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RESPONDING TO THE EBOLA CRISIS WITH 4 MILLION MEALS

Sending food, hope and answers to West Africa starts with you.

Hal Donaldson

President and Co-Founder
CONVOY OF HOPE, Inc.

 @haldonaldson on Twitter

Although recent reports in Liberia are encouraging, world health officials say thousands of West Africans have been infected with Ebola. And they warn that the social and economic impact of the epidemic is far-reaching and long-lasting. Healthcare, agriculture, education and employment have already been crippled by the disease.

Ebola has also led to massive food shortages in countries including Liberia and Sierra Leone. In recent weeks, Convoy of Hope and our partners have shipped and distributed 4 million meals there. Medical supplies and water purification units have also been distributed. More shipments are slated for the next few months.

Because borders are essentially closed, Convoy of Hope is partnering with a multi-denominational coalition of 1,700 churches in West Africa that are ensuring the food and supplies are being delivered to families and children that have the greatest needs.

“The relief initiative has reached into the depths of the jungle, as well as the capital city of Monrovia,” says Gaylord Brown, Assemblies of God missionary to Liberia. “Distributing millions of meals has given hope to the hopeless and food to the hungry. Many prayers have been answered.”

Kwame Wumbe, our field coordinator for the Ebola initiative in West Africa, adds, “This is one of the greatest human need crises in West African history. But Convoy of Hope’s timely intervention with food, medical supplies and best-practice protocols will long be remembered by thousands of grateful Liberian and Sierra Leone recipients who received help when it appeared there was none.”

Please know that giving to Convoy of Hope is saving lives in West Africa. On behalf of the thousands of children and their families across the United States and around the world receiving life-giving food and supplies, thank you for your kindness, compassion and support.





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COH earns twelfth consecutive 4-star rating

We earned our twelfth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that an organization adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way.

Less than 1% of the charities Charity Navigator rates have received at least 12 consecutive 4-star evaluations. This indicates that Convoy of Hope outperforms most other charities in America.

Supporters help Convoy thrive

Our *Limitless* end-of-year campaign raised more than \$2 million, which includes the matching gift from an anonymous donor. Funds are already at work, helping children and families throughout the world.

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"We are proud to announce Convoy of Hope has earned our twelfth consecutive 4-star rating. This 'exceptional' designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Convoy of Hope from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Ken Berger
President & CEO
Charity Navigator



Every bowl of food we deliver is backed by thousands of compassionate friends — like you.



Ryan Grabill is more than a Convoy of Hope employee. He's the kind of team member who goes well beyond expectations anyone sets for him. That's just one of the reasons why he was the recipient of the 2014 Convoy Award, which honors an outstanding employee.

Recently, we sat down with Ryan and asked him some questions. His answers, like his personality, were genuine.

Where did you grow up?

RG: State College, Pa.

What brought you to Springfield, Mo.?

RG: I came here to work for Convoy of Hope. I went to a Community Event in Indianapolis in 1997, and loved what I saw. I was only 13 years old, but I knew that type of work was exactly what I wanted to do when I grew up.

What do you do now for Convoy?

RG: I'm the Disaster Services Response Manager. I wear a lot of hats: Some days I'm on the field, removing debris from a tornado and assisting families who have lost everything. Some days I work in the warehouse, and some days I'm working with other organizations to figure out how we can partner together to do more good. I love that every day is different.

How do you keep the adrenaline going outside of work?

RG: Adventure sports. Triathlons, skydiving, rope swings, cliff jumping ... anything to get my heart racing.

Why is working in Disaster Services a good fit for you?

RG: Following a disaster there's a lot of chaos and disorder. Taking the challenges that come along with that is part of what makes me tick. I love helping people and assisting them when they need it most.

If you could be anything you wanted, what would you be?

RG: I think I'd just be doing things for people who can't do it themselves: building relationships with people and looking for opportunities to serve. Mowing yards, helping people move, stuff like that. You can never underestimate how important one small act of kindness can be. Sometimes it changes a life.



**Ryan
Grabill**

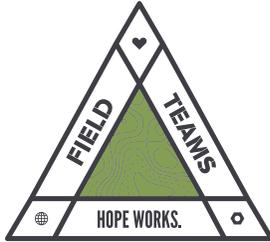
Disaster Services
Response Manager
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Convoy Award
2014 Employee of the Year



Ryan Grabill filters water for a local resident of Vanuatu during Cyclone Pam response in March 2015.

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Journey and work abroad

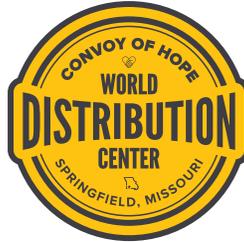
Convoy of Hope Field Teams are groups of volunteers that serve alongside in-country staff and partners throughout our focus countries for one week durations so children, families and every community can flourish.

Field Trip Availability

the Philippines
Kenya
Tanzania
Albania

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Volunteer in Springfield

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

Where

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

When

Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Summer Break: May 26 - July 7



Host a party with a purpose

Host a Hands & Hearts Party! Invite friends to enjoy inspiring conversation and share about the work Convoy of Hope is doing. Discover how you can make an impact in your community and throughout the world.

Details

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Register

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Coming to a city near you

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Event Calendar

- APR**
- 05 Easter
 - 18 Wesley Block Parties
Springfield, Mo.
 - 22 Earth Day
- JUN**
- 06 Worcester, Mass. ^{CE}
Long Island, N.Y. ^{CE}
Kansas City, Mo. ^{CE}
- JUL**
- 25 Ferguson, Mo. ^{CE}
- AUG**
- 01 Minneapolis, Minn. ^{CE}
Wichita, Kan. ^{CE}
 - 15 O'Fallon, Ill. ^{CE}
Springfield, Mass. ^{CE}
 - 19 World Humanitarian Day
 - 22 Chicago, Ill. ^{CE}
Kennewick, Wash. ^{CE}
 - 29 Bremerton, Wash. ^{CE}
- SEP**
- 12 Couer d'Alene, Idaho ^{CE}
Washington, D.C. ^{CE}
 - 19 Philadelphia, Pa. ^{CE}
 - 26 Denver, Colo. ^{CE}
- OCT**
- 03 Sandpoint, Idaho ^{CE}
CityReach ^{CE}
 - 16 World Food Day
- NOV**
- 18 Hope Connection
Springfield, Mo.
 - 21 Las Vegas, Nev. ^{CE}
 - 26 Thanksgiving
- DEC**
- 01 Giving Tuesday
 - 05 Int'l Volunteer Day
 - 10 Human Rights Day
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^{CE} CONVOY OF HOPE® Community Event



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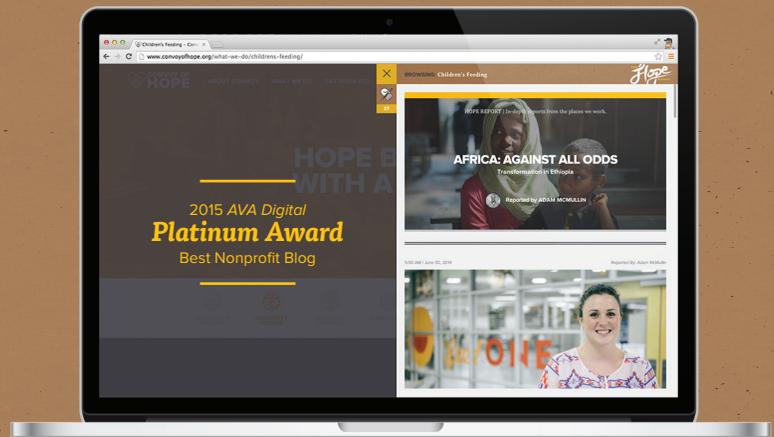
We believe that hope is the common denominator of our stories. *The Hope Supply* is your opportunity to journey with us, by the power of stories, to faraway places — and perhaps even your community.

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Strategic Giving: Tax Tips

by: Dan Rice

Increase charitable giving before April 15

It is financially beneficial and tax-wise to give as much as you can by April 15 of the total amount you plan to give this year. Why? You may be able to enjoy paying a much lower first estimated tax payment.

Consider other giving vehicles in 2015

Planned giving, such as a donor advised fund, allows for up front tax deductions from cash and non-cash gifts. Also, if you are able to give assets instead of cash (like stock or real estate), you will automatically increase your available cash resources!

Dan Rice

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Get information about gifts of stock, our donor advised fund, or other planned giving opportunities:

convoy.org/planned

5 ways to encourage your kids to be grateful

by: Michelle Stormzand

We all want our kids to be thankful for what they have, and to show gratefulness when they get something new. Here are a few ideas to consider that can help instill a sense of thankfulness in your kids — and maybe revive and renew that sense within you as well.



1. **Model gratitude daily in your own life.**
2. **Let kids work to buy a big item instead of buying it for them.**
3. **Connect. Spend time one-on-one getting to know each other.**
4. **Volunteer with your kids at a soup kitchen or clothing bank. Engage with those being served.**
5. **Give up all your daily luxuries [coffees, drive thrus, snacks] for a week. Live like someone who has no extra money for these things. It'll only take a couple of days until your family will see how good you really have it.**

Get the rest of this series and other great content at *The Hope Supply*

convoy.org/blog

ENSURING THEIR FUTURES

REACHING 200,000 *by* 2020

With an aggressive goal to have 200,000 children enrolled in our Children's Feeding Initiative by 2020, our team is bound and determined to partner with you — our supporters — to break generational cycles of poverty and hunger for children and families around the world.

by: Kirk Noonan



Southeast slope of Kilimanjaro

Under his blue shirt, his small chest heaved. He wrung his hands and gulped, not exactly sure what to expect. His teacher said he was nervous and that telling his story was never easy, but he wanted to share it so people would know all the pain he'd endured, the challenges he'd overcome and the victory he'd experienced.

Yes, he said, there had been countless days without food. Yes, his father had abandoned the family. Yes, his mother soon followed suit, saying she was too brokenhearted to carry on as the head of household. Yes, he had been kicked out of numerous schools once they learned he could not pay the fees. Yes, he had spent countless days scavenging for food on an empty stomach. And yes, his parents' decisions to leave had hurt him badly.

Finally, he said, "No!"

"The saddest day of my life was the day I found out my father left us," he said, as his voice cracked, and a stream of tears betrayed his seemingly unconquerable spirit. "I thought my father had just traveled somewhere for work, but he left us. I felt so much sorrow in my heart ..."

He paused, unable to talk by this point, and wiped his tears with the back of one of his sleeves.

"I didn't want to live with bitterness," he managed to say,

"so, I went to God and prayed." He paused again, this time longer than before. "Even today I don't have any anger toward my father or mother."

His story is one of more than 147,000 as represented by each child enrolled in our Children's Feeding Initiative. He, and each of the others we feed and care for, are why in 2015 we are so intent on ensuring their futures through a dynamic strategy, where every child is ensured participation in an innovative and holistic approach that cares for children, their families and even their communities.

"By providing every child with this strategy, we're putting a stake in the ground in our fight against poverty and malnutrition," says Hal Donaldson, co-founder and president of Convoy of Hope. "In doing so, together with our partners, we're ensuring the futures of hundreds of thousands of people and we'll help end generational cycles of hunger and poverty."

The strategy includes myriad interventions — beyond nutritious meals — focused on reducing malnutrition: hygiene promotion, micronutrient supplementation, clean water, preventing diseases associated with malnutrition, and education. In addition, it also works with parents on child care, income generation, and giving families the training and tools to grow their own nutritious food. The strategy can also include training women on how to start businesses and giving local farmers the training and tools they need to grow reliable crops.

"Time and time again we've seen how focusing not just on children, but also their families and communities, can have a positive impact," adds Donaldson.

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Enough Food

Experts say there is enough food in the world to feed everyone on the planet. In many places where food is scarce, it's just a matter of getting the food there. Over the past two decades, we have developed an expertise in getting food and supplies to far-flung, difficult places where the poorest of the poor are suffering.

"Last year we distributed more than \$81 million worth of food and supplies around the world," says Erick Meier, vice president of supply chain. "In doing so, we reached into some of the world's most impoverished communities, giving people help and hope."

According to Kevin Rose, senior director of international program

operations, many of those impoverished communities are food-insecure communities, meaning that a disproportionate section of the population does not have regular access to sufficient nutritious, clean and safe food.

"These are communities where disease, hunger, malnourishment and poverty run rampant," says Rose. "Whether such communities are distant outposts or in the slums of major cities, our entrance into those communities is always through our Children's Feeding Initiative. It sets the stage for the introduction of other interventions, such as our Agriculture Initiative and Women's Empowerment."

Rose says Convoy of Hope is committed to continuing the

momentum already built by the two initiatives so that entire communities are transformed.



More than 4 million meals acquired from local farmers in Haiti

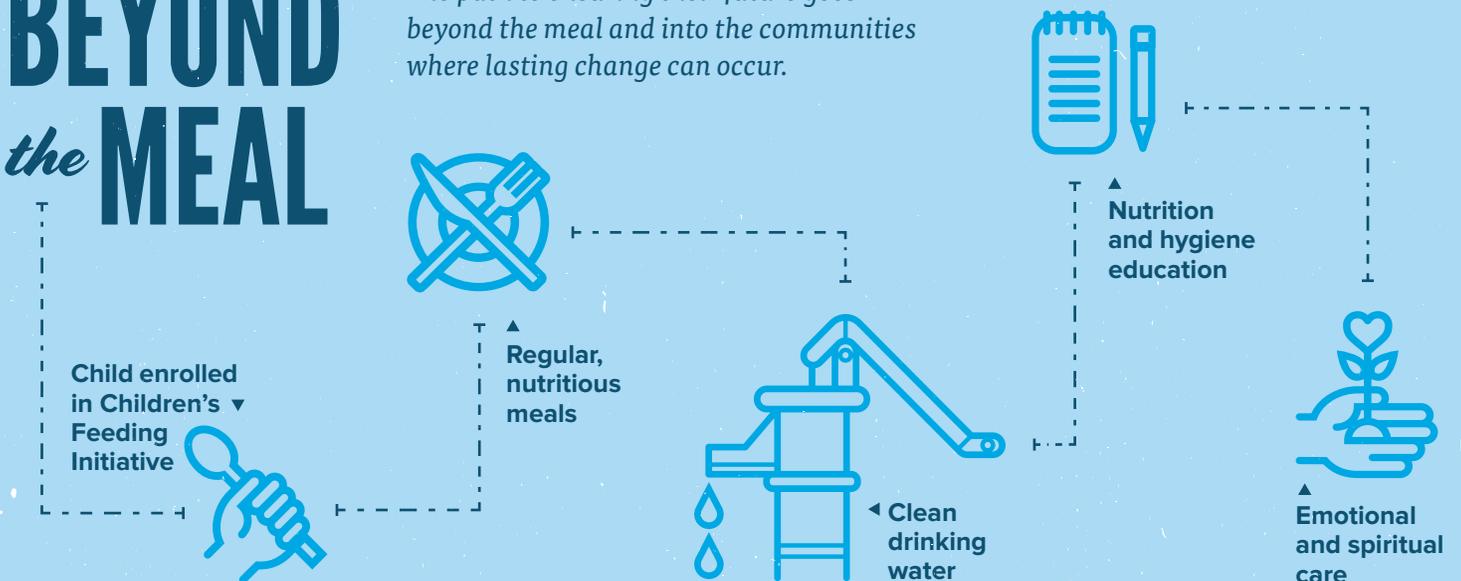
He points to the more than 4 million meals that have been acquired from local farmers in Haiti for our Children's Feeding Initiative, and to the fact that each week,

women in seven countries are being trained or are putting their newly acquired skills to the test in the marketplace, thanks to the Women's Empowerment Initiative.

"We begin by feeding and educating children in communities wracked by poverty

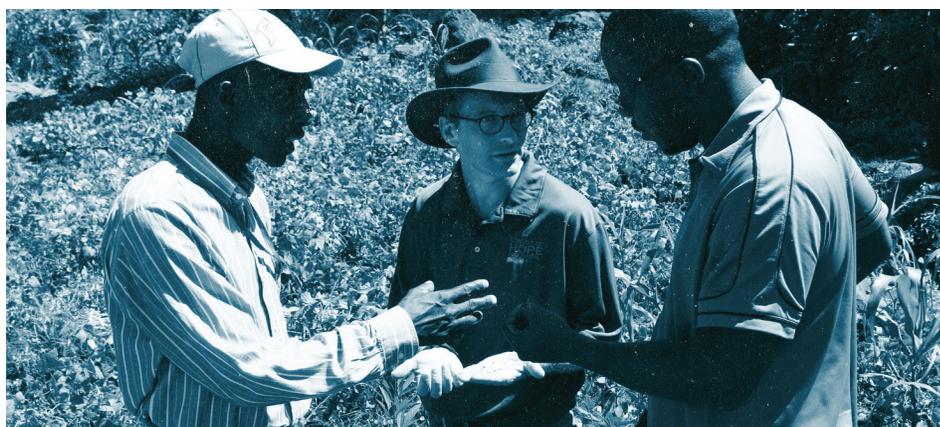
BEYOND the MEAL

The path to ensuring their future goes beyond the meal and into the communities where lasting change can occur.



and hunger,” he says. “Then we can begin to work with parents on issues that affect their children, including nutrition, hygiene, sanitation, proper child care and emotional and spiritual development. By acknowledging and meeting these needs, a great platform has been created to launch Agriculture or Women’s Empowerment projects that address some of the underlying causes of malnutrition in a community. By threading together Children’s Feeding, Women’s Empowerment and Agriculture, we achieve lasting transformation.”

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◀ Job training and empowerment for women



▶ Agricultural training and supplies







Strategic Work

In 2015, Convoy of Hope will continue to reach America's working poor through our Community Events, which are held in multiple cities each year, and our Rural Compassion work that takes food, supplies and a message of hope to some of America's most impoverished rural areas.

Our Disaster Services team will also continue to respond to disasters wherever they may strike. Last year, for instance, the team rebuilt, replaced or repaired at least 600 homes, including 393 that were decimated in 2013 by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

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"We've seen that giving people hope is best done by being present and ready to give a hand up during a difficult situation."

Dave Donaldson
Co-Founder



“We’ve seen that giving people hope is best done by being present and ready to give a hand up during a difficult situation,” says Co-Founder, Dave Donaldson. “For some, that simply means emergency supplies during a disaster. For others, that means a bag of groceries and a free haircut. For those trapped in extreme poverty, it can mean a nutritious bowl of food, training and some supplies. No matter the need, we want to be ready to give each person what they require to realize their potential — it’s our way of ensuring the futures of as many people as we can.”

The future

As the interview with the boy whose mother and father abandoned him wound down, a wide smile spread across his face.

“I want to tell everyone at Convoy of Hope thank you,” he said. “Without them I wouldn’t have food to eat and I wouldn’t be in school. Please also know that I pray for the people of Convoy of Hope every week.”

That said, he shook everyone’s hand and slid out a side door. A few minutes later he was playing with his friends, laughing, talking loudly and having fun, knowing his present at-hand was secure and his future ensured. 💙

Kirk Noonan

Vice President of Creative Communications
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Exploring TANZANIA

IN-COUNTRY DIRECTOR
Elianchea Shang'a

ACTIVE SINCE
January 2013

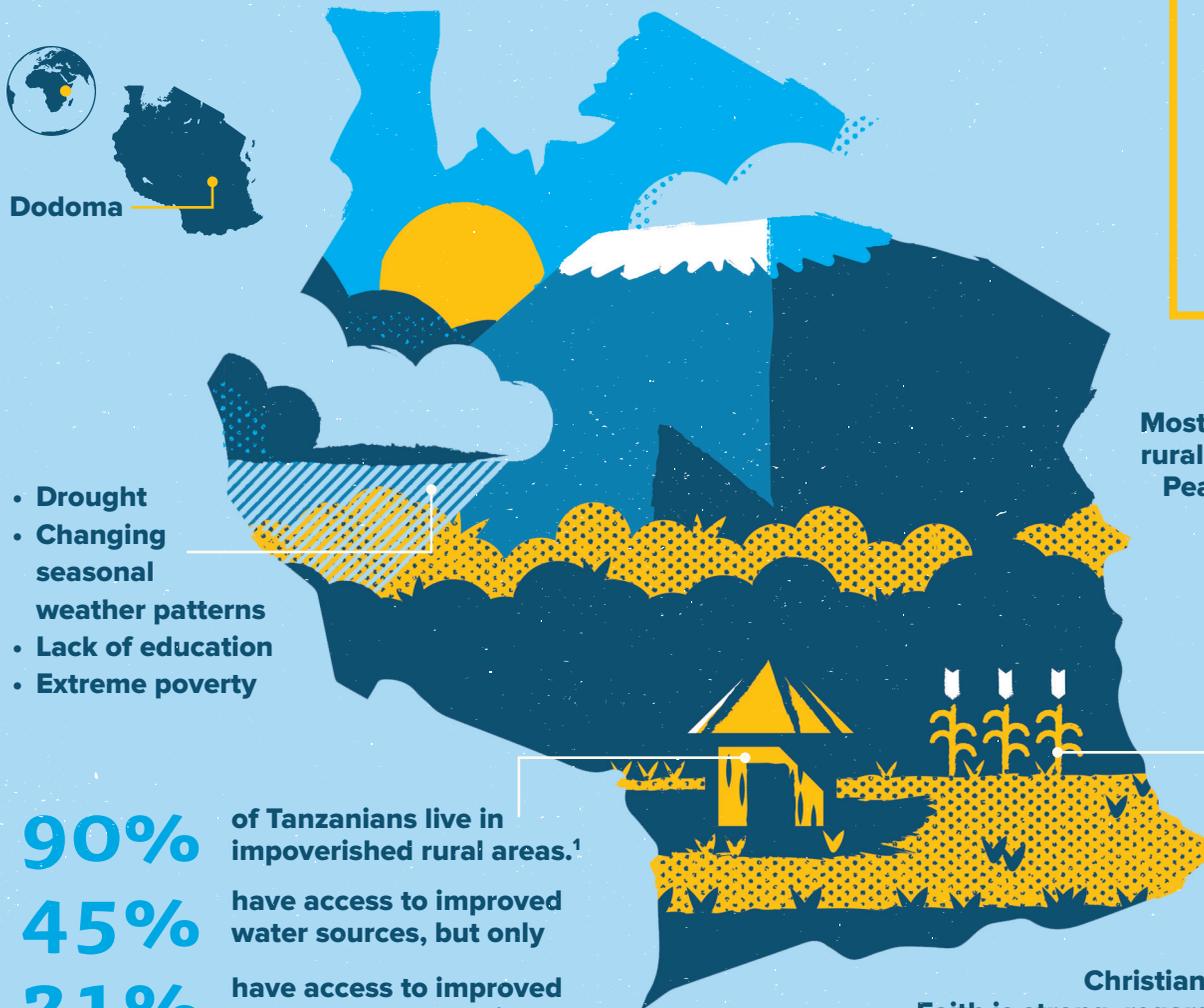
NUMBER OF STAFF
10 Full-time

PROGRAM CENTERS
15 total

LOCATION
East Africa

POPULATION
46 million
(2012 census)

LANGUAGE
Swahili
(+ over 120 tribal languages)



Dodoma

- COMMON CHALLENGES**
- Drought
 - Changing seasonal weather patterns
 - Lack of education
 - Extreme poverty

VALUES

Mostly conservative, rural and traditional. Peace and stability are strong political values.

- COMMON FOODS**
- Ugali
 - Rice
 - Chapati
 - Beans
 - Milk

STATS

90% of Tanzanians live in impoverished rural areas.¹

45% have access to improved water sources, but only

21% have access to improved sanitation facilities.¹

RELIGION

Christian, Muslim, Hindu
Faith is strong, regardless of religion.

ACTIVE INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS



Children's Feeding
5 Children's Feeding program centers



Women's Empowerment
3 Micro+ women's groups
8 Empowered Girls clubs



Agriculture
3 Agriculture program centers for farmers, widows and students

¹Source: <http://www.ruralpovertyportal.org/en/country/statistics/tags/tanzania>

A close-up photograph of a young child with dark skin and short hair, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The child is wearing a dark brown, textured sweater with a bright red collar. They are holding a bright yellow bowl with both hands in front of them. The background is softly blurred, showing other people in a similar setting, suggesting a community or school environment. The lighting is warm and focused on the child's face.

200,000 *by* **2020**

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"We're putting a stake in the ground in our fight against poverty and malnutrition."

Hal Donaldson, President and Co-Founder

We have an aggressive goal to feed and care for 200,000 children by 2020. Your gift will make the difference for a child, a family and even a community in one of the many countries where we work. Thanks for partnering with us to ensure their futures.

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A Kevin Jonas competes on NBC's *The Celebrity Apprentice*

In January, a new season of *The Celebrity Apprentice* premiered with Kevin Jonas competing on behalf of Convoy of Hope.

While Jonas didn't make it to the final boardroom, we are grateful for the awareness he brought our organization, which will allow us to continue to help those all over the world.

B Coming soon!

With nearly 1.5 million subscribers, Mike Tompkins has taken the YouTube world by storm.

In April, be on the lookout for a special music video featuring our work among the amazing women and children we serve in Tanzania.

C Rad run and feedONE

We are excited to announce that Convoy of Hope's feedONE initiative has been chosen as the national charity partner for Color Me Rad and The Dirty Dash for 2015.

D Going the extra mile

Each year Convoy of Hope recognizes partners and supporters that are instrumental to our mission to help the impoverished around the world. These are the organizations and individuals we celebrated in 2014.



Children's Feeding Initiative Partners

To feed nearly 150,000 children in 10 nations takes teamwork. The children fed in our Children's Feeding Initiative know hope, thanks in part to our dedicated partners. We couldn't do the amazing work we do without them.



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PHOTO: Chris Dudley provides rice to locals during Cyclone Pam response in March 2015.

RELIEF

Helping thousands of storm survivors in Vanuatu



In the weeks after Tropical Cyclone Pam pounded the Pacific island nation of Vanuatu, Convoy of Hope's Disaster Response team has distributed 36,000 pounds of rice on the hard-hit island of Tanna, bringing much-needed relief to thousands left homeless by the storm.

Initial damage assessments estimate that 80% of homes were damaged or destroyed, while the United Nations reports indicate that 3,300 people have been displaced.

Stephen, a local pastor, is among those now homeless. The cyclone's damage left him without a sense of how to help the community. That changed when he encountered Convoy of Hope's Disaster Response team.

"My heart jumped because I knew somebody had seen that my people and I were in a bad situation," he says. "Many people feel they are in a hopeless situation, but our hearts are

lifted and we feel that someone cares for us."

Three days after the storm hit, the first of two Disaster Response teams arrived in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

"In addition to providing much-needed meals to storm survivors, we're also prepping 4,000 hygiene kits for distribution on Tanna and Efate," says Kary Kingsland, senior vice president. "Working with partners, we're also constructing 22 hand-washing stations to help in limiting the spread of disease."

The Disaster Response teams will be working with in-country partners to ensure that no communities on the remote island chain are overlooked.

Years ago, Convoy of Hope helped establish a medical clinic on one of the country's remote islands. In doing so, lifesaving services were brought to families and children.

Disaster Services helps storm survivors rebuild

Our Disaster Services team continues to rebuild homes in the Philippines, assisting survivors of Typhoon Haiyan, which pummeled the island nation in 2013.

“We assisted 393 homes last year,” says Chris Dudley, disaster services response director. “Some were built from the ground up, others we supplied materials only.”

For many homeowners, food was supplied so they wouldn’t have to worry about feeding their families while the work was going on.



428,013

meals were purchased locally in Haiti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania in 2014



DOMESTIC

Signature Events for 2015 Community Events Tour



Our 2015 Community Events Tour will include a number of signature events, which are designed to increasingly engage the community in the process of helping the less fortunate in their city.

Already, the tour will stop in Minneapolis, Minn., Chicago, Ill., Washington, D.C., and Las Vegas, Nev.

“Our goal is to get local agencies in these cities working together to create a moment that becomes a movement of compassion in the city,” says Michael Redmon, vice president of community events. “Working closely with local churches and organizations is vital to ensuring the work we launch during the community event continues long after we leave.”



Convoy of Hope Europe responds to flooding in Albania

Convoy of Hope Europe (COHEU) is coordinating a response with local personnel to bring relief supplies to areas devastated by floodwaters in Fier, Albania.

“We’re providing blankets, boots, drinking water and basic food supplies for families who have been displaced by the flood,” says Michael McNamee, CEO of COHEU.

Albanian authorities report that 12,000 people have been evacuated from their homes.



Progress abounds in Haiti

by: Adam McMullin



Follow our progress in Haiti

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Five years have passed since a devastating earthquake struck the impoverished nation of Haiti, changing the trajectory of Convoy of Hope's Children's Feeding Initiative there and proving to be one of the biggest disaster response efforts in the organization's history.

In 2010, we were feeding 25,000 children in Haiti. "Our feeding program was in its infancy, but of course the events of January 12th changed that," says Kevin Rose, senior director for international programs, recalling the day of the earthquake.

Because of strong alliances with partners and a stocked warehouse, we were one of the first humanitarian aid organizations to distribute food to earthquake survivors. Within weeks, we had distributed millions of meals and installed water purification units in some of the hardest-hit areas of Port-au-Prince.

Today, more than 62,000 children are enrolled in our Children's Feeding Initiative in Haiti. That's 37,000 more than those being fed before the earthquake. We've also piloted an Agricultural Initiative in Haiti, where local farmers are taught skills they need to produce crops that yield significant returns and allow them to feed and care for their families. Since its inception, more than 4 million meals have been purchased from Haitian farmers to help feed the children in our Children's Feeding Initiative.

"To be a part of the transformation and healing of Haiti has truly been a humbling experience for us," says Dave Donaldson, co-founder. "Thanks to the many individuals and partners who have supported our work over the last five years. Because of them, we've saved lives and brought hope to tens of thousands of hurting people."

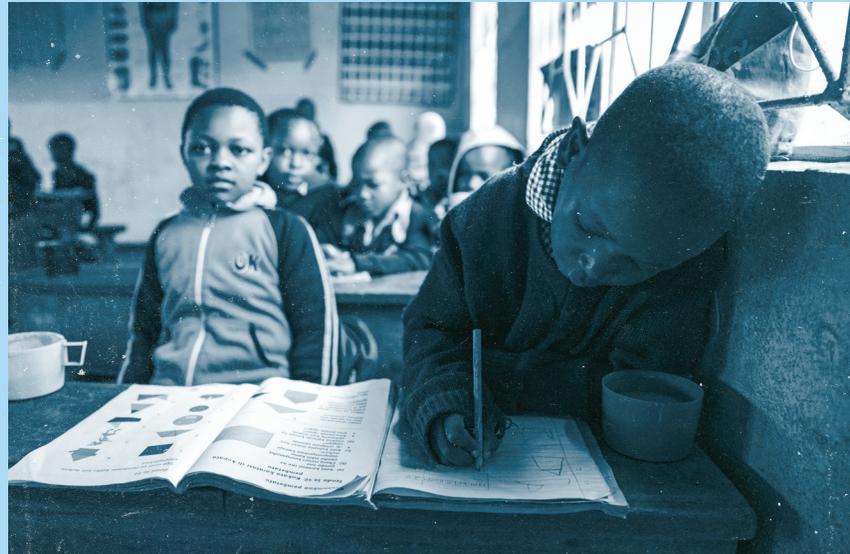
A LESSON FROM THE POOR

Inspiration comes in the form of humility.

Dave Donaldson

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I'm always inspired by what the impoverished can teach us. They can teach us so much — like being grateful.

The line was especially long at Costco as my wife and I joined the throng of shopping carts overflowing with groceries stacked like mountainous peaks. We could hear a growing chorus of fellow shoppers complaining because the pace of the checkers did not meet their expectations.

I couldn't help but contrast that moment from just a few days earlier when I had watched hungry children from the Kenya's Mathare Valley slums joyfully waiting for a bowl of soup. I can assure you they didn't complain if their soup did not arrive quickly.

The poor can teach us the simplest things. There are countless times I've been able to witness instances just like the one in the Mathare Valley. The poor are humble and grateful that we are working tirelessly to bring them a healthy meal. You can see it in children's faces as they hold up an empty bowl to be filled with food. Whether they're in the Philippines, Latin America or Haiti, where we're feeding thousands, it's important to keep in mind the lessons these incredible people can teach us.

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