ANNUAL REPORT



FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.

Saving Lives... Transforming Communities... Renewing Hope

# "The LORD had done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!" (Psalm 126:3)

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every day, I marvel at what miracles and blessings God delivers through your incredible generosity. It is only through God's grace and your goodness that we are able to distribute desperately needed aid.

In this Annual Report, you will see evidence of the tremendous good you have done. In 2014, you delivered food to the starving, housed

those who lived in squalor, provided clean, fresh drinking water, and transformed the lives of the poor.

We saw profound miracles happen in the lives of the poor—all made possible through your generosity and love.

You are the cornerstone of all we do for the poor. Your compassion has made it possible for those still suffering in the Caribbean and Latin America to have hope for the future. I am truly thankful that you have chosen Food For The Poor to help make a difference in the lives of the poor, one child and one family at a time.

"Well done my good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:21a)

May God continue to bless you as you have blessed others, as we all work together to eliminate suffering and poverty.

Thank you for all you have done, and for being a beacon in the darkness of poverty to reflect His mercy and goodness.

A servant of the poor,

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Robin G. Mahfood

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ON THE COVER: Two-year-old Margini smiles in the Matagalpa Nutritional Center in Nicaragua.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE RATIO**

### 2014 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES\*

Total Expenditures	\$913,838,223
Operating Expenses	\$40,232,010
Tractor-Trailers of Aid Distri	buted3.914

\*Subject to final audit.

LEFT: Children proudly show off their notebooks at a new school built by generous Food For The Poor donors in Honduras.

ABOVE: Robin Mahfood, president/CEO of Food For The Poor, is happy to spend time with students in Haiti.

# FEEDING THE HUNGRY

In 2014, your compassion reached out to the hungry. You saved lives by providing food to the malnourished children who rely on our feeding center in Haiti for their daily bread. Because of your generosity, starving children in Nicaragua were fed. You were there, comforting an elderly grandmother in Jamaica by providing her food through Food For The Poor when she had nothing to eat.

Throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, your support is providing food for the truly destitute.

At our feeding center in Port-au-Prince, your generous heart provides 15,000 meals to hungry families six days a week. You are there in spirit, loading the trucks with bags of nourishing rice and beans to deliver to our partners throughout Haiti.

Thanks to you, children in Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Haiti, Nicaragua and Guyana receive the food their growing bodies desperately need through our school feeding programs. This nourishment allows their young minds to learn rather than being distracted by hunger. And getting an education can break the cycle of poverty.

Because Food For The Poor acquires food in large quantities, we were able to provide a family of four with food for a month for less than \$15.

These destitute families praise God for you. Thank you for all you did to feed hungry children and their families in 2014.

# FEEDING FACTS & FIGURES

In 2014, thanks to you, more than 52 million pounds of food were distributed to feed malnourished children and their families. This included more than:

- 30.3 million pounds of rice
- 12.9 million pounds of beans
- More than 9.6 million pounds of canned and other assorted foods

Food For The Poor also supports hundreds of food-generating projects such as the ones listed on page 6 of this Annual Report.

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31) After

# SHELTERING THE HOMELESS



ou can look back proudly on 2014 and know that you helped move desperately poor families into safe, secure homes. Food For The Poor houses have strong, locking doors, solid roofs and personal sanitation facilities. All of these components come together to make a safe home for vulnerable families and give them hope that their children will have brighter futures.

Children who once stayed awake at night in fear of storms or intruders can now sleep peacefully because of you. Little ones who once had nowhere to study quietly now have a place to focus on their homework.

It is because of your support that

Food For The Poor is able to continue building safe, sturdy homes across the Caribbean and Latin America. Thank you for your compassion and generosity in 2014.

# HOUSING FACTS & FIGURES

In 2014, you helped Food For The Poor build 7,367 housing units for families in desperate need of safe shelter. Since 1982, loving donors like you have constructed more than 98,000 housing units for the poor.

"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress." (Psalm 46:2)

LEFT: Maudiel and his family are elated to be standing in front of their new home in Nicaragua that was provided by generous Food For The Poor donors.

# DEVELOPING A FUTURE

In 2014, you gave the poor the opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty. You transformed entire communities by providing income-generating initiatives and sustainable development projects. Thanks to you, poor families were able to break free from the cycle of generational poverty.

You gave fishermen in Honduras safe boats and equipment so they could better provide for their families.

You provided farmers in Jamaica with seeds and tools like tillers, so they can grow more food and become self-sufficient. Through animal husbandry projects in Haiti, you gave families goats, chickens and cows to create thriving farms.

In countless ways, you have shared Christ's love with the poor. Whether you brought clean water to thirsty and weary people, supported housing projects for those living in shacks or huts, provided education for children, or offered skills training to adults desperate to earn an income, you have shown that you are selflessly devoted to ending poverty.

Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean and Latin America develop a healthy and prosperous future.

## 2014 PROJECTS SUMMARY

<u>Project</u>	C	ost
Housing/Housing Villages	\$1	3,185,723
Construction & Repairs	\$	5,068,317
(for schools, clinics & multipurpose centers)		
Water/Sanitation	\$	4,471,644
Development & Self-Help Projects	\$	1,594,252
(for aquaculture ponds, fishing villages, fruit tree nurseries, animal husbandry, etc.)		
Program Support	\$	678,354
feeding programs & orphanages)		

\$24,998,290

"Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates." (Proverbs 31:31)

**Total Projects** 

LEFT TO RIGHT: Savveur and Rose carry agricultural tools they use on their community vegetable garden in Chantal, Haiti.

Norma takes part in the Food For The Poor-sponsored sewing program in La Esperanza village in Honduras.

Erica, 5, holds up a tilapia from a Food For The Poor-sponsored tilapia hatchery project in Lake Ilopango,

El Salvador.



# MEDICAL FACTS

Food For The Poor shipped 618 tractor-trailer loads of medicines and medical supplies in 2014.

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**Trailers** 

### Country

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Haiti	154
Guatemala	149
Jamaica	60
Dominican Republic	51
Honduras	51
Nicaragua	50
Guyana	36
El Salvador	29
Other	38

# HEALING THE SICK

ou saved lives in 2014. Your generous support delivered millions of dollars worth of lifesaving medicine, medical supplies and equipment to the poor of the Caribbean and Latin America. It was because of your loving compassion that innocent babies were given a good start in life through critically needed medical care. The lives of the poor and vulnerable were significantly transformed through lifesaving medicines that your generous gifts helped provide.

Serving together in 2014 meant that we could continue to bring a positive, healing presence to the poor who need us most. Food For The Poor solicits bulk donations of medical goods to keep costs low, and procures lifesaving medicines that are unavailable to the poor of the Caribbean and Latin America.

Thank you for helping to heal the sick and the suffering.

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"When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them, and He cured their sick."

(Matthew 14:14)

LEFT: Doctor Benavides, a pediatrician, examines a sick 2-month-old baby at Clinic El Carmelo in Honduras. ABOVE: A nurse tends to Micheline at the new Francois Pediatrics Ward at Bernard Mevs Clinic in Haiti.

# CARING FOR THE LITTLEST ANGELS

hen faced with hunger and homelessness, children are the most vulnerable and the least likely to be able to survive without help. In 2014, you came to the rescue of orphaned or abandoned children through your loving support of our Angels Of Hope program.

In the Angels Of Hope program, children who were once alone and scared are now part of an orphanage where they receive nutritious meals, tender care, clothing, medicine and an education. The orphanages we partner with are specially selected homes that help children grow and learn about God's love and how to trust in Him throughout their lives.

Your support of the Angels Of Hope program gives children the assurance that they are loved and not forgotten.

"To You the helpless can entrust their cause; You are the defender of orphans." (Psalm 10:14b)



# ANGELS OF HOPE FACTS & FIGURES

In 2014, through our Angels Of Hope orphan sponsorship program, you sponsored 3,270 children in 134 homes.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Girls get computer lessons at an Angels Of Hope orphanage in Santa Rosa, Honduras. Hellen, 12, plays with a pet rabbit at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos orphanage in Nicaragua. Joselyn, 10, smiles in the library of the Exodo Orphanage in El Salvador. ABOVE: Children play in a beautiful playground at Remar Orphanage in Nicaragua.



# TEACHING THE CHILDREN

Thanks to you, eager students were given Let the tools necessary to learn in 2014. Schools in the Caribbean and Latin America often lack enough desks, chairs, pencils, paper and books. But through your support, we were able to supply these schools with materials to teach growing children.

Thanks to you, the chains of poverty are continually loosened because poor children are able to attend school and learn. These innocent, hopeful children become students who thrive on the opportunity to learn about the world around them, and obtain the skills they need to gain employment. Because of your gifts for education, poor children are one step closer to gaining freedom from poverty and suffering.

# **EDUCATION** FACTS & FIGURES

In 2014, you helped build, rebuild or contract to build 44 schools. and also helped ship 433 tractortrailer loads of school furniture, books and supplies.

"Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart." (Psalm 90:12)

# CARING PARTNERS

ood For The Poor partners with many organizations to deliver lifesaving aid to the poor of the Caribbean and Latin America. Community leaders, churches of various denominations, local charities and many more of our partners work together effectively to distribute these shipments to the poorest of our brothers and sisters.

Our partnerships are both domestic and foreign, allowing us to provide aid directly and efficiently. From caring for a sick child in a nutrition center to delivering food to the malnourished, our partners help us deliver blessings to the poor. They provide critically needed resources to families who have so little, and help provide long-term development projects to give families a source of income.

We are truly blessed to have so many caring partners who helped to provide essential aid in an efficient and economical manner. Thank you for everything you do to lift up those in poverty.

"Our hope for you is firm, for we know that as you share in the sufferings, you also share in the encouragement." (2 Corinthians 1:7)



(More than 1.8 million pairs of shoes) Clothing...... 188 Total .......258

Our partners also helped to provide food, medical supplies and other aid listed elsewhere in this Annual Report.

# 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENT\*

441.389

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### **SUPPORT AND REVENUE:**

Total Support and Revenue	\$ 913,396,834
Other Income	125,315
Contributions - Pledges	2,075,255
Contributions - Donated Goods	789,508,240
Contributions - Cash	\$ 121,688,024

### **EXPENSES**:

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** 

Total Expenses	\$ 913,838,223
Administration	7,687,614
Fundraising	32,544,396
Program - Intra-program Costs	34,260,014
Program - Community Support & Development	69,476,567
Program - Basic Needs	183,446,043
Program - Health Care	506,623,675
Program - Education	\$ 79,799,914

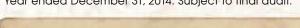
### \*Year ended December 31, 2014. Subject to final audit

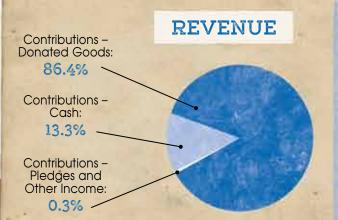
### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

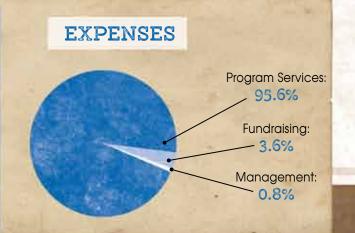
### **ASSETS:**

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Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 12,693,040
Contributions Receivable	889,150
Property & Equipment	15,386,120
Goods-in-Transit	406,467
Other Assets	1,051,510
Total Assets	\$ 30,426,287
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,942,419
Loans Payable	905,111
Accrued Liabilities	1,079,569
Total Liabilities	\$ 6,927,099
NET ASSETS:	
Unrestricted	\$ 23,457,251
Restricted	41,937
Total Net Assets	\$ 23,499,188

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** 







\$ 30,426,287



# DISTRIBUTED IN 2014°

# 3,914 tractor-trailers worth \$814,108,397

Antigua.....\$163,148

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	Bahamas	\$9,800
	Belize	\$4,075,769
	Colombia	\$1,304,069
	Dominica	\$9,128,198
	Dominican Republic	\$71,220,382
	El Salvador	\$46,561,625
	Ghana	\$30,000
	Grenada	\$3,883,771
	Guatemala	\$135,530,028
	Guyana	\$30,263,590
	Haiti	\$266,791,842
V	Honduras	\$59,485,443
	Jamaica	\$114,521,121
	Nicaragua	\$57,623.186
	Philippines	\$2,532,197
	Saint Lucia	\$4,609,954
	Saint Vincent and	
2		\$439,335
	Trinidad	\$5,934,929
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**David T. Price** Secretary



ABOVE LEFT: Food For The Poor warehouse employees unload a truckload of rice in Jamaica.

# GIVING THANKS

Your tireless generosity and compassionate efforts brought hope and healing in the lives of the poor in 2014. Thank you!

Your loving gifts have had a tremendous impact on poor families and children across the Caribbean and Latin America. The impact you made last year was witnessed firsthand by those who traveled with Food For The Poor on mission trips. All of your hard work and sacrificial giving in 2014 is a sign of God's work in your heart. Thank you for the goodness and blessings you bestowed on the poor.

For those who created a generous legacy through our Planned Giving program, Food For The Poor is honored and grateful. Gifts, bequests and trusts are invaluable sources of support, and make a tremendous difference in the lives of the poor.

One act of love. One act of kindness. One child helped. One parent comforted. One life saved. Participants in the Operation Starfish and Champions For The Poor programs know that helping one person at a time is how together, we can change the world for the better. Thank you.

Churches, clergy and Christian organizations in the U.S., Caribbean and Latin America help to broaden efforts to reach as many people in need as we can. God's transformative love is in you, and shines forth to help the poor.

Whether you raised money for the poor, provided food for a starving child, gave to help deliver medicine to the sick, or helped in another compassionate way in 2014, Food For The Poor is grateful for you. We look forward to continuing to answer God's call to help the poor alongside of you in 2015. May God bless you.

"Giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father." (Ephesians 5:20)



### VISION STATEMENT

Food For The Poor is God's instrument to help the materially poor and to renew the poor in spirit.

Our ministry is a reflection of our Lord's unconditional love — a love that surrenders all, that inspires trust and faith, and that embraces all people, regardless of race, status or creed.

It is also shaped by our belief that Christ is alive and can be served directly by serving those in greatest need. (Matthew 25:40)

For guidance and to maintain the purity of our mission, we stress the need for regular prayer.

Through surrender, service and prayer, we seek a closer union with our Lord.



### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit.

The materially poor are served by local churches, clergy and lay leaders who have been empowered and supplied with goods by Food For The Poor.

> The poor in spirit are renewed by their relationship with and service to the poor through our direct ministry of teaching, encouragement and prayer.

Ultimately, we seek to bring both benefactors and recipients to a closer union with our Lord.





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Scan here or visit the link above to watch the heartwarming story of one young boy whose life was changed by your kindness.