

# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



FOOD FOR  
THE POOR





Children smile joyfully at an orphanage in Haiti.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends in Christ,

Your incredible compassion for the poor was greatly needed in 2016. Haiti was devastated by one of the strongest hurricanes in the last 10 years.

Poor communities were wiped out in a matter of hours as Hurricane Matthew churned through the impoverished country's southern region. But the steadfast faith of Haiti's poor wasn't shaken, and thanks to your compassion, they can start rebuilding.

In this Annual Report you will see the results of your kindness. Through you, we were able to distribute aid to our poorest brothers and sisters. Thank you for changing the lives of desperate families throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

Through you, we have nourished the hungry, provided safe homes for the destitute, given clean water to the thirsty, delivered medicine to the sick, and transformed the lives of the poor. We can only do this because of you. Together, we are making a difference.

Thank you for your support and kindness to the poor. May God continue to bless you.

A servant of the poor,

Robin G. Mahfood

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ON THE COVER: Nine-year-old Andino looks out of his dilapidated home in Haiti.

# 4.44%

## ADMINISTRATION RATIO

### 2016 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES\*

<b>Total Expenditures.....</b>	<b>\$ 980,328,605</b>
<b>Operating Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$ 43,483,291</b>
<b>Tractor-Trailers of Aid Distributed.....</b>	<b>4,095</b>

\*Subject to final audit.

Our mailings cost so little, but do so much. Over the last 10 years, fundraising and other administrative costs averaged less than 5% of our expenses; more than 95% of all donations went directly to programs that help the poor.

*"The LORD is just and loves just deeds;  
the upright shall see His face."  
(Psalm 11:7)*



*"For He satisfied the thirsty, filled the hungry with good things." (Psalm 107:9)*



COUNTERCLOCKWISE:  
Siblings Valeria, Brittany and Genesis eat lunch at a Food For The Poor-sponsored feeding center in Puerto Cortes, Honduras. People line up at the Food For The Poor feeding center in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to receive the nutritious food they will take back to their families.

# FEEDING THE HUNGRY

You fed the hungry and made them smile in 2016. Parents who had no means to feed their children received food because of you.

Your support helped to deliver shipments of food to hungry children and their families. In communities desperate for help, your donations delivered lifesaving food to churches, feeding programs, clinics and nutritional centers.

Because of your generosity, we are able to provide 15,000 meals per day, six days a week, to the hungry poor at our feeding center in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. For some children and their families, the meal they receive at the feeding center is all they will have to eat for the day.

Your compassion is changing lives. In Honduras, your support has given poor families a way to feed their hungry children and make a better life for them. In Guatemala, where droughts have led to extreme poverty and ever-increasing cases of malnutrition, your support of feeding and nutritional centers has provided lifesaving help to extremely malnourished children.

Thank you for blessing the poor throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. Your kindness is something that the poor may never be able to repay, but will remember forever.

## FEEDING FACTS & FIGURES



- In 2016, thanks to you, **617,844,286 meals** were distributed to feed malnourished children and their families.
- You also support **hundreds of food-generating projects** like the ones listed on page 7.



AFTER

# SHELTERING THE HOMELESS

Desperate prayers were lifted up by the poor in 2016 for safe shelter. Mothers cried in the night, sweating and swatting mosquitoes off their babies; young children wept in fear during torrential rainstorms; and sometimes entire families were forced to stand all night in the driest spot of their tiny shack. You heard their prayers and cries for help by lovingly providing them with safe shelter.

Through your kindness and generosity, Food For The Poor built safe, sturdy homes for homeless and needy families throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

The difference you made in the lives of the poor is incredible. Entire families can now receive a restful night's sleep. They no longer worry that their rusted zinc roof will

collapse or fly off during a storm, or that an intruder will walk into their shack and harm their children.

You have given the poor a life they never dreamed possible. Parents can watch their children do their homework after dark with the solar-powered light kit included with each home, and children can concentrate on their schoolwork because they are getting a good night's rest. Having sanitation inside their home means families won't have to trek into the woods or bathe in front of strangers. They'll also experience improved health and hygiene.

God bless you and thank you for giving the beautiful gift of shelter to desperately poor families in 2016.

*"Then I will ever dwell in Your tent, take refuge in the shelter of Your wings."  
(Psalm 61:5)*

## HOUSING FACTS & FIGURES



- In 2016, you built **9,430 housing units** for families in desperate need of safe shelter.
- Since inception in 1982, loving donors like you have constructed **117,258 housing units** for the poor.

BEFORE



Cheryl and Amelia pose in front of their new home in Jamaica built through the generosity of Food For The Poor donors.



COUNTERCLOCKWISE:

A worker sorts through a mountain of jalapeño peppers at a Food For The Poor donor-supported agricultural cooperative in Honduras. Kie, 10, smiles as he carries a "pineapple melon" as part of an agricultural project in Newcombe Valley, Jamaica, supported by Food For The Poor donors.



*"You will eat the fruit of your labor..."  
(Psalm 128:2a, NIV)*

# DEVELOPING A FUTURE

You helped to make 2016 a year in which families rejoiced in opportunities to break the cycle of poverty.

The old saying "Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime" applies to more than fish! Thanks to you, poor families are given resources they need to improve their lives in many ways.

Entire communities grow their own food, thanks to the tools, seeds and training you provided. You supplied clean water to reduce life-threatening illness among children, and fruit-bearing trees to provide nutritious sources of food and welcoming shade.

Your support extended far beyond the basic need for food, water and shelter. Schoolchildren have a brighter future because of the learning resources you provided through Food For The Poor. From musical instruments to computer workstations, these tools for learning are shaping young lives for the better.

In countless ways, you have shared Christ's love with the poor. Whether you helped to build houses, fund fishing villages or supply resources for families to become self-sufficient, you selflessly shared your blessings to give the poor fresh hope for a better tomorrow.

## 2016 PROJECTS SUMMARY

Project	Cost
Housing / Housing Villages*	\$17,210,404
Construction & Repairs .....	\$ 5,899,102
(for schools, clinics & multipurpose centers)	
Water / Sanitation .....	\$ 5,247,194
Development & Self-Help Projects .....	\$ 3,699,480
(for aquaculture ponds, fishing villages, fruit tree nurseries, animal husbandry, etc.)	
Program Support .....	\$ 1,413,533
(for clinics, nursing homes, schools, feeding programs & orphanages)	
<b>Total Projects .....</b>	<b>\$ 33,469,713</b>

\*Utilizing matching housing funds





Thanks to you, Food For The Poor was able to distribute much-needed aid to victims of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti.



*"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his good deed."  
(Proverbs 19:17)*

# AIDING VICTIMS OF HURRICANE MATTHEW

Hurricane Matthew hit the southwest peninsula of Haiti in October 2016 with 145-mph winds that left hundreds of Haitians dead and tens of thousands without a home. Food For The Poor immediately responded in the aftermath by shipping and distributing food, water and medical supplies.

Desperately poor families, who had so little to begin with, had even less after the storm passed. Mud, straw and tin shacks were flattened, sometimes with people still inside them. Whole communities were turned to rubble and crops were washed away.

But because of your kindness and compassion, Haiti's poor know they are not forgotten. You provided shelter from the storm, clean water for the thirsty, and saved the lives of many with desperately-needed medicine. Through your generosity, Food For The Poor continues to help those affected by this horrific storm to rebuild and thrive.

Your compassion exemplifies the love and light of Christ. Thank you for what you have done to lift up our poorest brothers and sisters in Haiti.

## RELIEF FACTS & FIGURES\*

In the months following Hurricane Matthew, your support:

- Built **316 housing units** with another **770 housing units** under construction.
- Delivered **140 tractor-trailer loads** of food, water, medicines and other lifesaving aid.
- Repaired **two community centers** and **three schools**.
- Constructed **six fishing gear sheds** in affected fishing villages.
- Repaired the roofs and repainted the walls of **344 homes**.

\*Figures as of December 31, 2016.





COUNTERCLOCKWISE: Pediatrician Marsha examines 9-year-old Katianna at the Food For The Poor Clinic in Jamaica. A nurse tends to little Alexander at the Nutre Hogar Nutritional Center in Honduras.

# HEALING THE SICK

You saved lives in 2016 by helping to establish local clinics within communities that previously had no one to help heal their sick. Your support of clinics, hospitals and nutritional centers provided lifesaving treatment in 2016 and delivered essential medicines, equipment and medical supplies to help poverty-stricken children and families.

Imagine being carried home for miles in a hammock hoisted by two men after giving birth, or hitchhiking down a mountainside with your dying baby in your arms. These are just a couple of examples of the poor you help with your generosity.

Affordable and sometimes free healthcare is what your kindness brings to desperately poor families. Vulnerable children and their families no longer have to lose their lives to treatable diseases or illnesses because they now have access to the proper medical attention they need and deserve.

Thank you for saving lives and helping to heal those who are sick and suffering.

*“I will heal them, and reveal to them an abundance of lasting peace.”*  
*(Jeremiah 33:6b)*

## MEDICAL FACTS & FIGURES

Food For The Poor shipped **686 tractor-trailer loads** of medicines and medical supplies in 2016.

Country	Tractor-Trailers
Haiti .....	208
Guatemala .....	129
Jamaica .....	80
Honduras .....	67
Nicaragua .....	54
El Salvador.....	45
Dominican Republic .....	37
Guyana .....	31
Other.....	35





Alexia and Stevance, both 5 years old, study at the Pedro Plains Basic School in Jamaica, built through the support of Food For The Poor donors.



## TEACHING THE CHILDREN

Thanks to your support in 2016, motivated students from poor families are one step closer to breaking the cycle of generational poverty.

Education in the Caribbean and Latin America can present a tremendous challenge for poor children. Uniforms and school supplies are nearly impossible for poor parents to afford. Many schools lack sufficient desks, chairs and other materials needed for students to learn. But your generous support provided the key to unlocking a better life for impoverished children.

Because of you, students have comfortable seats and desks to sit at while they learn. Schoolchildren happily tote new backpacks filled with pens and pencils to class, and take notes on paper you helped to supply. Thanks to you, they wear new uniforms kept clean by proud parents, and they can prepare for the future by learning valuable computer skills.

Education is critically important to escape the clutches of multi-generational poverty. Because of you, poor children are able to receive the essentials they need to build a brighter future.

## EDUCATION FACTS & FIGURES

In 2016, you helped build, repair or expand **42 schools**, and helped ship **158 tractor-trailer loads** of school furniture, books and supplies.

## CARING FRIENDS

Our faithful supporters and organizations we work with bless the poor in many ways as they join with us to carry out the Lord's work in helping the poor.

Food For The Poor is grateful to work closely with other charities, community leaders, churches of several denominations and organizations who help us deliver lifesaving aid to the poor of the Caribbean and Latin America. Working together allows us to provide aid efficiently and economically where it is needed most. From supplying food to malnourished children to delivering tractor-trailer loads of emergency supplies to disaster-stricken regions, friends of our ministry help us efficiently deliver lifesaving aid to the poor.

With compassion and dedication, they help us to ease the suffering of the poor. Thank you for blessing those in tremendous need.

Sandra, 2, smiles while holding bags of rice and beans as part of the food distribution her family received in Honduras.



## CARING FRIENDS

Items	Tractor-Trailers
Footwear.....	63
Clothing .....	55
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>118</b>

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



# 2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT\*

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

Contributions - Cash	\$ 138,119,957
Contributions - Donated Goods	853,710,708
Contributions - Pledges	2,949,694
Other Income	142,803
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 994,923,162</b>

### EXPENSES:

Program - Education	\$ 31,116,165
Program - Healthcare	634,812,299
Program - Basic Needs	157,239,416
Program - Community	
Support & Development	79,830,833
Program - Intra-program Costs	33,846,601
Fundraising	35,331,870
Administration	8,151,421
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 980,328,605</b>

<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 14,594,557</b>
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\*Year ended December 31, 2016. Subject to final audit.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### ASSETS:

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 17,600,118
Contributions Receivable	1,251,963
Property & Equipment	15,233,212
Goods-in-Transit	8,475,407
Other Assets	1,071,963
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 43,632,663</b>

### LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 4,576,862
Accrued Liabilities	1,142,140
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 5,719,002</b>

### NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted	\$ 37,715,236
Restricted	198,425
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 37,913,661</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 43,632,663</b>
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# DISTRIBUTED IN 2016\*

## 4,095 tractor-trailers worth \$876,595,003

Antigua .....	\$172,867
Bahamas .....	\$32,851
Barbados .....	\$4,182,376
Belize .....	\$4,644,020
Colombia .....	\$62,245
Dominica .....	\$1,954,129
Dominican Republic .....	\$72,815,780
Ecuador .....	\$608,849
El Salvador .....	\$40,059,628
Ghana .....	\$462,514
Grenada .....	\$5,170,640
Guatemala .....	\$169,580,894
Guyana .....	\$24,643,225
Haiti .....	\$312,331,555
Honduras .....	\$81,111,631
Jamaica .....	\$73,263,492
Nicaragua .....	\$73,876,759
Saint Lucia .....	\$3,482,890
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines .....	\$21,037
Sierra Leone .....	\$9,480
Trinidad .....	\$7,381,437
United States of America .....	\$726,704

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## REVENUE

Donated Goods:

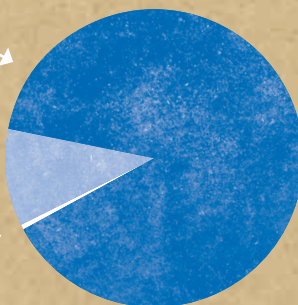
85.7%

Cash:

13.9%

Pledges and  
Other Income:

0.4%



## EXPENSES

Program Services:

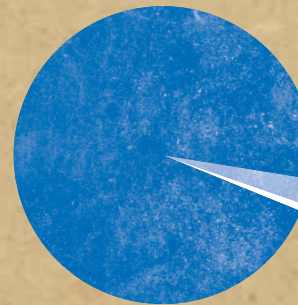
95.6%

Fundraising:

3.6%

Management:

0.8%



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Students pray before the start of their school day at the Pedro Plains Basic School in Jamaica, built by generous Food For The Poor donors.

*"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God..."*  
(2 Corinthians 9:11)



# GIVING THANKS

You were true heroes to the poor in 2016. Your generosity brought them tremendous hope and opportunities for better futures. Thank you!

You have made such an incredible impact on poor children and their families across the Caribbean and Latin America. Your loving sacrifice has turned sorrow into gladness. Because of you, the desperate prayers of the poor have been answered.

Thank you to those who are participating in our Legacy Giving program. Your generous gift, bequests and trusts will make a lasting difference in the lives of our poorest brothers and sisters.

Supporters of our Operation Starfish and Champions For The Poor programs know that a simple act of love by just one person can make a huge difference in the life of someone less fortunate. Helping one person or

one family at a time, changing their lives for the better, is how we can change the world.

For all of the Christian organizations, churches and clergy that are following the example of Christ's love for the poor, thank you for everything you do for the impoverished families in the Caribbean and Latin America. Your kindness lifts the poor out of the darkness of poverty and into the Lord's loving light.

Whether you have provided safe shelter for the homeless, clean water, nourishing food for the hungry, or met another dire need, you have helped the poor in a powerful way in 2016, we are grateful to you. We look forward to continuing to help the poor alongside you in the future. Thank you and may God bless you.

## OUR GOALS FOR 2017



Building homes for the homeless



Feeding the hungry



Quenching the thirst of those without clean water



Healing the sick



Providing education to precious children



Helping families become self-sufficient with micro-enterprises



Supporting orphaned or abandoned children





## 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.

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## 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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