

# INTERNATIONAL PROJECT PROPOSAL

PROJECT 9001



*Cross International*

*Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope in the Name of Jesus*

# Feeding the Hungry

— Worldwide —



The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9



## We are a ministry

that serves the poorest of the poor internationally by channeling aid through existing churches or church-based ministries, cost-effectively helping the poor while advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rather than create new institutions to distribute aid, we support existing ministries and churches already serving the poor. In addition to being the most cost-effective way of helping the poor, empowering these ministries allows us to support the Church's spiritual mission and its important position of leadership in poor communities.

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.

We invite you to join with us as we seek to transform the lives of the poor materially and spiritually — ways that please the Father and glorify Him in Heaven and on earth.





## Project Synopsis

### Description

This project will feed hungry children and families in developing nations around the world in Jesus' name.

### Purpose

The purpose of the General Feeding Fund is to combat malnutrition and create hope for a better future while calling the poor to faith in the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.

### Location

Worldwide.

### Highlights

- Cross International supports the nutritional programs of Christian schools, orphanages, rescue centers and other ministries in developing nations.
- Food distributions are combined with evangelism to nourish the poor, both physically and spiritually.
- Nutrient-rich foods that meet the needs of growing children are emphasized.
- The meals are either purchased locally by a trusted ministry partner — thus benefiting the local economy. Or, in other cases, they are purchased in bulk at bargain rates and shipped to our partners, thus stretching every donated dollar as far as possible.
- A gift to Cross International to feed the poor also helps prepare for effective relief services in the event of a drought or other natural disaster.





## The Need

### *Hungry People Crying Out for Help*

#### **In Peru: Maria**

Just a short drive from Arequipa, Peru, is a rural community mired in poverty. There, children breathe dust, eat scraps and play on the rocky desert terrain of a mountaintop settlement notorious for criminal activity.

Many of the children in this slum community dread the holidays because they can't go to school on these days. The children's aversion to getting time off from their studies sounds strange until you realize what awaits them at home. Take Maria, for example. The third-grade girl's personal life is a nightmare of neglect and brutal poverty. After school, she goes home to a dirt-floor shack where she must look after her baby brother while her alcoholic mother goes out on drinking binges, wasting what little money they are able to scrape together.

At home, Maria is in misery. But at school, she is full of cheer and enthusiasm. The meals she eats at school are the only meals she receives, and her time within the school's walls is the only time she can enjoy the carefree pleasures of childhood. She is an amazingly disciplined girl who has a strong sense of responsibility for her brother and gets herself to school each morning without anyone to help her. If any child has the capacity to rise above his or her circumstances, Maria is that child.



#### **In Guatemala: Baby Rosa**

Rosa was born with a cleft lip, a physical defect that's easily treatable in the U.S., but in her remote village in Zacapa, Guatemala, the condition is not only debilitating — it becomes life-threatening. The deformity prevented Rosa from suckling, and she was suffering as a result. Her mother, Teresa, could only feed her by dripping milk into her mouth, and as a result, the infant wasn't getting the nutrients crucial to her development. By the time she was discovered by Christian missionaries, Rosa had reached stage-three malnutrition.

Before taking the baby into the ambulance, the rescue workers prayed with Teresa and thanked Jesus for the opportunity to be His hands and feet to this poor farming family. Then both mother and baby were transported to the hospital, so Rosa could finally get the surgery she needed and be restored to complete health.



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### In Haiti: Lundi

Lundi is a bright-eyed student at a primary school in Port-au-Prince. The 11-year-old's family is from rural Haiti, and due to tragic circumstances, her mother passed away when Lundi was very young. This has left her father to raise five children on his own. Her dad doesn't have enough money to care for her. Without the school meal she receives every day, she wouldn't be able to survive. Thankfully, Lundi has soaked up knowledge and learned to dream big about her future. She's been given an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty that plagues so many Haitian families.

"I want to be a nurse so I can take care of sick people. It's a good thing," she says.

Her servant's heart comes from her relationship with Christ, something that she's gained through the godly influence of her teachers at school.

"I know Jesus," she says. "He's in my heart. He died for me. I want to serve Him."

### The Challenges Are Great, but God's Power Is Greater

It may be hard to imagine that pervasive hunger problems exist when we live in a country where food abounds and dieting programs have become a major industry. But the reality is this: we live in a world full of starving people.

Estimates from the United Nations World Food Programme put the number of people who are hungry at around 795 million. That means one in nine people in the world is currently suffering from chronic undernourishment. Not surprisingly, the majority of these people live in developing countries. Feeding them may seem like a daunting task; however, we know our Lord is "able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20)

As American Christians, we can help meet the need to feed the hungry, serving as the hands and feet of Christ to help our brothers and sisters in these impoverished communities. Cross International has developed numerous partnerships with local pastors and missionaries in developing countries who have feeding programs, but we need your financial support to undertake these outreaches!

### World Hunger

- Some **795 million people** in the world do not have enough food to live a healthy, active life. That's about one in nine people on earth.
- The vast majority of the world's hungry live in developing countries, where **12.9 percent of the population** is undernourished.
- Poor nutrition causes nearly **half of the deaths in children under five** — 3.1 million children each year.
- In developing countries, **one out of six children** — roughly 100 million — is underweight.
- **One in four** of the world's children suffers from stunted growth. In developing countries, the proportion can rise to **one in three**.

Source: World Food Programme



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### Project Description

Cross International is working with Christian ministries around the world to put bread on the tables of the hungry and serve up the Bread of Life for their souls.

Each year, Cross International distributes many thousands of meals through a network of schools, orphanages, rescue centers and other trusted ministries in developing countries such as Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Peru, Zambia and Uganda. These meals are crucial to the work of Christian pastors, missionaries and aid providers as they fight chronic hunger among the poor and implement programs to lift families out of poverty.



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### Partner Visit

Cross International regularly meets with partner ministries to learn about their needs, so we can develop a plan to help provide food where it's needed the most. We take an inclusive approach, working with community or tribal leaders, local health workers and educators.



*Vitafood is a generic name for all Cross International meal-packs scientifically designed to meet the needs of the malnourished.*

### Food Distribution

Your donation is so much more than a financial blessing. For a suffering community, it represents a tangible example of Christ's love, starting on the day help arrives to distribute desperately-needed food. In some cases, the food is locally purchased and has been tailored to the specific needs of the hungry. In other instances, the food is prepackaged Vitafood, which has been designed to meet the dietary needs of a malnourished body. Many of the ministries to which we ship Vitafood use it for school feeding programs, to supply meals for orphans, schoolchildren and as a support in nutrition centers.



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### Help Now!



In the Gospels, Christ demonstrated His love for mankind by meeting both the material and spiritual needs of people. When Jesus fed the 5,000 in Matthew 14, the crowds arrived hungry but walked away both nourished and filled with hope — blessed by a meal and a message of love they were longing to hear.

When you give to Cross International's General Feeding Fund, you choose to follow our Savior's lead and demonstrate Christ-like compassion by providing nutritious food to the poorest of the poor — and you accomplish it in a way that does more than just fill empty stomachs. You also empower an important Christian ministry and support its preaching of our Lord's life-changing Gospel.

At Cross International, we believe that physical and spiritual nourishment are both essential gifts we should give to the poor. When we provide a bowl of healthy food in Christ's name, we seek to bless the person who receives that meal in multiple and meaningful ways. Through this outreach, food supplied to a poor family can become a conduit for our ministry partners to proclaim the name of Jesus.

Don't wait a day longer to answer the cry of the poor! By stepping forward with generous support, you will change lives!

**“I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry,  
and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.”**

**John 6:35**

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#### **Our Promise to You!**

Proceeds from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2018, the close of our ministry's new fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

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