HELP STOP STARVATION IN EAST AFRICA

East Africa is currently facing an extreme famine and starvation crisis that is affecting a large population of Foursquare members in the area. Foursquare Disaster Relief (FDR) has assembled this Action Kit to give your church the opportunity to partner with your Foursquare family in Kenya, Uganda and South Sudan, who are doing everything they can to feed people there. We hope that you will ignite your congregation to bring food and the gospel to a people with nowhere else to turn.

The refugee crisis in eastern Africa has quickly become one of the worst in the world. Drought, civil war and obstructions to humanitarian aid have led to severe famine for 20 million people. The sheer number has overwhelmed UN and local capacities, and these countries are rapidly running out of food. Whereas most children in the U.S. eat three times a day, children in these affected areas only eat once every three days! Our South Sudan missionary tells us the daily reality for most families is “eat or die.”

Foursquare has a unique relationship to this crisis, as it affects many of our people. In Bidi Bidi (one of the largest refugee camps in the world), a quarter of its 270,000 people are Foursquare members. Local Foursquare pastors are working hard to provide food and water for their people. Unfortunately, local resources are simply overwhelmed by the needs of a people desperate for food and hope.

FDR wants to partner with these pastors by tapping into our U.S. churches for support with what we’re calling Project Nourish. We hope you will use your unique ability as a pastor to activate your congregation and join with your African Foursquare family in ministering to this population. The Action Kit you just downloaded includes everything you need to get your families, youth and kids to help provide nutritious, locally sourced food to these camps. Please give this resource to your church’s children’s and youth leaders, encourage families to commit to donating $19 a month—including your own family—and pray for those on the knife’s edge of starvation. We’re appealing to your role as pastor in the belief that our local congregations still have the power to create real change in Jesus’ name.

The need in these nations is staggering, but we believe that, by working together as a global body of Christ, we can make a significant difference. Thank you for your partnership. We can’t wait to work with you in bringing hope to those in desperate need!

On Mission With You!

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