



MISSION *moments*

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MOMENT FOR *Mission* : GROWING + ADAPTING

Why do you walk? Share this with the congregation to help inspire them to join you! Sharing your story and personal connection can help others to connect as well, reigniting their own love of helping others, and inspiring them to walk themselves.

Walking in the CROP Hunger Walk not only makes a difference in your local community, but it helps people all over the world like Hak Nhy and her husband Kim Dorn in the Ta Taok village of Western Cambodia.

Unfortunately, due to challenges ranging from climate change to the pandemic, the couple struggled to get by and rarely had enough to eat. But in 2020, a CROP Hunger Walk-supported program met the couple and invited Nhy to vegetable classes. There she was given the opportunity to learn the best methods to grow vegetables, compost fertilizer, and adapt to the changes in the environment caused by climate change. She also received seeds and other materials needed to build her own garden and help it flourish!

The Bible tells us in Galatians 6:9, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Since enrolling in CWS’s classes, Nhy has been able to establish a better diet and earn a stable income by selling the surplus vegetables she grows from her garden. Nhy tells CWS, “My family’s situation is getting better. I have [gained] skills and knowledge on vegetable gardening, adapting to the changing weather conditions, and compost making.”

YOU make a difference in the lives of so many just like Hak Nby and Kim Dorn by walking in the CROP Hunger Walk. By not growing weary in doing good, you help others grow seeds to provide food and a better life for themselves!

Through this new income, Nhy says they “have enough to eat and are now no longer worried about food shortages.” Nhy has continued to use her new knowledge to help her garden grow by using the money she earns to buy more seeds and materials and grow her livelihood. She tells CWS, “I am so grateful and thank you for such great support.”

Join me in supporting our brothers and sisters around the world by raising funds and walking in the CROP Hunger Walk this year!



ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

MOMENT FOR *Mission:* HUMANE RESPONSES TO CLIMATE CHANGE

The global impact of climate change can devastate the lives of people all over the globe. In 2021, nearly 24 million people were displaced due to climate change: this includes farmers who have left their land because the seeds would no longer grow, people who flee from a hurricane or other natural disaster, and some communities being totally washed away.

Thanks to your support, we can make a difference and help families and individuals adapt and make the changes they need to improve their lives and be more resilient.

With four 12-week growing seasons, farmers in Indonesia can grow crops all year round. However, the seeds they were planting were no longer compatible with the soil and changes in the seasons. CWS worked with them to provide new seeds, taught them about using organic compost as fertilizer, and staggering their planting. Now the farmers can grow enough food to provide for their families until the next growing season.

Church World Service is a leader in short and long term natural disaster response. In the aftermath of 2016's Hurricane Matthew, CWS worked with community leaders in Haiti to begin rebuilding homes and schools, utilizing techniques that would make them sturdier and withstand future natural disasters. These sturdier rebuilt buildings suffered no damage in the years following from hurricanes Irma, Maria, and the 2021 earthquake. Long term solutions like this give a sense of peace to communities that are at risk.

Native American families on Isle de Jean Charles, Louisiana, are being forced to leave their homes due to coastal land erosion. An island that was once over 5 miles wide and 11 miles long, has shrunk to 1/4 mile wide and 2 miles long. CWS along with other faith-based organizations have been advocating to the United States government on a pilot program to support at risk coastal communities in the United States who wish to relocate.

We will continue to step in and support our most vulnerable neighbors when it comes to the challenges climate change presents and we need your help to do so. Your support of the CROP Hunger Walk helps communities and families around the world to be resilient and able to adapt to the challenges of climate change.



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MOMENT FOR *Mission:* GARDENS, STOVES, WATER + LIVESTOCK

CROP Hunger Walks make a difference in the lives of families and communities by providing the tools to fight hunger and food insecurity, and combat the effects of climate change. Let me share an example of the help the Walk provides a family in Honduras.

Esmerelda Robles lives in the northwest region of Honduras with her husband, Rigoberto, and son, Diego. She describes her community known as Vainillas as “a beautiful place with friendly people, with good coexistence. We all know each other because we have always been there.”

This is also a region where families often live in extreme poverty. In fact, throughout the country, recurring natural disasters frequently undermine a family’s efforts to make a living. Hurricanes and prolonged heavy rain as well as cycles of drought both impact crop production and worsen food security for families.

Esmerelda’s family is one of 500 who are participating in various aspects of a CWS food security program which provides seeds, resources, and agricultural training sessions. She and her family have learned about planting crops, food and nutrition, hygiene, waste management, and environmental protection. The program also installed pipes routing fresh water to the community for drinking and raising animals. Today, Esmerelda’s family is able to produce most of the food that her family eats and she even has extra to sell or exchange with neighbors.

The CWS program also provides an animal “pass the chain” program where families receive animals such as a pregnant pig, sheep, or cow and when the next piglet, lamb, or calf is born, it is passed on to another family which will then do the same. Today, Esmeralda has a pregnant sow, three sheep, and 30 chickens.

Another significant part of the food security program for Esmeralda is the installation of an “eco-stove” in her home that allows her to prepare meals without increasing environmental pollution. The stove uses much less firewood, allows faster cooking, and does not create the smoke and soot which covered her house in the past. “Before, I had a permanent cough,” Esmerelda says. “Now, with just a load of firewood, you cook, you don’t need much (unlike the stove we had before), and it is very helpful for our lungs that there is no smoke.”

The eco-stove is a key part of the CWS program in this region to improve food security and help families adapt to the effects of climate change. The significant reduction in the use of firewood helps to protect the forested area near her home and the water sources that they depend upon.

Your support of the CROP Hunger Walk makes a difference in the life of Esmerelda’s family, community, and environment.



MOMENT FOR *Mission* : BEEKEEPING IN KENYA

Bees can be scary to some, or fluffy and cute to others. But to some Kenyans, bees are a business. Bees make honey, fertilize the plants, and provide money for beekeeping families.

In the past, Kenya has been hit by heavy droughts. But now, the cycle has flipped. Places are flooding, land is turned to water, and crops and livestock have been dying. With the help of CWS, many Kenyans are turning to beekeeping.

Beekeeping is effective, as well as sustainable. Hives are easily replenishable which is a bonus when natural disasters strike. The hives hang in trees, meaning when flood waters flow by, the hives are safe from destruction. Honey is profitable, too. Two colonized hives can give about thirty dollars. That money could be spent on providing food for families. It could also provide livestock, more bees, more hired help, or crops.

As if that wasn't good enough, beekeeping is helping communities too! With the ability to provide for the family taken care of, many young girls are finding it possible to return to and complete school. Beekeeping is bringing people together. Just as the bees are dependent on the flowers, the beekeepers rely on the farmer's success for their own. The same could be said the other way around. With the number of bees, more plants can be harvested.

So, as well as being cute, bees are a great way to get profit and bring communities together!

CWS with their partner agency have been able to do a lot to help the beekeeping families: provide them with a set of beehives, supplies to hang the beehives, harvesting equipment, training, honey processing units, and they even purchase the honey to ensure that families are able to make money! YOU make this difference by supporting CWS in the CROP Hunger Walk. YOU provide what is needed to make a sustainable and life-changing impact.

