

SPECIAL REPORTS



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Your love delivered new farming techniques to Suzan Nzabake in Uganda, ensuring abundant crops she can sell at market. Because of you, her children are no longer sick and hungry. Thank you.

Suzan and her family now have a healthy and bright future thanks to your love and generosity.

Your Love Allows Family in Uganda to Thrive

Suzan Nzabake toiled on her farm, day in and day out, trying to grow coffee and vanilla the best way she knew how. But the flowers kept dropping off her plants before the fruit had a chance to develop, making her harvests too small to keep her family fed.

As a result, Suzan and her extended family of eight went to bed hungry every night on the floor of a small mud shack. Stuck in extreme poverty, hunger created a domino effect on her family, leaving Suzan's children without the strength and energy to succeed in school. Their diminished immune systems left the children vulnerable to life-threatening illnesses — and less likely to survive.

Suzan would often eat just once a day so her children could eat twice. She was so weak from

hunger, when she recently came down with malaria, it took a very long time for her to recover.

Suzan prayed fervently for a better future. “The Bible says you should ask God for what you desire,” she explained. “And I prayed that he would bless me through my land.”

Your love answered Suzan's prayers with emergency food, as well as the tools and knowledge she needed to help her crops — and her family — thrive. Your generosity

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A MESSAGE FROM DANIEL



As we prepare for the Easter season, I'm filled with gratitude for you. Because your gifts are spreading Christ's love to God's children living in the world's poorest

nations — from Iraq to Peru and from Uganda to Haiti.

With natural disasters on the rise, your lifesaving support is helping vulnerable children, women, men and seniors survive and rebuild their lives.

You're helping rural farmers feed their children and increase their incomes — giving your neighbors with the very least a reason to hope for a better tomorrow.

Together, we are lifting up children, mothers, fathers, families and entire villages in some of the most fragile and fraught places on earth.

Thank you for your love and ongoing generosity.

God bless you,

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO

Called to Love Our Neighbors

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.”



— Galatians 6:9 (NRSV)



Suzan's son Sem (5) enjoys a plate of beans for lunch. Her family's financial yields on her coffee and vanilla crops have more than tripled thanks to your generous heart.

Your love allows, continued ...

introduced Suzan to vermicomposting (the use of earthworms to convert organic waste into fertilizer) to treat her plants and keep them healthy.

Today, Suzan's family not only has enough to eat, but her income and her hope for the future have both risen exponentially.

As Suzan explains, “I really see that God is answering our prayers. My children no longer cry all the time. They no longer get admitted to the hospital. Today, I have peace knowing that I have friends overseas who love me. That's why I keep praying to God to uplift them.”

Your far-reaching love is ensuring Suzan can feed her children so they are healthy enough to succeed in school and reach their full potential in life.

God bless you for so lovingly and willingly sharing your blessings! ■

Your Kindness Helps Vulnerable Families Heal

The 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti last summer caused widespread damage to homes, schools and health centers, leaving vulnerable families, including the elderly, sick and injured, traumatized and without shelter.

In one miraculous case, Metilra Paul, 89 and blind, fell to her knees to pray when the earth began to shake. As she raised her hands, she touched the ceiling of her home, which landed just above her head. The chair she'd been sitting in only seconds before was crushed.

Your compassionate generosity provided temporary shelter for Metilra and thousands of children, women and men. Your kindness is helping to repair damaged homes and replace medical supplies at health centers. You made it possible to deliver quilts, Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits to thousands of affected families.

You also assisted health workers and community leaders in sharing information on proper hygiene and COVID-19 prevention. And you lovingly provided safe drinking water and more to minimize the chance of disease outbreaks and promote healing.

You are sharing Christ's love and being God's hands and feet at work for the people of Haiti. ■



Metilra Paul, 89 (center) miraculously survived the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti in August of 2021. Now your ongoing compassion and generosity is helping families like Metilra and her two daughters rebuild.

Donor Spotlight

Faithful Neighbors Help Global Village Do Better



The Kessels are very active in helping their neighbors locally and globally. They're involved in local causes through their church and are also LWR *Faithful Neighbor* monthly donors.

Jeff and Delores Kessel live in Wassau, Wisconsin, but Delores says she prefers to see the world as a global village.

“Everybody does better when everybody does better,” she explains. “We all depend on each other.”

The Kessels are very active in helping their neighbors in need through both local causes and as **Faithful Neighbor** monthly supporters to Lutheran World Relief. They say giving a regular donation keeps them better connected to their global neighbors than simply giving a once-a-year gift.

“It is in everyone's best interest,” says Delores, a mostly retired clinical social worker. Regarding help that lifts families up, she adds that at the heart of what Lutheran World Relief does is the formation of “strong communities, where people are able to have their basic needs for food, clean water, clothing, shelter, education and health care met.”

Jeff, a retired physician, added, “To me, it makes sense to give monthly, because need doesn't end after Christmas ... the need is there all the time. Having regular donors allows LWR to plan, organize and develop programs where they know ... there's going to be a steady flow of money that keeps [life-changing] programs viable, strong and vital.” ■

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK AROUND THE WORLD

Peru

Your generosity is reaching teachers, students and their families in poor, rural communities in Peru with techniques for properly using and maintaining their school's new water and sanitation facilities. This ensures everyone involved in school communities can develop healthy hygiene habits and prevent the spread of disease.

Iraq

Your love is continuing to care for neighbors who have returned to their homes in Iraq after being forced to flee from ISIS. You are providing olive tree seedlings, fertilizer, sheep and crop maintenance education that are allowing families to restore their livelihoods and raise their families.

Mali

You made sure struggling farmers in Mali can grow higher-quality corn and rice so they can earn more income to feed and care for their children. Through farming cooperatives, your caring gifts are helping farmers do all they can to maximize the market value of their crops.

Thank you for sending your love to your neighbors across the globe!

Become a Faithful Neighbor through monthly giving.

Your monthly gift of \$29 or more does so much.

For Pumam, your faithful giving saves her family from hunger until they can feed themselves, then sends help to the next family in need.

Become a part of the **Faithful Neighbor** family today so your love reaches further and stays longer.

JOIN TODAY at lwr.org/monthly.

Until your love reaches every neighbor.



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