to turn lives around. They are vibrant, living examples of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Dave Phillips

Our mission is to deliver hope to suffering children by equipping local churches for gospel-centered mercy ministry.

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Mexico Earthquake Relief



On September 19, 2017, a 7.1 magnitude earthquake rocked Mexico City, leaving much of the city in a state of rubble, and ending over 200 lives. Though the disaster seems to be in the distant past, recovery efforts are still underway, and Children's Hunger Fund is standing by our partners in Mexico City to serve the affected communities.

Recently, we were able to wire funds to our partners there, and the funds were used to purchase 2,020 bags of food. The bags were distributed by a group of 17 churches.

This tragedy has presented a clear opportunity for the gospel to be shared, and many conversations that otherwise would not have materialized have taken place between pastors and hurting members of the community. ♥

Contents of Food Bags

Cooking oil	Salt	Tomato paste
Rice	Tuna	Cereal
Beans	Pasta	Coffee
Sugar	Soup	Toilet paper



OPPOSITE PAGE: Mexico City's community received food bags from the local church with the help of Children's Hunger Fund. ABOVE: In time of need, local pastors delivered hope through the gospel.

Hope in Peru

In Southern Peru, Children's Hunger Fund works with churches and ministries to reach out with food and hope to those who may have never heard the name of Jesus.

Life in the mountains of Abancay isn't easy. For those living in these remote southern hills of Peru, life hangs on the strength of a harvest. Winters are brutal, and temperatures are extreme enough to kill cattle. Many of the people living in these remote communities have never heard the name of Jesus Christ and those who share the gospel often find doors shut in their faces.

That was until they had Food Paks. For three years, Children's Hunger Fund has worked with ministry partners in Peru to share school supplies, blankets, and food as a means of providing hope. These resources have created opportunities to start relationships, and to share the Word of God. Children's Hunger Fund will continue to partner with those who are serving in these remote villages for the glory of God's gospel.



TOP: The remote mountains and harsh terrain of Abancay, Peru provide limited resources for life.
OPPOSITE PAGE: Those in CHF's Peru Mercy Network pray together for provision.





“...these pastors are people from the communities. The Lord saves them and puts this big burden in their hearts to shepherd others to know Jesus Christ. It’s a very difficult ministry...by us coming alongside and having them visit the homes, and providing resources for the families and lending an ear to their problems...the Lord is beginning to transform.”

— MARIO AGUILAR, SENIOR DIRECTOR, MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT



THIS PAGE - TOP: The church in Abancay, Peru provides hope and meals to families in the community.
THIS PAGE - BOTTOM: Children in Abancay wait in line at a local feeding center to receive food from Children’s Hunger Fund.
OPPOSITE PAGE: The people of Abancay pray and worship in their local church.



“The families were sharing testimonies of how the church has come around them in the midst of calamity, praying with the kids, serving the elderly. Those are the two most vulnerable groups in these communities.”

— MARIO AGUILAR, SENIOR DIRECTOR, MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

PHOTO: Local children in Peru, who receive food from one of CHF's partner churches.

“ We got to a little church in the middle of nowhere... there's nothing there, but you find the body of Christ in that place, worshipping the Lord...getting together singing praises to God in their own language. It was phenomenal!”

— MARIO AGUILAR, SENIOR DIRECTOR, MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT



PHOTO: Pastor Martin praying for the children of his community in Patacancha, Peru.

Prayers Needed

Want to join Children's Hunger Fund in prayer for our ministry partners around the world? These are a few of the ongoing prayer needs.

- The brother of CHF's Mercy Network Coordinator in Zimbabwe was in a car accident, which caused him to lose one of his legs. Please pray for his family, and that God would provide a prosthetic leg and finances for the future.
- Pray for continued growth of new church plants around the world.
- Pray for international ministry leaders who live under governments that are hostile to Christianity and the gospel.
- Pastor Deben, one of CHF's longtime partners in Nepal, is being forced out of the home where he houses his family, along with 18 Nepalese orphans. Land is extremely expensive and difficult to come by in Kathmandu. Pray that God provides the right space for his ministry needs.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Willow Creek Community Church is located in northwestern Chicago, in the same county as the largest single-site jail in the United States. In December, we partnered with Willow Creek for a special Christmas project. Volunteers in the church's prison ministry felt called to gift every prisoner in the state of Illinois with a care package for Christmas. Thanks to a generous partner, CHF was able to supply a candy bar for each of the packages. Recipients shared that these gifts are one of the only reminders that someone loves and cares about them. We are incredibly thankful for this unique opportunity to partner with Willow Creek in equipping the local church to share God's love with prisoners.

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