

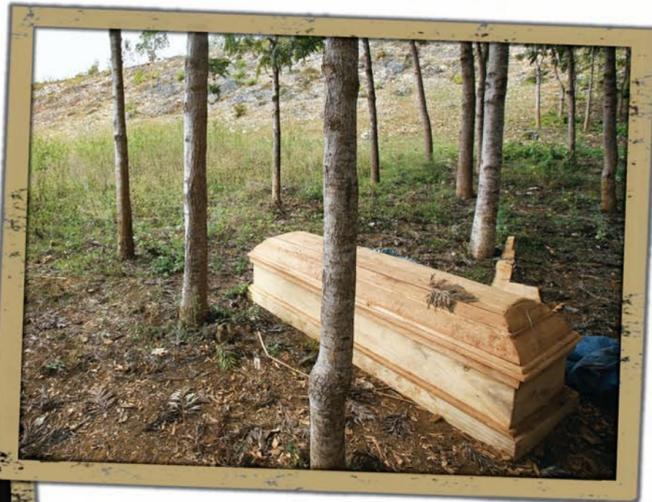
“I just watched them die.”



When asked who had lost a loved one to starvation, a chorus of women’s voices called out the names of the dead. Husbands, fathers, mothers, sisters... and children. In the remote mountains of Baie d’Orange, Haiti, most victims of starvation are children. These little ones slowly perish, their fragile immune systems too weak to fight for life.

The journey to Baie d’Orange is a journey toward heartache and famine. Located high in Haiti’s southern mountains, the area’s winding roads have dangerous, hairpin turns. Steep cliffs loom ominously to one side. In the distance is an eroded mountainside caused by the 2008 hurricanes — storms that cut off entire villages.

With palms outstretched in hopes of receiving food, children beg from the roadside. There is no food here; instead, there are coffins. More than 40 people have died from starvation. The day our Food For The Poor team arrived, another famine victim was buried in a nearby valley.



In a soft voice, her face etched in stoic numbness, Mary Geneus told our staff how her 2½-year-old twins starved to death. “At first they had diarrhea. Then they began vomiting. Then their bellies grew bigger,” she told us. “Their bodies got swollen, then they got weaker and weaker

every day — and then they died. I had nothing to feed them. There was nothing I could do. I just watched them die.”

Desperate villagers sell their children

The red clay soil yields little after the hurricanes washed away crops and killed livestock last year. Farmers

“Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your little ones who faint from hunger...”

(Lamentations 2:19b)

desperately try to till the rocky earth. The only signs of life in these fields are the hungry children who wait... and wait.

Villagers wander the roadside, looking for anything to eat. Desperate for food, two local families resorted to selling their children. They sold the two boys, ages 11 and 8, in the local marketplace. The families even received receipts of sale. “They sold them like goats,” a government representative in Baie d’Orange told us. “The ones who buy the children usually put them to work.”

In areas like Baie d’Orange, the need for assistance grows daily. There is no food — only

rib-thin children with bellies bloated from hunger. The tiniest victims are often the most heartbreaking.

Help feed hungry children today

Throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, Food For The Poor works with churches, the clergy, missionaries and others to help feed hungry children and their families. The need is overwhelming, but because we can obtain large quantities of food at a low cost, your gift will make a profound difference.

Since our founding in 1982, Food For The Poor has worked to end the suffering

of the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America. Not only do we provide food for the starving, but we also build small houses for the destitute, provide medicine and medical equipment for the sick and elderly, support orphanages and education for children and much, much more.

“Feed My sheep.”
(John 21:17b)

Your help is desperately needed to provide food for hungry children. Food is especially scarce in destitute countries like Haiti, where 28% of children under the age of 5 die from malnutrition. (Source: United Nations)

Your generosity will help answer the prayers of those

who are hungry. We are all Christ’s family. If one of your family members was suffering and in need of food, wouldn’t you help? Right now countless children are suffering from severe hunger in Haiti. Their parents have no food to give them.

Today, you can answer a mother’s heartfelt plea with your gift for food. Please see the enclosed brochure for more information on how you can help. Your compassion and generosity will be shining reflections of God’s love.

You have the power to bring relief to suffering children. Please, send a gift for food today.

SAVE A LIFE TODAY



Crop failures and food shortages have had devastating consequences for Haiti’s poor. The price of rice and beans has more than doubled in the past year, yet many poor Haitians are jobless or earn less than \$2 a day. The struggle for survival has left parents desperate for a means to save their children’s lives.

Your gift of \$45 will feed 15 hungry children for a month. Please, send a gift for food today.

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