



Bless this meal



Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly with God. - Micah 6:8



**SOME 821 MILLION
PEOPLE ON EARTH
ARE REPORTED TO BE
UNDERNOURISHED**



THAT'S 1 IN 9 PEOPLE!

The State of Food Insecurity and Nutrition
in the World 2018—UN Report

**14% OF TEXAS
HOUSEHOLDS
ARE FOOD INSECURE**

United States Department
of Agriculture



**1 IN 4 CHILDREN STRUGGLE
WITH HUNGER IN TEXAS**

Feeding America Texas Stats in 2017

**40 MILLION PEOPLE
STRUGGLE WITH
HUNGER IN THE
UNITED STATES,
INCLUDING 12
MILLION CHILDREN**

Feeding America Texas Stats in 2017



The Texas Baptist Hunger Offering unites the body of Christ to end hunger and poverty and promote holistic transformation in the name of Jesus.

100% of your gift goes directly to hunger relief and development ministries.

Inside:

- Learn what the Hunger Offering is.
- Read how your Hunger Offering is impacting real lives around the world.
- See where your Hunger Offering is going and pray for these places.
- Learn different ways to give to the Hunger Offering and make note of 2019 5th Sundays.
- Order resources like bulletin inserts of stories, a devotional, and a global map for your church, small group, or yourself. Order a Hunger bank or two.



“Hunger is a universal need that no one can escape. Feeding is a universal sign of love that no one should be without. Through the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering our love reaches out to those in need.”

Brenda Rincones

Director of SHINE Girls Ministry, UFM de Convención



“The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians of his assurance to the Jerusalem apostles that he fully intended to care for the poor and starving. Texas Baptists continue the biblical legacy of the New Testament era missionary when we give generously to the Hunger Offering. This offering impacts cities and rural towns all across Texas and stretches to 28 nations around the globe.”

Pastor Jacob West

First Baptist Church Plainview, Christian Life Commission Chair



“Let us join together to meet the needs of the hungry and aggressively strive to answer our Savior’s call to support the economically disadvantaged.”

Pastor Michael Evans

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Texas Baptist President

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A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Ali Corona



There is something beautifully sacred about sitting around a table and sharing a meal with others. In my household, the dinner table is where we gather for conversation, prayer, and of course, tacos. I am convinced that “breaking bread” in Texas means enjoying tacos and barbecue.

I wonder what it was like to share supper with Jesus. From what I read in Scripture, it seems far from boring.

In Luke 14, a religious leader invited Jesus to a fancy sabbath meal. Scripture notes that the Pharisees “were watching him closely” (vs. 1).

Jesus leads conversation that makes his fellow eaters uncomfortable by cutting through the pious talk. He addresses the host:

“When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous” (Luke 14:12-13, NRSV).

So much for small talk. I imagine people put down their entrée and gawked.

What is Jesus saying here? He is calling for a recalibration of hearts and hands. Following God means caring for people who are marginalized and hungry – people who cannot repay us. This way the gift is more about the other person than about ourselves.

Philippians 2:3 says, *“Do nothing with selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.*

During this meal, Jesus boldly calls the host –and us– to practice true servanthood. This Christ-like service honors the seemingly weak, and it humbles the proud.

There are 821 million people around the world who are undernourished.* One family cannot host this many people, but together we can make a difference. We have the opportunity to join together and invite people from all over the world to our table.

One way we can live out this mandate is through the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering. The Hunger Offering feeds people in crisis and assists families as they break the cycle of poverty in Texas and abroad—all in the name of Jesus.

Jesus’ words during the meal at the Pharisee’s house ring true for His followers today. He calls us to look around, find those who suffer, and invite them into our circle of fellowship and care.

*The state of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2018 UNReport

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BUILDING HEALTHY AND STRONG FAMILIES IN PERU

by Kalie Lowrie

When Elizabeth Mejía Laguna first came to the Buckner Family Hope Center, a Texas Baptist Hunger Offering recipient, she was shy and kept to herself. She often stayed in her home and did not interact with her neighbors.

“There was no light in my house. I was always behind closed doors,” Elizabeth said.

She struggled in her marriage and lacked resources to buy proper nutritional food, so her young daughter, Luana, suffered from anemia. As a first-time parent, Elizabeth did not know how to care for Luana and how to show her love.

“I didn’t know how to raise her. I had so many problems inside,” Elizabeth said. After attending classes and meeting with a psychologist, Elizabeth saw a transformation within her own life and in her home. Instruction from parenting classes helped Elizabeth and her husband, José, learn how to express love to Luana. They began to play and interact with her. The couple also learned how to interact and dialogue with one another to strengthen their marriage.

“I started opening up,” Elizabeth said. “I discovered that when you open your windows, light comes in.”

The family also received Manna Packs, a nutritional rice-based meal loaded with vitamins and protein. By incorporating the Manna Packs into their weekly meals, Elizabeth saw immediate health improvements.

Luana overcame her anemia, and the family began to physically strengthen. Gifts to the Hunger Offering provide Manna Packs and water filters to families at the Hope Center to meet immediate physical needs but also to address severe spiritual poverty.

Elizabeth and José expressed their gratitude to God for using Hope Center to change their lives.

“Without God, I would not be me, who I am now,” Elizabeth said. “We love God very much. He is our strength to face each day.”

The family is now involved in a local church and growing in their faith. Elizabeth’s family is one of close to 200 families served through Buckner’s Family Hope Centers in Lima. Through the Centers, families receive Bible teaching, life skills, parenting classes, and access to psychological care, providing a holistic approach to family care. By meeting the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of families, Buckner builds healthy families that can withstand the trials of life.

The Texas Baptist Hunger Offering partners with 119 hunger relief and development ministries worldwide like Buckner who help individuals overcome the cycle of poverty and shine Christ’s love in the darkness.

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2019 ministries

NORTH AMERICA

Texas
\$171,052

Mexico
\$24,115

Dominican Republic \$13,195
Puerto Rico \$2,184

Honduras \$5,733

Guatemala
\$2,275

Colombia
\$5,460

Venezuela
\$2,730

Sierra Leone
\$8,190

Peru
\$17,290

SOUTH AMERICA

TEXAS

Abilene \$1,638
Alamo \$1,092
Amarillo \$3,276
Austin \$5,460
Azle \$1,911
Bastrop \$1,092
Bowie \$1,092
Boyd \$1,092
Brownwood \$1,092
Center \$1,092
Clint \$2,184
Coldspring \$1,365
Conroe \$2,184
Dallas \$13,286
Donna \$1,092
El Paso \$5,460
Farmers Branch \$2,184
Fate \$2,730
Fort Worth \$11,102
Freer \$655
Garland \$2,184
Goliad \$2,730
Grand Prairie \$1,365
Grapevine \$1,911
Harlingen \$1,092
Houston \$25,571
Hurst \$1,092
Irving \$819

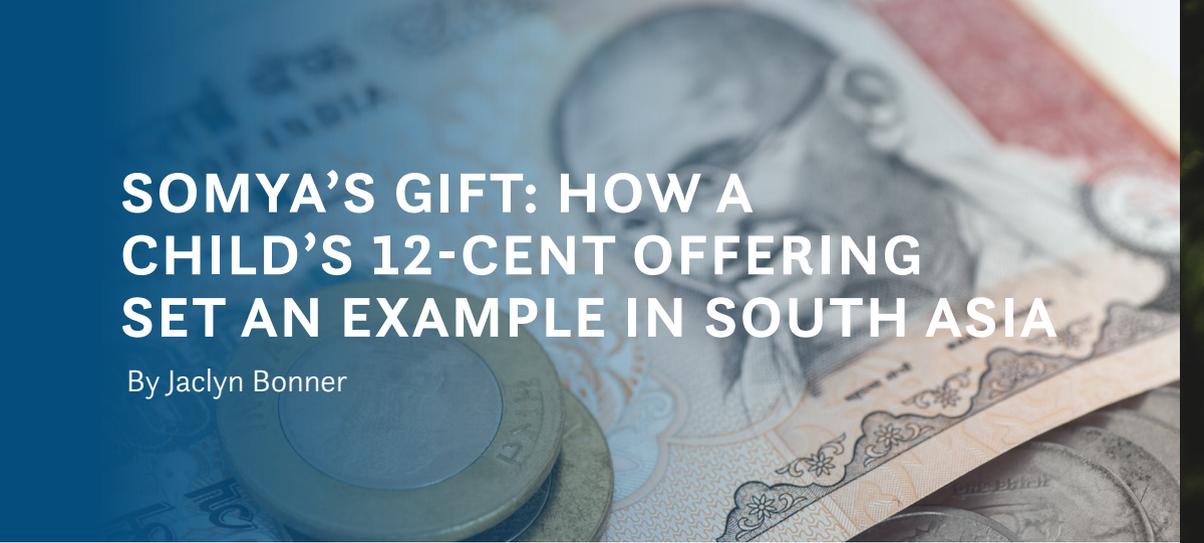
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Lubbock \$2,184
Mesquite \$1,911
Mineral Wells \$1,092
Mission \$10,920
New Braunfels \$2,184
Odessa \$2,730
San Antonio \$13,422
San Carlos \$2,730
San Marcos \$4,641
Seagoville \$1,365
Temple \$2,730
Trinity \$2,184
TX Intercultural \$2,730
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MINIMUM NEEDED IN 2019 **\$400,554**

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SOMYA'S GIFT: HOW A CHILD'S 12-CENT OFFERING SET AN EXAMPLE IN SOUTH ASIA

By Jaclyn Bonner

Small gifts sometimes multiply. In South Asia, 10-year-old Somya gave her allowance – the equivalent of 12 cents to help young women in her community.

A local government official was inspired by her example. “If this little girl can give, why shouldn’t I give something?” He gave the equivalent of \$90 USD.

A ministry to help young women learn skills for a sustainable income motivated Somya and the government official to give. The ministry operates four sewing training centers in South Asia and plans for more. It is also supported by the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering.

Texas and another Baptist ministry in South Asia support the ministry. The official’s gift is enough to purchase one sewing machine; the \$3,549 given by Texas Baptists is enough for 39 machines.

Somya was one of multiple church youth who joined church and community leaders, elders, and parents at a meeting about pathways to sustainable livelihoods for teenage girls and vulnerable women.

Sam Bandela, who spoke in Somya’s village, is the founder and executive director of the ministry helping the young women. He oversees the four sewing training centers, which promote holistic transformation and sustainable livelihoods. The six-month training program is designed to empower marginalized teenagers and widows by teaching them a life skill that will generate livable wages for them and their families.

Sewing production is a career that affords dignity and respect. The sewing program is accepted by local, state, and national leaders who recognize it is a key alternative to pervasive problems like the commercial sex industry and unjust child labor.

Although the caste and dowry system are outlawed in South Asia, these practices are still entrenched. Many families believe their daughters need a dowry to be married and, consequently, become shackled to cycles of debt to keep the custom.

Sewing creates a viable alternative. Somya heard these things and gave.

“I discussed with parents and leaders what it would cost for us to conduct training for their daughters,” Bandela said. “I asked them to share in whatever way they can to make this [sewing] training successful, and only Somya responded. She had no relatives in the training yet joyfully she participated.”

Somya’s generosity touched Bandela, and he tried to bless her with a monetary gift, in return. Somya graciously but poignantly refused the money saying, “I gave to God, not to you.”

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DONATE ONLINE AT HUNGEROFFERING.ORG



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5th Sunday

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Take an offering for hunger on these 5th Sundays in 2019

Make a special donation on Mother's Day, May 12, 2019



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