

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled.” — Mark 6:41-42

With five loaves and two fish offered in faith, Jesus fed thousands. When we turn our faith into action, God uses our voices. Our actions are multiplied.

School books, farming tools, basic medicines, and clean water—these resources are helping the world’s poorest people in Africa and elsewhere to break the cycle of poverty and build new lives for their families.

This is happening because people of faith have been writing letters to their representatives in Congress. They’ve told their elected officials that helping our neighbors—whether near or far away—is the right thing to do.

Real progress has been made in reducing hunger. Still, nearly one billion people live on less than \$1 a day. In 2000, every nation of the world, including the United States, pledged to work together to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), ending extreme poverty by 2015.

Bread for the World’s 2008 Offering of Letters campaign urges our nation’s leaders to keep this promise. Specifically, Bread for the World is calling on Congress to provide more funding for anti-poverty assistance—an increase of at least \$5 billion, which would be invested in agriculture, education and health care.

Bread for the World is also seeking better development assistance—by urging passage of the Global Poverty Act. This historic legislation would coordinate U.S. assistance so that the greatest possible benefit is most effectively reaching those in greatest need.



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Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live.

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Your letters to Congress will help create hope and opportunity for hungry people in Africa and elsewhere.

Please join us in Bread for the World's 2008 Offering of Letters. Take time today to write a letter to urge our nation's decision makers to provide more and better assistance to developing countries. You may want to use the sample letter below as a starting point.

Sample Letter *(Handwritten letters using your own words are most effective.)*

Your Name _____

Date _____

Your Address _____

Senator _____

Representative _____

U.S. Senate

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20510

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator _____ (or, Dear Representative _____),

I ask you to do whatever you can to provide more and better aid for the world's poorest countries. All nations agree—extreme poverty can be cut dramatically by 2015. Progress has been made in recent years, so we know it can be done. But we're not on track right now. Better-funded U.S. aid programs can help improve health, nutrition, education, and water systems, and build long-term solutions for families and communities worldwide.

Please do all in your power to increase poverty-focused development assistance by at least \$5 billion in fiscal year 2009. I also want Congress to pass the Global Poverty Act, so that our assistance will have the maximum impact for those with the greatest need.

Sincerely, Your Name _____

Yes, I want to help end hunger in our time

- Please send me a free 12-page booklet, *What You Can Do to End Hunger*.
- Please sign me up for a complementary one-year Bread for the World membership so I can become even more involved.

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