

God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to help our neighbors ...

...whether they live in the next house, the next state, or the next continent. Today, in our own country, hunger is growing—especially among families with children. Nearly one in four children in the United States lives in a family that struggles to put food on the table. That means 16.7 million children face the threat of hunger.

Children who experience hunger have higher levels of chronic illness and problems learning. For those who don't get proper nutrition from birth to age 3, the impact is lifelong.

President Barack Obama and others have set a goal of ending childhood hunger in the United States by 2015. As people of faith, we can help turn this goal into a reality. Strengthening child nutrition programs will help achieve this goal.

But progress against hunger requires broader efforts to reduce poverty. Food assistance to hungry people is vital, but it is not enough. As stewards of God's abundant creation, we are called to address the underlying causes of hunger and poverty in our country.

Struggling parents need more resources to buy food for their children. That's why Bread for the World—in partnership with churches and other organizations—is urging Congress to adopt changes to U.S. tax policy that will benefit low-income families. In 2010, several tax measures will expire. This is an opportunity to urge Congress to protect and strengthen tax credits that help low-income families. These changes are crucial building blocks for a comprehensive strategy to end childhood hunger in the United States.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Individuals and churches from many different traditions find Bread for the World a resource as they seek to live out the Gospel. We both inform and inspire people of faith to communicate with their members of Congress through an "Offering of Letters." By working together to win passage of bipartisan legislation, we help change the conditions and policies that allow hunger to persist.



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

You can help end childhood hunger by taking a few minutes to write your member of Congress. Join Bread for the World's 2010 Offering of Letters. Write your senators and representative in Congress. Urge them to strengthen key tax credits that can make a big difference for low-income workers and their families.

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

Your Name _____

Date _____

Your Address _____

Representative _____

Senator _____

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Senate

Washington, DC 20515

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative _____ (or Dear Senator _____),

Our nation needs a comprehensive strategy to end childhood hunger in the United States. It's vital that we make sure low-income families can meet their basic needs—including food. I ask you to protect and strengthen key tax credits that can make a big difference for low-income workers and their families.

These programs work. In 2005, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) alone lifted more than 5 million people above the poverty line, including 2.6 million children. But we can and must do more. Nearly one in four children lives in a family that struggles to put food on the table. We need to protect and strengthen EITC and the Child Tax Credit and work toward a day when no parent has to send a child to bed hungry.

Sincerely,

Your Name _____

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Bread for the World works in a bipartisan way and enjoys the support of many different church bodies. It collaborates with other organizations to build the political commitment needed to overcome hunger.

Yes, I want to do more to end hunger in our time

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

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