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On The Cover: After tornadoes struck Moore, Oklahoma Convoy's Disaster Services team began distributing emergency relief supplies. In the years since, several homes have been built by Convoy to help the community recover.

Photographer: Jeremy Denief



NEVER MISS A STORY.

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Why We Respond to Disasters



Hal Donaldson
President

CONVOY OF HOPE

 @haldonaldson on Twitter

Disasters seem to be occurring more frequently these days. There have been a domino of hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, fires, floods and more. Convoy of Hope's Disaster Services team has been up to the challenge, meeting the needs of thousands of disaster survivors across the United States and around the world.

So why do we care? Why do we provide food, water and emergency supplies to families that have lost their homes and everything they own? The answer is simple: We don't want people to suffer. We want to do all we can to rescue them and restore their hope — because every life is precious to God.

When the world is its meanest, people ravaged by disaster need

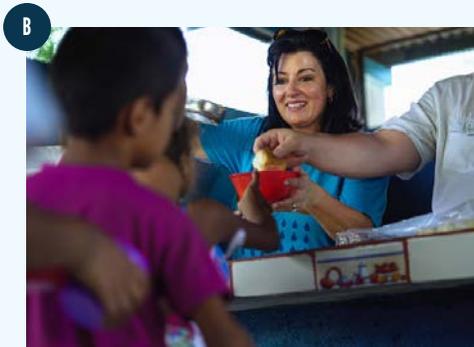
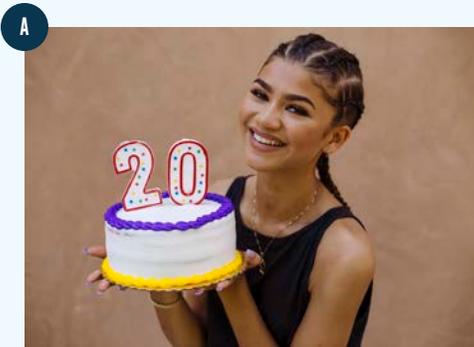
people like you to be at their kindest. When all is lost, they need friends who will demonstrate kindness and mercy through bags of groceries, gallons of water, buses filled with cleanup crews and more. Rest assured, because of your generosity and compassion, Convoy of Hope is on the ground in disaster after disaster, providing hope to hurting people.

Our disaster relief workers have wrapped their arms around disaster survivors in places like New Orleans, Haiti, Sri Lanka, Joplin, New York City, Japan and more. They've seen how a helping hand gives people the ability to see beyond their crisis and recapture their dreams.

Because of you, countless families who have lost everything have been comforted by the sight of a Convoy of Hope truck filled with food and supplies coming to their aid. On their behalf, thank you for caring and giving so families can smile again.



Hal Donaldson, president of Convoy of Hope, distributes food to families in Haiti.



A Zendaya celebrates with Convoy of Hope

For her 20th birthday, Convoy of Hope Ambassador and Superstar, Zendaya, set a goal to raise \$50,000 for our Women’s Empowerment Initiative bringing strength and dignity to women around the world.

Learn more at convoyofhope.org/zendaya

C Casting Crowns provides hope to flood survivors in Louisiana

Christian rock band, Casting Crowns, encouraged their followers to donate to Convoy giving lifesaving supplies to families in need after the devastating floods in Louisiana.

D Dancember aims to feed the stadium

YouTube stars, Judy and Benji Travis, and their all-star team are joining forces with Convoy of Hope’s feedONE Initiative for Dancember 2016. This collaborative campaign will raise funds to provide 1 million meals — enough food to feed as many children as it would take to fill a 50,000-seat stadium.

E McDonald’s serves hope in Indianapolis

At a recent Community Event in Indianapolis, McDonald’s served 14,000 hot meals to Guests of Honor and volunteers. McDonald’s used their mobile unit, the McRig, to prepare and serve hamburgers, cheeseburgers, breakfast burritos and apple slices.

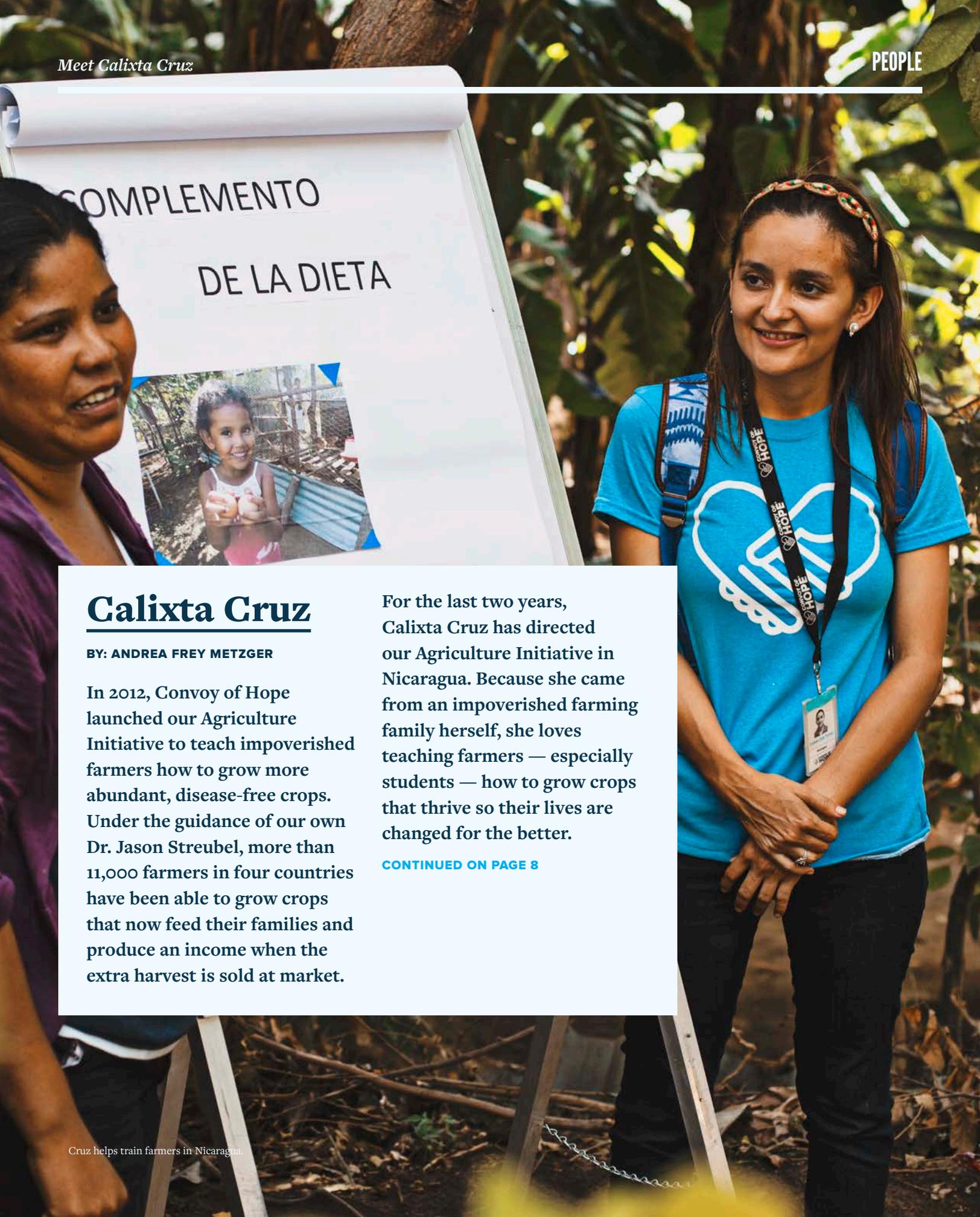
B Denise Jonas feeds hungry kids

Our friend, Denise Jonas, celebrated her 50th birthday — but instead of cake and ice cream, she wanted to make her day extra special by feeding kids through Convoy of Hope’s feedONE Initiative.

Kevin and Denise Jonas had the opportunity to see our work firsthand in Nicaragua, which inspired Denise to give her birthday to help feed kids around the world.

F Hormel Foods feeds families in need in America

Hormel Foods Corporation is a multinational manufacturer and marketer of high-quality, brand-name food and meat products for consumers throughout the world. With a passion to give back, Hormel Foods has donated a variety of shelf-stable items for Convoy’s Community Events and Disaster Services in the United States.



Calixta Cruz

BY: ANDREA FREY METZGER

In 2012, Convoy of Hope launched our Agriculture Initiative to teach impoverished farmers how to grow more abundant, disease-free crops. Under the guidance of our own Dr. Jason Streubel, more than 11,000 farmers in four countries have been able to grow crops that now feed their families and produce an income when the extra harvest is sold at market.

For the last two years, Calixta Cruz has directed our Agriculture Initiative in Nicaragua. Because she came from an impoverished farming family herself, she loves teaching farmers — especially students — how to grow crops that thrive so their lives are changed for the better.

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Cruz helps train farmers in Nicaragua.

Journey and work abroad



Convoy of Hope Field Teams are groups of volunteers that serve alongside in-country staff and partners throughout our focus countries for one week durations so children, families and every community can flourish.

Featured Trip*

Mwika, Tanzania

*All 2016 trips are full. Now accepting 2017 applications.

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Join the
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We're currently looking for the perfect fit for these jobs*:

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- Staff Accountant
- Disaster Services Training & Support Manager
- Warehouse Assistant
- Janitor

*as of 10/24/16.

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World Headquarters opportunity



Hands of Hope volunteer night happens every Tuesday at our World Distribution Center in Springfield, Missouri. Volunteers pack food for our international feeding programs and bag groceries for our Community Events.

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.*

World Distribution Center
330 S. Patterson Ave
Springfield, MO 65802

*See website for blackout dates.

convoy.org/events

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Calixta Cruz

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What kind of obstacles have you faced?

My father passed away when I was five years old so my brother had to work to support our family. My mom baked bread in the morning and my sister and I would help her make the bread and sell it after school.

I graduated high school in 2007 and wanted to attend university, but I didn't get a scholarship. I shared a room with six other students and worked hard my first year, then got a scholarship my second year. I graduated with

the highest grades in my class. I want people to know that anything is possible.

What's your favorite part of working for Convoy?

When I go to see the school gardens. Kids ask me to teach them about the garden and ask if they can help. Several students have gardens at home now, and they've shown their neighbors how to start gardens too. I like to remind the kids they have to fight for what they want and can't let any obstacles get in their way.

What was your most memorable moment working at Convoy?

I was working with sixth graders at a

school, and we were sifting through soil for our garden, taking out glass and stones. I noticed that the kids were laughing nonstop and realized they had put a dead mouse in the dirt where I was working and I grabbed it without even realizing it! It was so funny!

Outside of work, what do you like to do?

I love talking with my family and I spend a lot of time thinking about work and how to improve things for the people we serve. I also enjoy going to church, the movies and hanging out with friends.



BY DAVID DONALDSON JR.

I am currently as old as Convoy of Hope — 22.

It's incredible to think about Convoy's humble beginnings, where it is now, and every life impacted since 1994. I've been blessed to have a window seat — a view of what true hope looks like — and life lessons from the most compassionate people.

I was born in Bakersfield, California, when Convoy had one truck and did small community outreaches. Growing up, I would tell people, "My dad works for a nonprofit called Convoy of Hope and helps people in need." It was normal to me. I was taught to be grateful, even when we didn't have much.

As I got older, I realized Convoy wasn't just my family's job, it was a lifetime dedicated to compassion. It wasn't until I was older

that I understood the roots of the Donaldson family — where we came from.

I have seen suffering, hunger and poverty. But I have also seen hope and love in dark places. I have learned what life is all about. Growing up with Convoy has given me a worldview where it is hard to ignore the poor. It's hard to complain. It's hard to be ungrateful for what I have. It's hard to live only for myself. It's hard to live comfortably while someone else is hungry. It has made me want to do something that matters — and for that, I'm thankful.

I'm grateful for the life I've been given, my family and Convoy. Growing along with this organization has shaped me into who I am today.



Explore our blog at convoy.org/blog

We believe that hope is the common denominator of our stories. **The Hope Supply** is your opportunity to journey with us, by the power of stories, to faraway places — and perhaps even your community.

You Never Leave the Orchard

BY: DR. JASON STREUBEL

The smell of fall settles as the dark red sunset looms over the horizon. In the distance, blackened images of orchard trees boast their bounty. Growing up on my grandpa's cherry orchard was an experience that shaped my life in many ways. In the orchard, as in life, there are seasons — and fall is my favorite. As I interact with students at the university where I teach, I'm reminded why I like fall so much and what it represents:

It's worth it.

The harvest always reminds me the work is worth the time, energy and sweat put into it. When I watch the first bloom on the trees in spring or prep the soil before winter — it's sometimes easy to forget the harvest is coming — but fall reveals the fruit of my labor is good.

You get to make improvements.

As the season comes to a close and school starts up again, I'm reminded I get to make improvements. The seasons on the orchard give us a natural point of evaluation where we can take stock and make adjustments for the next season. As a professor and student, I love being able to start over and put into practice the lessons I've learned.

You have to prune.

If trees are left to keep growing naturally, they may produce less fruit. So they must be pruned. The unproductive branches must be cut out. I might not prune an orchard now, but I ask myself, "Am I putting energy into the fruitful or the unfruitful?"

My time at Convoy of Hope reminds me of the orchard. I love to see the harvest, and hard work is worth it when someone is no longer hungry. I love that I'm not perfect and get to make improvements both personally and through one of our programs. So this fall, join me and remember the orchard.

Do Your Business Succession Plans Include Charitable Giving Strategies?

BY: DAN RICE

The aim of succession planning for many business owners is keeping their business in the family. Two tricky succession moves are the ownership transfer and the transfer of management

control. The timing of these transfers can be challenging as well.

Savvy business owners often accomplish these succession steps and transfer the business ownership to the children using one or more of the following arrangements: a charitable pooled income fund, a charitable remainder trust, a charitable lead trust and a donor advised fund.

Children who are becoming

future business owners can continue working in the business, developing their management capabilities until they receive the actual stock ownership in the business.

Let Convoy of Hope introduce you to smart charitable planning options by learning how to choose between paying avoidable taxes or making meaningful charitable gifts.



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FROM

Renewing hope

RUIN

in the wake of loss.

TO

by: Michelle Stormzand

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FROM

RUIN

TO

RESTORATION

Hail the size of softballs crashed to the ground and shattered. I ran faster. I covered my head as best I could, hoping none would hit me. A direct hit would be a knockout blow. I had to make it to the neighbor's shelter.

The wind blew warm but the hail created a chill in the air. An unsettling mix of hot and cold that made me more scared than I could remember ever having been in my life. And the storm was just beginning.

I reached the entrance to the cellar — no door. It was laying beside the cellar on the ground.

I looked around the yard in a panic, trying to find anything to hold the door on. Given half a chance, the twister that was heading our way would suck us right out of the cellar — the only safety we knew in the neighborhood.

I found a ratchet strap. An agonizing howl rang through the air and I didn't need to look to know what was coming. My shaking fingers refused to take orders from my brain as I fiddled with the strap. "Come on. Come on." Neighbors piled into the cellar. Petrified, I cried out. "Please God, help us!"

The ratchet fastened. I slammed the door over the opening and pulled it tight. We all hunkered down in the back of the cellar. Our ears popped with the

changing pressure. The twister was in our neighborhood.

The wrenching sound of the tornado scraping across the ground, lifting homes from their foundations, tossing cars like plastic balls in a child's ball pit penetrated our hand-covered ears and burned itself into our minds. I'll never forget that sound.

The screams, the fear, the panic lasted less than an hour — but the weight of our terror felt like it erased years from our lives.

Then, as suddenly as the dark clouds had lumbered in the minutes before the storm, they escorted themselves out. My husband opened the cellar door and our eyes darted from pile of rubble to pile of rubble. Devastation surrounded us, but in a state of shock, we could barely comprehend that it was our homes, our trees, our cars ... all gone.

The sky was brilliant blue, as though coaxing us to believe the last terrifying hour of our lives never existed. The pungent scent of sawdust burned our noses — the tornado had sheared through trees and houses like a saw.

Through ragged breaths and unbelieving eyes, we surveyed our unrecognizable neighborhood. It was going to take us months — maybe years — to recover from this ... if ever.

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DISASTER RESPONSES

PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTED
(unless noted otherwise):

Food, drinks (water, sports drinks, etc.), cleaning supplies, baby food & other much-needed supplies.



HURRICANE

Katrina/Rita
2005

757

LOADS DISTRIBUTED

1,338,239

PEOPLE SERVED

“There was such an outpouring of help,” says Amanda. “The love from people — even strangers — who helped, was amazing.”

An answer

Amanda panicked — not just during the tornado that ravaged her hometown of Moore, Oklahoma, but also afterwards. She asked herself a barrage of questions over the next few hours: How would her family recover? Who would help them clean up the mess? How would they piece their lives back together after they’d lost everything?

Those questions warranted one answer: Convoy of Hope.

Within hours following the deadly EF5 tornado on May 20, 2013, which killed 25 people and caused more than \$2 billion in damage, Convoy of Hope was on-site with three tractor-trailer loads of fresh water, food and supplies.

We met the immediate and ongoing needs of families just like Amanda’s, who were reeling from the tragedy of losing everything they owned.

Over the course of the next month, 23 additional tractor-trailer loads were delivered to families in Moore. We led 91 debris removal teams, which consisted of more than 1,100 volunteers who gave 7,500 hours to clean up the mess the tornado left in its aftermath. Families didn’t have to worry about who would help them clean up: Convoy was there to lend a hand in the midst of disaster.

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EARTHQUAKE

Haiti

2010

125

LOADS DISTRIBUTED

100,000

FAMILIES SERVED

Following the 7.0-magnitude earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti in 2010, at least 52 aftershocks occurred. Tens of thousands moved to tent communities outside the city.



TORNADO

Joplin

2011

73

LOADS DISTRIBUTED

38,367

PEOPLE SERVED

13

HOMES REBUILT

20

HOMES REPAIRED

73

HOME FOUNDATIONS REMOVED

The Joplin, Missouri tornado in 2011 killed 158 people, making it the most deadly tornado to strike the U.S. since 1948.

FEATURE



HURRICANE

Sandy

2012

61

LOADS DISTRIBUTED

31,486

PEOPLE SERVED



TORNADO

Moore

2013

14

HOMES REBUILT

18

STORM SHELTERS PROVIDED

30

HOME REPAIRS



The 2015 earthquake in Nepal killed more than 8,000 and injured more than 21,000.

A history of timely responses

Since our first response in 1998 in Del Rio, Texas, following Tropical Storm Charley, Convoy of Hope has provided water, food, supplies, shelters, tarps and, in many cases, debris removal and cleanup. We've deployed hundreds of thousands of volunteers throughout 298 responses*.

We've mounted responses to major storms, including Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, where we delivered 757 tractor-trailer loads of food, water and supplies to help 1.3 million survivors. In a one-month period surrounding both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we distributed more than 30 million pounds of supplies to affected residents.

We were already on the ground in Haiti when the catastrophic 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit in January 2010. Convoy had been feeding 11,000 children in our Children's Feeding Initiative prior to the earthquake — that number swelled to more than 45,000 in the weeks following the disaster, as food was in such short supply, and so many children were orphaned in the massive quake.

"We'd stocked our warehouse in Haiti just days before the earthquake," says Chris Dudley, international response director for Disaster Services. "Doing so allowed us to help thousands of

survivors immediately. They didn't have to wait for containers of food and supplies to be shipped."

Overall, we provided millions of meals in Haiti through our warehouse stock and 121 additional containers of food and supplies. But our response didn't stop there.

Since the earthquake, our Children's Feeding Initiative has grown to more than 62,000 enrolled.** We've also established an Agriculture Initiative in the country, to provide a means for farmers to be able to feed and care for their own families.

Securing the futures of families around the world also took us to Kathmandu, Nepal, in April 2015, when a 7.8-magnitude earthquake killed more than 8,000 and injured nearly 22,000. We were on the ground within days, distributing food, water and temporary shelters. More than 44,000 people were served through our initial response. A year later, we piloted an emergency nutrition program that serves elementary-aged children and lactating mothers, Nepali society's most vulnerable to food insecurity.

Long after the disaster is over, we continue our work. We help survivors, no matter where they live, get back on their feet in as many ways as we are financially and physically able.

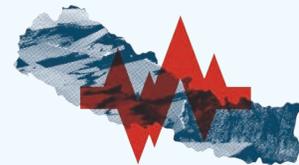


TYPHOON
Haiyan
2013

740,016
MEALS SERVED

393
HOMES REBUILT OR REPAIRED

634
HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED



EARTHQUAKE
Nepal
2015

576,750
MEALS SERVED

6,631
PEOPLE SERVED

*as of 08/31/16.

**as of 12/31/15.

FEATURE



FLOODING

Louisiana

2016

47

LOADS DISTRIBUTED

74,283

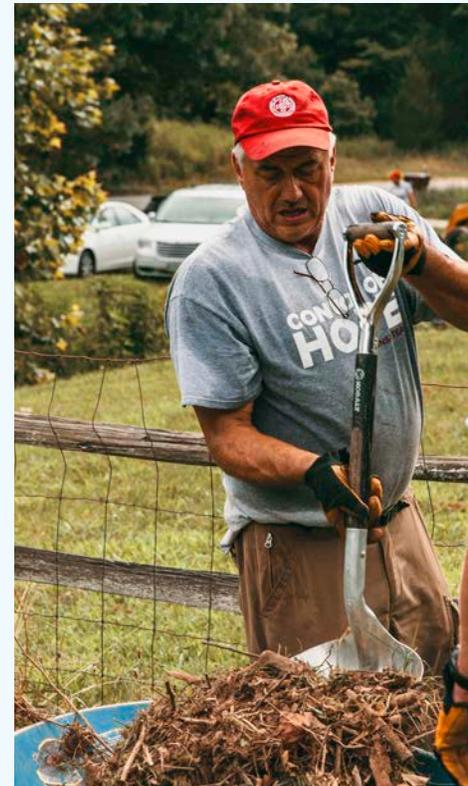
PEOPLE SERVED

1.5M

POUNDS OF SUPPLIES
DISTRIBUTED



Volunteers assist with cleanup after major flooding.



LEFT: Amanda Hernandez and her mother Linda Burgess [stand in front of] their new home, built by Convoy of Hope. RIGHT: Disaster Services team members help clean up a home.

“We’re able to respond quickly because of the support of our partners and friends,” says Dudley.



Power of friends

Already in 2016, we’ve responded to 21* disasters in the U.S. and around the world, including flooding, wildfires, a cyclone, earthquakes and tornadoes.

“We’re able to respond quickly because of the support of our partners and friends,” says Dudley. “Without them, the task of providing both immediate and long-term relief would be much more challenging.”

Convoy’s friends enable us to stay in an area long after the disaster, whether in the U.S. or abroad. Just as the emergency nutrition program in Nepal and Children’s Feeding in Haiti is supplying nourishment and changing the futures of families,

Convoy is also bent on rebuilding stronger, more secure homes and safer, more resilient communities in America — just like we did for Amanda’s family after the Moore, Oklahoma tornado.

Six months ago, the family moved into their all brick, Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) home. It boasts hurricane ties on the trusses, a reinforced garage door and an in-floor garage storm shelter.

The family will never have to search for a safe place during a tornado again.

“We’re optimistic now,” Amanda says. “We’re so thankful God brought Convoy of Hope into our lives.”



*as of 10/5/16.

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December 31, 2016, all
gifts donated to the
Feed the World Fund
will be matched, dollar
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An incredible opportunity has been extended to friends and partners of Convoy of Hope this holiday season.

Generous friends of Convoy have offered a million dollar matching gift opportunity.

Between now and December 31, 2016, the first \$500,000 in gifts donated to our **Feed the World Fund** will be matched, dollar for dollar.

In a way, our anonymous partners have issued a challenge to our closest friends asking them to step out in faith, and give above and beyond previous gifts and commitments this year.

This is an incredible opportunity to make an enormous impact in the lives of children and families around the world.

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Convoy of Hope Responds to Flooding in Louisiana

Convoy of Hope responded to historic flooding in Louisiana, where many rivers crested several feet above record level. Many people in areas that had never flooded before found themselves underwater. FEMA estimated there were more than 145,000 impacted structures — commercial and residential — in the area.

Our Disaster Services team was among the first to respond and was on the ground distributing food, water, cleaning supplies and

hygiene kits to families in need before the waters had started receding.

“Getting product into key locations is vital,” says Stacy Lamb, U.S. response director for Disaster Services. “With the school year starting, many families were displaced with only the clothes on their backs.”

Convoy has delivered 47 truckloads totaling nearly 1.5 million pounds of relief supplies to families in need.



Emergency-Based Feeding Program Launches in Nepal

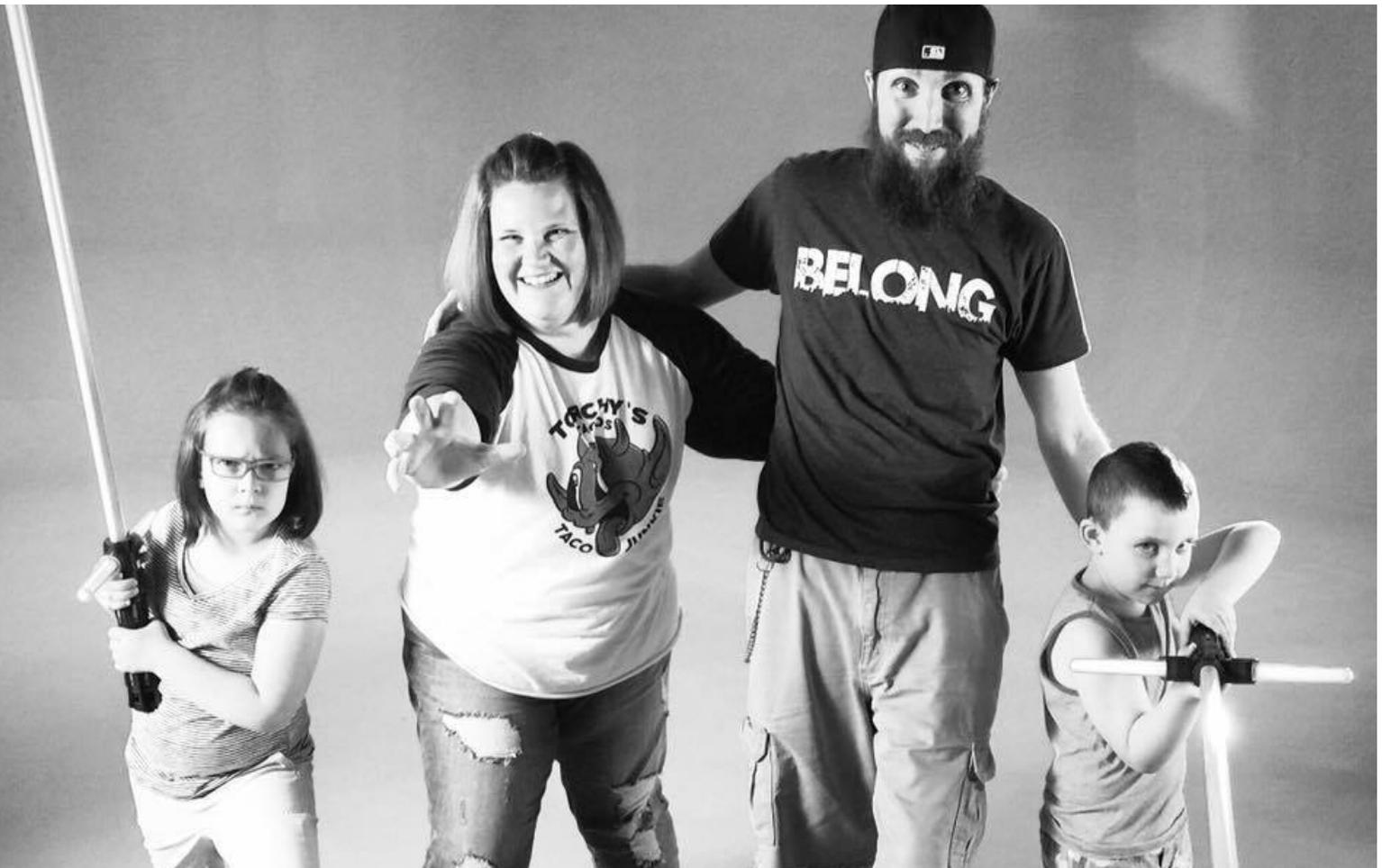
Immediately following the 7.8-magnitude earthquake in Nepal in April 2015 that killed more than 8,000 people, injured at least 21,000 and displaced countless others, Convoy of Hope's Disaster Services team responded.

We procured and delivered food, supplies and temporary shelter to residents of remote villages tucked high in the Himalayas.

A year later, we piloted a 2-year emergency food plan for one especially hard-hit village, with the

hope of extending it to more. This fall, as children return to school, we will feed 350 elementary-aged children daily and provide take-home rations for their families. Nutrition and hygiene training for lactating mothers will also be initiated.

Additionally, we are beginning agriculture and agribusiness training in a farming community to increase the sustainable food security and dietary intake of families.



Chewbacca Mom Releases Single Benefiting Convoy of Hope

Candace Payne, also known as Chewbacca Mom, has released a rendition of *Heal the World* on iTunes with proceeds benefiting Convoy of Hope.

"I am so humbled and grateful to share my arrangement of *Heal the World*," says Payne. "Recently, I've been so sad and hurt by what's going on in the news, but I hope this inspires others to make the world a better place."

"...I hope this inspires others to make the world a better place."

The 37-year-old viral star is known for a Facebook Live video she posted in May that attracted nearly

160 million views. With her infectious laugh and positive attitude, Payne hopes her rendition of *Heal the World*

will further her mission to spread joy to others.



LEARN MORE AT
convoy.org/makeabetterplace

DOWNLOAD ON iTunes
apple.co/2ad3VH2

2016 Community Events

We have served more than 96,000* Guests of Honor at Community Events this year so far. Twenty-five thousand volunteers have provided hope to working poor families across the U.S., including:

- 57,630 pairs of shoes
- 9,009 family portraits
- 5,393 haircuts
- 150,400 units of Plum Organics
- services to 14,524 women in the NBCF tent

*as of 10/21/16.

Convoy Responds to Hurricane Matthew

Convoy of Hope responded to Hurricane Matthew as it pummeled parts of Haiti, the Caribbean and the Eastern seaboard of the United States.

We had teams on the ground and supplies pre-positioned in anticipation of the storm. This enabled us to be among the first on the scene and allowed us to begin distributing much-needed emergency supplies as soon as the storm passed.

As a Convoy of Hope program country, our main priority in Haiti was to work with the children and families we serve there to ensure their safety and needs were met quickly and efficiently.

LEARN MORE AT
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Earl Morgan



The Edgar farm in North Dakota provides acres of beans to Convoy's Children's Feeding Initiative.

Farmers in North Dakota Address Global Poverty

By: Molly Erickson

Just like most farmers, Russell and Holly Edgar have experienced hardships. The Red River Flood of 1997 caused mass destruction to their land in North Dakota and they were unable to plant crops on half their farm for more than two years. They were forced to sell their equipment and rent out the farm that had been in their family since the 1800's. But Russell knew that wasn't the end for them.

"I started thinking about what it would take to build a dairy heifer-raising facility on our land," Russell explains. "I would wake up some mornings with design ideas."

In 2004, the Edgars started construction on a 3,000-head facility. Once up and running, they were able to work toward getting their land back.

"I felt like God was telling me that since he had helped us through that difficult

time, it was our turn to do something for others," Russell adds.

Russell spoke with a friend of his who worked with the grain donation program, producing food for Convoy of Hope. Bob and LeAnn Bachman explained the program to the Edgar family, who decided that pinto beans would be the best fit for the children Convoy of Hope serves.

"I decided to donate 20 acres of pinto beans to the feeding program," Russell says. "I received tremendous favor and reached out to a local bean seed company who donated all the seeds for free."

Since then, the Edgars continue to donate pinto beans and corn to Convoy of Hope's Children's Feeding Initiative serving countries like El Salvador, Nicaragua, Haiti and the Philippines. They are proof that there is hope in every harvest.

Work and Windows



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When I visited New York City years ago, I learned about the “broken-window theory.” Bestselling author Malcom Gladwell explains, “If a window is broken and left unrepaired, people walking by will conclude that no one is in charge [or cares].” Soon, one broken window can lead to many broken windows and even broken communities.

The only way to stop this destructive cycle of broken windows is to quickly replace the windows — to bring respect and new life to the building.

That same theory relates to some of the countries and people Convoy of Hope has the privilege of working with in America and around the world. Sadly, families trapped in a cycle of poverty rarely escape and often pass this life of hopelessness to subsequent generations.

That’s why Convoy spearheads programs to lift people from dependency to sustainability. We start with a nutritious meal which opens the doors to fresh

water, education and a life full of opportunities.

The Children’s Feeding Initiative often opens the door to Convoy introducing our Women’s Empowerment and Agriculture Initiatives, so the entire family can experience a holistic transformation and the vicious cycle of poverty is broken.

What a thrill it is to see women run their own businesses and farmers grow more plentiful, disease-free crops. Convoy provides a hand up and people flourish with the tools they’re given.

It’s an ominous task, but so rewarding to see one life, one community and yes, one window spring to new life.

Recently I heard a leader say, “Hope is believing for a person who has all the odds against them.” Together through your generosity and compassion, people are beating the odds every day by escaping poverty to become contributors, restoring vitality to their communities.

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