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in Central America

Desperate mothers pray for food for their little ones.

But in practice, how can North American Christians help meet the urgent need for food in Central America today?

One Christian ministry is providing a way to meet those needs and share God's love. Food For The Poor has been helping the poor in Central America and the Caribbean for years.

When disasters strike — such as the drought plaguing Central America — Food For The Poor is

able to respond quickly. The 20year-old ministry has developed a relationship with local clergy, missionaries and other church-based programs. With their help, Food For The Poor is able to assess the needs and get aid to where it's needed most in a quick and cost-effective manner.

Your support of Food For The Poor allows them to feed the hungry children.

To the desperate mother praying that her children won't

die of starvation, evidence of God's love and faithfulness comes in the form of bread. To the hungry who begin to question whether God really cares about their misery and suffering, a warm meal fuels faith.

Robin Mahfood, president of Food For The Poor, says, "Most people don't understand what it's like to be truly destitute. The

poor pray to God sincerely to give them food every day. Their faith is amazing. They believe our Lord will send help even when there's no evidence of it coming.

"I can't imagine how agonizing it must be to watch your children slowly starve," Mahfood continues. "When my grandchildren visit and ask for something to eat, all I need to do is open the refrigerator. I don't have to watch their cheeks grow hollow, their hair fall out or their ribs protrude from hunger."

Through your support of Food For The Poor, you can save a child's life and cement the faith of mothers like Aura and Ernesta who are praying their children won't die. Just \$70 will provide lifesaving food to keep children alive.

You have the power to end their suffering. You can stop the children's tears of hunger. The children are waiting for you.

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The anxious crowd presses against the sides of the white Toyota pick-up truck as Father Louis Velasquez finishes handing out rations of flour, cereal, milk and wheat. Gradually they turn away, their faces drawn with disappointment. Father Velasquez looks at the crowd and sighs. "The hunger has gotten worse.

Much worse," he says.

Food For The Poor works with clergy of various denominations to distribute food in the areas most affected by the drought in Central America.

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"Most of the help we get is from Food For The Poor, and we're able to help those poor communities and the people by the roadside," says Father Velasquez.



The children cry because of the hunger pains.



Help End The Suffering

To provide lifesaving food, please contact Food For The Poor, Dept. 30113, 550 SW 12th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 or call us at 954-427-2222, ext. 6703. Visit us at www.foodforthepoor.org/nicaragua.

