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Hunger: Facts and Faces

Hunger Progress and Distress

- In September 2000, 189 countries, including the United States, endorsed the Millennium Development Goals to cut in half the percentage of people living in extreme poverty and substantially improve health and education in impoverished countries by 2015.
- In 19 developing countries, the number of hungry has dropped by 80 million over ten years.
- However, higher food prices are likely to push 100 million deeper into poverty.
- Over 923 million people around the world remain hungry – more than the population of the western hemisphere.
- Most of these people are not victims of famine, but suffer from chronic hunger and malnutrition that stunts growth and saps energy and potential.
- Every day, more than 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes – about one child every five seconds.
- 1.4 billion people live below the international poverty line, earning less than \$1.25 a day.

What is poverty? To come home and see your children go hungry and not have anything to give them.

Brazil

Children at Risk

- In developing countries nearly 16 million children die every year from preventable and treatable causes. Sixty percent of these deaths are from hunger and malnutrition.
- The World Health Organization estimates that there are 178 million children who are malnourished across the globe.
- A child born in a developing country is over 13 times more likely to die within the first five years of life than a child born in an industrialized country.
- Ninety percent of the world's undernourished children live in just 36 countries. Intensified nutrition action in these nations can still lead to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of halving severe hunger.

If we can conquer space, we can conquer childhood hunger.

Buzz Aldren

CWS – Walking With the World for Sixty Years!

- Founded in 1946, Church World Service stands with impoverished peoples around the world as they envision and fashion a better future.
- Last year CROP Hunger Walks and events raised over \$17 million to support the hunger-fighting work of Church World Service around the block and around the world.
- With those resources, wells, seeds, tools, and literacy training were provided to African farmers — who are mostly women.
- Emergency medical supplies for flood victims in the United States, health services and safe water for the displaced in Darfur, and vocational training for indigenous communities in Latin America – these are only a few of the ways you are making a difference through your CROP Hunger Walk. Thank you!

The CROP Hunger Walk is a wonderful gathering of people coming from different faiths to work for a common cause – fighting hunger.

Susan Davis, coordinator, Akron CROP Hunger Walk

E 4 All

We walk in a CROP Hunger Walk to help hungry people to have enough to live. Building a world of enough for all will take everybody working together – that means you! Something's missing from the words below. Can you figure out what it is? When you complete the puzzle, you will see some of the things you make possible in a CROP Hunger Walk!



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So, put your f_t in motion in the CROP Hung_r Walk! Help build a world of enough for all!

To learn more, go to www.buildavillage.org

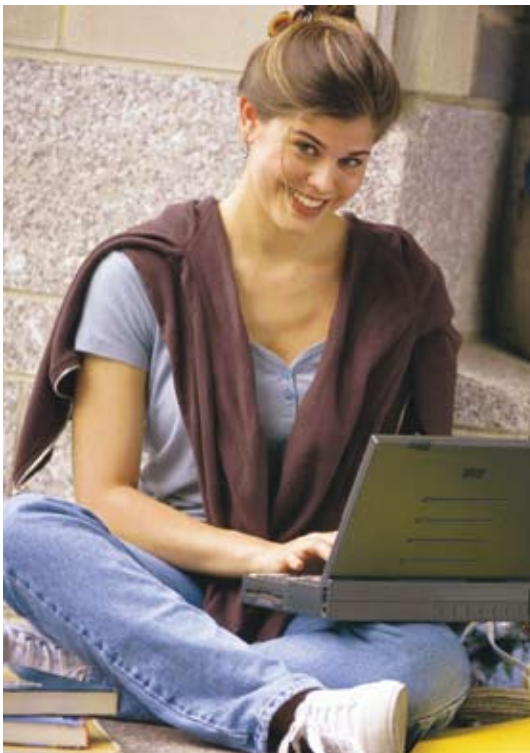


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www.cropwalkonline.org

Be sure to alert your Walkers to the possibility of seeking donations online. Many Walkers have been able to double the amount of money they raise by using this option! Here are a few tips:

- **Provide each Walker with a copy of the brochure “Walk on the Web.”** You might want to simply insert it into their Donation Envelope.
- To streamline the process, you may want to **set up an online Walk Team for your group in advance** of your recruiting and then encourage people to sign up for the team. It's easy. Go to the website above for instructions. If possible, have a laptop hooked up to the internet by your recruiting table so folks can sign up for the Walk and your team at the same time.
- **Alert your members that they can join in the CROP Hunger Walk online too, even if they can't walk** – by being “Spirit Walkers” who contact their friends and family via e-mail to support the event. Be sure to put the web link in your bulletins and newsletters: www.cropwalkonline.org s



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WALK WITH THE WORLD! **Recruiter Education/Worship Resources**

“We walk because they walk.” As a Recruiter, your job is to get people excited about the upcoming CROP Hunger Walk. This booklet will help you do that. CROP Hunger Walks are a way to have fun and raise funds to alleviate hunger at home and around the world. The “we” in the quote are your friends, neighbors, and other caring people in thousands of communities who walk each year in CROP Hunger Walks.

Who are the “they” in our CROP Walk motto? They are the 854 million people who go to bed hungry every night. They are people just like you, but because of poverty they must walk to accomplish the most basic tasks:

- They walk for food.
- They walk for water.
- They walk for firewood.
- They walk to escape violence.
- They walk to seek shelter.
- They walk to farm their fields.
- They walk to find employment.
- They walk to go to school.



A CROP Hunger Walk is fun, but it is also an opportunity to learn what millions of people have to do each day just to survive – they walk. When you walk in a CROP Walk, you walk with the world. Thank you!

Minute for Mission: What's Enough?

Do you have *enough*? What does enough mean for you? For your family? Our society tells us that enough is just a little bit more than what we presently have. Sometimes what's "enough" for us looks like great wealth to others around the world. As we prepare for our community's CROP Hunger Walk, consider how our efforts can assist those who struggle just to survive:



- For residents in parts of Totonicapan, Guatemala, *enough* means tomatoes and other vegetables to supplement their meager diet. With help from Church World Service, indigenous farm families in this mountainous region are learning to grow vegetables such as tomatoes, chili peppers, and cucumbers in greenhouses made from plastic sheeting stretched over wooden frames. As a result, childhood nutrition is improving and the communities are able to sell their excess produce in the market.
- For women and girls living in the Pokot region along the Kenya/Uganda border, *enough* means water that is safe and accessible. CWS supports an innovative program there to develop sustainable sources of fresh water. Accessible water means better health for all, and for the women and girls, it also means the chance to go to school or start a business instead of spending their day searching for water.
- For Zareena, a 40-year-old Pakistani woman, *enough* means being able to read. Through a CWS-supported project, some 750 low-income women, ages 14-45, are gaining basic skills to read and write, manage their cash, and improve their economic status. Zareena notes, "We are now a part of economic activity and are helping in decision-making at the household and community level."

By supporting our CROP Hunger Walk, you help build a world where there can be enough for all: Enough food, enough fresh water, enough opportunity to grow and prosper. Please join us!

The point of our Christian faith is not that we have less than we need, but that everyone has enough. Pastor, Philippines*

Children's Time: Enough Cookies

(You'll need cookies or some other baked goods that are easily divided. Arrange to have half the amount you would need so that each child could get one apiece.)

Good morning! I'm very excited. My friend gave me a bag of cookies. I love cookies. How about you? (Eat one of the cookies) Umm, boy that tasted great! Say, I have an idea, would you like to have a cookie too? Great! I'll count them out – one for each of you: 1, 2, 3... Oh no! I don't have enough cookies! What should I do? (Let them suggest answers) Divide them up? What a good idea. That way everyone will have some. (Divide them up and distribute) How's that?

This reminds me of our CROP Hunger Walk. The Walk is a time when our congregation gets together with others in the community to help hungry people around the world and here at home. We share what we have that others might have enough.

* From *Trek: venture into a world of enough*. Dave Schrock-Shenk. Mennonite Central Committee.



Dustin Schaefer

Worship Resources

The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.

II Cor. 8:15

These hands do a lot of work.

Look at my generous hands.

You can see the marks of my work.

See the strength... see the pain.

This is how I live.

This is what my hands give.

Show me your hands.

Your hands are generous too.

What is your work, your strength, your pain?

How do you live?

What do your hands give?

Haiti*

God, food of the poor;

Christ our bread,

Give us a taste of the tender bread

From your creation's table;

Bread newly taken

From your heart's oven,

Food that comforts and nourishes us.

A fraternal loaf that makes us human

Joined hand in hand,

Working and sharing.

A warm loaf that makes us a family;

Sacrament of your body,

Your wounded people.

From workers in a community soup kitchen
in the shantytowns of Lima, Peru*

Lord:

Help us to see in the groaning of creation

Not death throes but birth pangs;

Help us to see in suffering a promise for the future,

Because it is a cry against the inhumanity of the present.

Help us to glimpse in protest the dawn of justice,

In the Cross the pathway to resurrection,

And in suffering the seeds of joy.

Rubem Alves, Brazil*

There are two ways to get enough. One is to accumulate more and more. The other is to need less.

G.K. Chesterton

* From *Bread of Tomorrow*, edited by Janet Morley, Christian Aid/SPCK, Great Britain.



Walker Commissioning

Leader: When we walk, O God, we walk with the world's poor.

People: They walk for food. They walk for water.

Leader: We walk because we care and don't want people to starve.

People: They walk for firewood.

Leader: We walk because we have more than we need and often waste what we have.

People: They walk to escape violence.

Leader: We walk because they work everyday, but get less for their work than we do.

People: They walk to seek shelter.

Leader: We walk because it takes so little from us to help others.

People: They walk to farm their fields.

Leader: We walk because every five seconds a child dies from hunger.

People: They walk to find employment.

Leader: We walk because the money we spend on ice cream in the U.S. could educate all the world's kids.

People: They walk to go to school.

Leader: We walk because we can take long showers while other people don't have clean water to drink.

All: We walk because they walk!

Leader: Help us to walk with one another and in so doing, walk with you.

Written by the children of Cherokee Park United Church, St. Paul, MN, to commission Walkers for the St. Paul CROP Hunger Walk (adapted).

Skit: More than a walk in the park

(For two characters. Be sure to put instructions in your bulletin on how to sponsor Walkers online.)

A: Hi, I am sure into this CROP Hunger Walk thing. I've been training. And, I've got everything I need! My walking shoes, my Irish walking hat, and a pair of walking shorts, and of course, my walking stick! *(starts walking away)*

B: Fantastic! How many sponsors do you have?

A: *(turns around)* Sponsors?

B: Yes, sponsors. How many people have pledged to support you on the CROP Hunger Walk?

A: Well... um... I guess... ahh... actually, I haven't asked anybody.

B: But, that's how the CROP Hunger Walk raises funds and awareness to overcome global hunger and contribute to local programs, too! You ask your friends, family and fellow members of the congregation to sponsor you – to give money to Church World Service because you're walking!

A: Ooooooh! So it's more than just our doing a nice walk in the park?

B: Right! Get out there and find some sponsors. And don't forget, people can support you directly or online. The web address is in the bulletin. Got it?!

A: Yeah, I think so. *(walks away, then turns back)* I've got a pedometer, too!

B: Sponsors!!

Scott Reilly, Mill Creek Parish UMC, Derwood, Maryland

Skit: Headlines of Hope (For five readers)

Voice One: *(dressed in a business suit, seated in a chair reading a newspaper)* All right, let's see what's happening today. *(sighs)* A guy was killed in a boating accident... Let's see *(turns page)* Hmm, a tropical storm has destroyed thousands of homes in the Caribbean. *(turns page)* Oh! And the consequences of climate change threaten to create millions of displaced people! Where is there *hope* these days?

Voice Two: *(refugee wrapped in a blanket)* Hope can be felt in the warmth of thousands of tents and blankets that have been provided to people displaced by violence or natural disasters around the world by Church World Service.

Voice Three: *(woman with a bucket of water)* Hope can be tasted in the clean water that so many now have access to, thanks to CWS-supported work in Kenya, Malawi and other African countries. *(she walks over to person with the newspaper and points to an article)* Look! 187,500 people living in 150 rural villages in Malawi are gaining access to clean water with the help of Church World Service. In a country where only 32 percent of the people have access to safe water, can you imagine what a difference that will make? *(sits down)*

Voice Four: *(woman dressed for gardening, with a shovel)* Hope can be heard in the harvest gathered in the highlands of Guatemala. A CWS program has trained 674 rural families to increase their food production. They have significantly improved nutrition and have begun to see a steady stream of income from the sale of their surplus in the local market. A bountiful harvest is hope indeed! *(sits down)*

Voice One: *(looking at the paper)* How did I miss that news!!

Voice Five: *(teenager walks to the person reading the paper)* Hope can be seen in the CWS "Giving Hope" program, that protects the rights of orphans affected by HIV/AIDS. By joining together under the supervision of an adult mentor, these children have learned to read, work together, and begin to support themselves and their younger siblings. The program now reaches more than 31,000 orphaned and vulnerable children in five African countries.

Voice One: If all these things are being done, why is it back here on page 10 or not at all? It should be on the front page!

Voice Two: Hope isn't shown much in our headlines. But that doesn't mean it isn't happening.

Voice One: That must cost quite a bit! Where does the money come from?

Voice Three: From you, and people like you, who are ready to exercise their hope by supporting their local CROP Hunger Walk.

Voice One: Oh, yeah, I've heard of that, but I really don't have time.

Voice Four: All it takes is a couple of hours. Why don't you join us? *(name the time, date, location of the Walk)* You can be the hope you've been looking for!

All voices: *(waving to the congregation to join them)* Join us in changing the world! Be headlines of hope!

Susan Day, Tower Hill First Presbyterian of Red Bank, New Jersey
(adapted)