

// HOW YOU CAN RESPOND

// PRAY

- Pray that God will help you see others as He sees them.
- Pray for boldness to reach beyond your comfort zone to someone in need.

// ACT

- Lead your family and church to be involved in a local hunger ministry.
- Learn about the issue of hunger in the United States and around the world and about how the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund is used to meet needs. Visit the Web site of the North American Mission Board at namb.net/hunger and the Web site of Baptist Global Response at baptistglobalresponse.com.

// GIVE

- through your church, designating your offering for the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund.
- through your state Baptist convention. States vary in how hunger fund gifts are distributed. For more information, contact your state Baptist convention.

// BE TRANSFORMED

- God wants us to do more than merely say we are concerned about world hunger (Prov. 21:13; James 2:15-17).

// HOW CAN YOU KNOW JESUS CHRIST?


- Realize you are not in control of your future. Admit that you are a sinner (Isa. 64:6; Rom. 3:23).
- Understand that God loves us, even in our sinful state (Rom. 5:8). He desires we turn away from our sin (Mark 1:15).
- Believe that Jesus is Lord (Rom. 10:9-10, 13). Eternal life is a gift; we cannot earn it (Eph. 2:8-9). Know that once you trust in Jesus, nothing can break your relationship with Him (John 10:28-29).

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**“Rescue the
poor and needy.”**
Psalm 82:4

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Living Your Values Out Loud

HUNGER: IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD

Hungry people are our concern because they are made in the image of God. Because He cares about their welfare, we are to care about it as well.

The word *hunger* means different things to different people. For the world's privileged, it's the awareness that we should begin thinking about our next meal. But for over 800 million people, hunger is the grinding pain of an undernourished body or the listless limbs and blank expression of a child you are not able to feed.

Hunger is no respecter of geography or ethnic group. Whether in an apartment in Eastern Europe, a cardboard shack in Central America, a tent in the Sahara, or a farmhouse in rural America, hunger is there.

Do we give hunger the attention it deserves? We shake our heads in pity when we see news reports of people displaced

by natural disasters around the world. We scour our pantries when the church conducts a food drive for the needy closer to home, looking for canned goods we bought on a whim but know we'll never use.

And many of us are convinced our government could be doing a better job of alleviating hunger and poverty, given the amount of taxes being withheld from our paychecks.

Yet through gifts to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund (worldhungerfund.com), many Southern Baptists are providing missionaries and volunteers in North America and across the globe resources to feed those in need. When

possible, they teach people the skills to become self-sufficient.

One hundred percent of every donation to the World Hunger Fund flows directly to the mission field, where the love of Christ is shared as an intentional part of every ministry. When an individual sacrificially gives to the fund, God blesses that gift.

However, we can be assured that God expects Southern Baptists to do more. He expects us to demonstrate an urgency to pray, to give, and to minister on behalf of those who are hungry—both physically and spiritually.

When will you take hunger personally?



Baptist Global Response coordinates the SBC's global resources in response to natural disasters, catastrophes and chronic humanitarian needs outside the U.S. and Canada.

In 2010, BGR ministered to **1,530,574** people through **390** projects. **1,175,698** people received food, **166,136** people were provided water for drinking or sanitation, and **17,666** received livestock or agricultural assistance. **6,788** sets of cooking utensils were distributed after natural disasters.

135,223 people heard the Gospel. **12,143** of them made a profession of faith, and **907** Bible studies/story groups/churches were started.

For more information, visit baptistglobalresponse.org.

The **North American Mission Board's** Hunger Relief Ministry assists churches, associations, and state conventions to share the Gospel with people in need through the process of distributing food.

In 2010, Southern Baptist hunger ministries worked through **93,000** volunteers to serve over **5 million** meals to the hungry in the United States and Canada, at a cost of about **30 cents** per meal.

10,782 new hunger ministry volunteers were trained in evangelism, with **33,548** professions of faith and **4,201** baptisms reported.

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