

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“...if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the noon.” (Isaiah 58:10)

REFLECTION - Putting on the Mind of Christ

Joan Chittister describes prayer as “putting on of the mind of Christ, so that we can learn to see the world as God sees the world.” This week as we continue to pray for 100,000 meals that will be packed and shipped around the world, we encourage you to spend time meditating on this week’s FMSC testimonials about the work in Africa. As you pray over the testimonial, what does it mean to see the world as Christ sees it? What words of encouragement and conviction is God speaking to you this week?

FMSC TESTIMONIAL - AFRICA

FMSC works with an ever-growing, diverse group of food distribution partners who are reaching the most needy and vulnerable in 40 countries across the continent of Africa. Africa is prone to periodic droughts. The continent's recurring history of conflict and strife, in addition to a high rate of HIV/AIDS in many countries, means there are many malnourished children and struggling communities in desperate need of nutritious food and the love of Jesus.

According to the December 2023 FMSC Hunger Bulletin, “The state of hunger in South Sudan is dire, with 46.3% of the population (5.83 million people) facing high levels of acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above).” Thanks to the work of groups like FMSC, there is good news. According to the FMSC Hunger Bulletin, in November 2023, “FMSC sent more than 47.3 million MannaPack® meals in 172 shipments to 33 countries around the world. This is more meals in a single month than ever before in FMSC history. Because of you, in November 2023, we shipped enough food to feed 129,648 kids a daily meal for a full year.”

Learn more about the latest updates on the Sudan: https://www.fmsc.org/the-feed/from-the-field/2023/hunger-bulletin_december-2023

Learn more: <https://www.fmsc.org/impact-of-our-work/where-we-serve/africa>

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The horn of Africa and Sudan