

From the Pieratts



CRI Children's Relief International

Taking the light of Christ to the poor

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An article in Sunday's New York Times read: "The Other Way Covid Will Kill: Hunger." Around the world, hunger is rising not from the disease, but from the loss of work and closed borders between countries. This article caught my attention because its stories are close to where we work in Uganda and the South Sudan.

For example, as we read this, a line of trucks carrying fresh fish from a port in Mombasa, Kenya is trying to enter Uganda. The trip normally takes a couple days. Now the drivers have to show a certificate of health at each border. The backup of idling trucks stretches for 40 miles. Before they get through the line, the fish have rotted, and more children are showing up at clinics and hospitals with signs of malnutrition.

On a personal note, Melody and I sponsor a teenager from this area. As a 16-year-old refugee, Helen was the victim of a gang assault and now has a baby. Her dream of going to college might have been ruined. But we offered to sponsor her and now her classes have begun. Writing that check each month is one of the most satisfying things we do.

Since March, CRI has sent enough funds to help feed 8,000 people affected by the pandemic. **This may be a drop in the bucket compared to the global needs, but to those who receive our aid, it is a life-changing drop.**

God has given all of us the capacity to care at a distance. We may be in the USA, while those who are hungry are in Uganda, South Sudan, Myanmar, Nigeria, or India. But we care. We really and actually do care about people whom we don't personally know.

This is a part of being created in the image of God. The throne room He inhabits in heaven (Rev. 4:2) may be a trillion light-years away. Yet, God cares for us and His Spirit fills all things. Like God, we too care for others, even though they are at a great distance from us.

You may have noticed that I close our personal letters pretty much the same way. **Thank you!** You have helped us take the light of Christ to some of the neediest people of our time. Most of you have been with us for our entire missionary careers. Thank you so very much.

Hey folks - Trust you are all well.
Tired of the pandemic? Me too.

Hope and pray the 27th went
well for MBC missions.

The Other Way Covid Will Kill: Hunger

Worldwide, the population facing life-threatening levels of food insecurity is expected to double, to more than a quarter of a billion people.

