

Thank you for your interest in ONE's faith resources for the Thrive campaign. We hope they aid and inspire you and your local faith community in the fight to end global hunger and malnutrition.

More than a billion people around the world live in extreme poverty, among them 178 million young children. These children will suffer from chronic malnutrition, many will be irreversibly stunted or otherwise suffer long-term effects of poverty. These are children that many of us know from church missions. These are children that we feed through our missions, through WorldVision or Catholic Relief Services, or our sister congregations throughout the world.

Even more can be done to help these children and families through supporting nutrition programs and agricultural investment, ensuring that farmers have the means to feed their families and lift themselves out of poverty. We now have the opportunity to take huge steps to break the cycle of hunger and end childhood stunting and chronic malnutrition by making a commitment to global development programs. Plus, we can help end childhood malnutrition through creative changes in nutrition. More than 600,000 children die each year from vitamin A deficiency—something that planting orange-fleshed sweet potatoes instead of white-fleshed varieties could help to combat.

Thrive is ONE's response to these opportunities. It is an appeal to people around the world to call on African leaders, donor governments, and the private sector to support these plans and commit to meeting the World Health Organization's target to reduce stunting by 40% and help save 25 million children from malnutrition by 2016. We are asking you to learn more about the promise of freedom from poverty—of moving from misery to Canaan—that these plans offer, and to join other ONE members around the world in taking action to help families lift themselves out of poverty.

Here at ONE, we have put together a collection of resources we hope will help you and your church to be inspired to take action. ONE has had the fortune of working with award-winning author and ONE fellow Roger Thurow. Mr. Thurow's newest book, *The Last Hunger Season*, chronicles the journey of smallholder farmers in western Kenya as they and their families strive to transform their lives through faith, hard work, and smart, effective agricultural investment. We have created a book discussion guide that is included in this kit.

Along with the book study guide, resources also include:

- Short videos of families from the book that can be used in small group settings and in conjunction with the study guide.
- A worship and service guide, including a reflection and sermon starter from ONE Member Pastor Bob Flayhart of Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church.
- A list of ways you can take action with other ONE Members in calling for an end to global hunger.

If you're taking action, you get ideas and sign up to join other ONE Members at <http://www.one.org/actnow>. And we'd love to see what you do. Use the hashtag #recipeforchange and to share your pictures on Instagram and Twitter.

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