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James: We count it a privilege to come into your home. I'm James Robison. Betty and I love to share *LIFE Today*.

One of the things that is most exciting to us is not only knowing that you are blessed by watching the program...

By the way, it means a lot to us when you e-mail us or you write a note and just express your appreciation. Thank you for the nice things you say about us as a couple; that you think that we get along. And we do!

And you know what? We believe that communication is -- clear communication is one of the biggest challenges in every relationship. It is not something that you just settle and assume that it is always clear because a lot of times it becomes cloudy and muddled, and you really do have to keep talking.

And if you have two different personalities like Betty and I do where I'm strong and can be overbearing and she can be soft, it could be real easy for me to walk over her. I must say she's gotten a lot tougher. She's gotten to where --

Betty: You taught me!

[Laughter]

James: The thing about it is we keep the communication lines clear. Here's what I want to say about communication. I don't know how effectively Betty and I let you know, not just that we care about you because you can wonder about that, but whether or not we really make it clear how much God loves you, how special you are to him, how much he values you, and how valuable you can be in a positive way in the lives of others, and once you learn that we really gain in our lives when we share life, that we really do receive more love when we release it.

I want you to listen to a pastor. I want you to listen to what he says about why he does something we think is important and that's feed hungry precious children and their families. Just listen to Jeff Wickwire. Listen to him.

Jeff: I began partnering with *LIFE Outreach* watching James on television and this was back, James was preaching in the stadiums and there was Billy Graham and then there was James Robison.

Then when I realized, began to see him on TV in sort of a different format and he was feeding the hungry, going overseas and reaching out to people and now reaching the whole world from a couch, I thought, I want to be involved. I was pastoring by now and I thought, I want our church to begin to make James a mission... one of our mission outreaches. I can't go there but he goes there. Here is an arm of mercy, an arm of compassion and so I'm going to go with him. I'm going to go with him by giving to him. To me, it's good ground. It goes to the need, it meets the need, it's an incredible need that is met.

I really believe when you go and feed these hungry people, these desperate people, they're going to believe you then when you tell them about the love of God. In other words, I believe the works open the door to be heard. It gives a testimony that words will never give. It's time to get out there and do. Touch people with practical needs and become a part of what James and Betty are doing. Step out into the water a little bit and do it and see if God does not only bless your heart, it's going to be that blessing that returns to you in ways that money can't buy.

I support mission feeding because I believe God weeps over those people that have no food. I support mission feeding because Jesus commanded us to feed the hungry, to give water to the thirsty, to visit the sick. So I support mission feeding because I want to be obedient to the Word of God.

James: Well, Jeff, that really blessed me! Jeff is pastor of Turning Point Church in Fort Worth. He and Kathy are -- I'll tell you what, you've been wonderful guests on our program. You've faced challenges in your life, Betty and I have faced challenges that sometimes seemed insurmountable without God, a lot of our viewers have, and you've been a blessing to us. And Jeff, you and Turning Point Church and all that church family, thank you.

There are many churches that have decided to make *LIFE Outreach* part of their mission programs. Many of the churches are helping us drill water wells, helping us feed the hungry. We've even had a few churches who have asked if they could take over the upkeep of some of the orphanages and *LIFE Centers* that we've started, if they

could just be a part of that. That's one way some of you could begin to have mission trips where you go and actually interact with the children.

So thank you, Jeff, for your encouraging words. I do want to make very clear to all of you who are watching that what Jeff talked about seeing and observing and then responding to is more critically important than I may be able to put into words. Before I ever ask you to help with missions, I always ask God to help me communicate not only the reality of the need that these children and their families face but the effectiveness of the outreach.

Do you know I got a report from Peter Pretorius and from the missionaries today that once we have gotten people on their feet -- and let me tell you something, this is the hope of Africa in many ways -- that they are now training the people just as we showed you years ago where we started irrigation at the orphanages, like in Mozambique where it was the poorest nation in the world at the time, so we started growing crops and we taught them how, and then they went out and started doing some crops themselves and trying to have a little garden that they could grow food in. Well, now then the missionaries are teaching the people how to farm. And they're actually trying to create a pipeline of being able to market what they do. In other words, they are putting entire villages and communities to work. That's what's happened in the free nations of the world, and that's what missionaries do. But it all starts with an expression of love -- I always called it "expressing God's heart, extending his hands."

I think you may have heard me say perhaps if you've watched very frequently that I felt like I heard Jesus stand up by his father, listening to some of the things I was sharing with pastors about loving people and loving one another. And it was like Jesus said to his Father, "Look, look Dad! We may get to put your arms around a hurting world." Well, that is precisely what the people who support mission feeding do. You are supporting the work, not only of missionaries but the expression of God's heart, the extension of his hands, and the embracing of his arms. You're putting his arms around the world.

Would you dial that number? Would you take a bankcard right now and make the largest gift you can to help us feed children for the next months? If you can give \$100, we can feed ten children.

Let me tell you something wonderful that's happened. Of course, you give \$50 or \$30, we feed five or three. But now listen to me, we just had a miracle. We have just been offered a \$3.8 million food grant but it is conditional. We've got to have another -- I

mean we're raising funds to feed thousands and thousands of children so that \$30, \$50, and \$100 is critical. But if we can come up with another \$640,000 to add some transport necessities and equipment, to put some more people in place, we're going to be given \$3.8 million in food grants -- that's a miracle!

When you put all that together, what you give today, you give \$100: \$600. If you could give \$1,000 toward that \$640,000 need: \$6,000. You give \$30, it's multiplied six times: \$180... whatever you can do. Would you make that call? Take your bankcard. Please, go to the phone now and say, "I want to make a \$1,000 gift" or "\$100," it will be multiplied. It is an answer to prayer.

Go online at LifeToday.org and make the gift. Please! Join with Pastor Jeff; put God's arms around a world. Even as you watch children that are desperate, so hungry that they hurt, you can heal that hurt and I'm asking you to do it.

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On the mission field:

Bruce: James, I'm sitting here with this little boy. And when I came in, I noticed he was sitting here and he's eating dirt. I've never seen a child eat dirt. He's trying to fill his little stomach. There is an emptiness and a pain that malnutrition brings and he's trying to somehow fill that... fill that hurt in his little tummy. All he knows to do is he knows he's hungry and he knows that maybe if I put something in my mouth it will somehow take that hunger away. It won't. I've just never seen anything like it.

[Emotional] But we can do something about it. We can give this precious little boy food.

So please, James, as I sit here brokenhearted, let's help people really understand how severe this situation is. Let's give this child some real food he can put into his stomach and take away that pain.

I love you! I love you! We're going to bring you some food. Okay? We're going to bring you some food.

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In the studio:

James: What do you think that little boy felt?

Betty: How can you look at a precious little face like that, and it's just an example of one of many, and not want to respond and say, "I'll help you. I want to be able to get you the food and the nourishment that you need. Let me help." It should be a joy. And we should be expecting and wanting to help. Our hearts should be jumping within us saying, "Let me help! Let me help!"

James: I feel like although that little boy didn't understand English... did you feel like, Betty, that little boy saw love?

Betty: Oh, absolutely!

James: Do you think he was looking up and maybe having a sense of somebody cares?

Betty: Absolutely!

James: Imagine a little guy sitting there eating dirt. Betty and I have watched little children trying to get food. We've watched them crawling in the barrels desperately, where they scraped their fingers around the edge of the barrel. It was already empty. The food's gone, the missionaries ran out. We try to keep that from ever happening.

Years ago Betty prayed a prayer and shared it with you that we've watched God answer. She said, "I pray the lines to feed the children will always be longer than the line of children that need to be fed." And we have, except a few crisis areas, we've seen that prayer answered because of people like you who would be exactly what Bruce said, the one who says I'm going to give you help and they do it.

We've got a chance to multiply whatever you give. If you dial the telephone number that you see there on the screen, if you'd just dial it, or if you go to LifeToday.org online, whatever you give, thanks to God, and I think prayer, it will be multiplied six times. \$3.8 Million in food grants if we can just get the extra funds.

And see this helps with the feeding; this is what helps keep that cost down where we got \$30, \$50, and \$100 that will feed three, five, or ten children for the next several months, this is all a part of that enabling us to do it. But this came as a big, big boost. But we do have a requirement and we're raising the funds to care for the children that are already there. Now we've got an opportunity to literally move in into areas that the missionaries have not even been able to consider but we've got to guarantee the

transportation. And so we need an extra \$640,000. It's kind of like a miracle; we've got to have it, that it is a miracle to get it.

But the even greater miracle is that it will be multiplied six times, which means if you could give \$1,000, 640 people today said, "James, count me in. Called in a \$1,000; here it is on my bankcard like a check. I'm writing a check for \$1,000, or several thousand, its coming." Or go online and do it but let us know today. It will be multiplied six times.

And then we'll be able to tell the missionaries, "Count on it!" You are really and truly - you are the source. It is not like James and Betty, I know we've had people say "thank you" and appreciate what we're doing. We just thank God that we have the privilege of doing it. We thank God that we can go see needs that love can and will meet.

But you're the ones that release that love and that divine enabling because God uses us as his hands, as the expressions of his heart and his love. One thing to talk about God's love, it's another thing to demonstrate it. We don't just love in word but we love in deed, actions, always -- always speak so much louder than words.

Dial the number. Bankcard... make the largest gift you can; it will be multiplied six times. Remember this -- and this is going to put a smile on your face. I'm telling you, it's going to take you into the presence of the Lord.

There is a story in here about how a blind dog helped me see; this is what pets teach us. God teaches through what he created. *The God of All Creation*, he revealed himself in what he created. How could He speak through pets? Let me help you -- and wildlife -- the birds -- let me help you!

Then the beautiful Bible, incredible study guides and devotionals by Sarah Young, *Jesus Calling*. You're going to treasure this! We want to send it to you to say thank you. Please go to the phone or go online and make that love gift that will be multiplied many times over.

Pre-taped video:

Announcer: At this very moment children are drawing what could be their last breath, struggling to stay alive due to a lack of food. Today you can stop the cycle of death. You can help save a life.

Life's mission feeding teams are in place right now ready to answer the hunger cries of 400,000 suffering children in remote areas of Africa. And now we have a miracle opportunity, a 3.8 million dollar food grant has been offered to us for our mission and relief efforts. All we have to do is guarantee we can deliver the food at a cost of \$640,000. This means your gift today can now have six times the impact. \$30 to help feed three children can have a \$180 impact. \$50 for five children can have a \$300 impact. And \$100 to help feed ten children can have a \$600 impact for feeding.

With your gift you can receive James Robison's newest book, *God of All Creation*. Through his personal observations of animals and wildlife, James shares heartwarming stories and spiritual lessons of God's love and grace.

With your gift of \$125 to help feed ten children, you may request the new *Jesus Calling Devotional Bible* featuring 260 scripture insights from the author of the *Jesus Calling* devotional, Sarah Young.

Finally, please prayerfully consider a gift of \$1,000 or more to help save the lives of 100 children, which today can have a \$6,000 impact, and you may also request "The Lion and the Lamb" bronze sculpture.

Please call, write, or make your gift online today.

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In the studio

James: A picture is worth a thousand words... but actions always speak louder than words. What's your prayer for not only the children but for our viewers?

Betty: My prayer is that as you've watched these scenes that we've shown you of the needs of these precious children, that your heart is touched, and you see how significant your part is in helping these children. You might say, "Oh, I can't give much." Let me tell you, whatever you can give makes a difference because you're not

the only one; as we join together the gift grows bigger and bigger. But if God's blessed you and you can give more than the person next to you or the person that says "I just have a small amount," then God has blessed you to give that and you give it, trusting and knowing that you're going to be reaching out and changing and saving the lives of these children.

James: When I went to the mission field the first time and I was out with the starving, and these were in the Mozambique area during the war where they were being pushed to the north, and you see pictures of me and Betty, perhaps there you'll see how much younger and had dark, dark hair.

I remember a little boy that came over to me that we've called "little buddy" and if you've watched us over the years you've seen him. He became a poster child to us. The cutest little guy had a cup and it was hot, but I was talking to him. He didn't understand me, but somehow he acted like he did, when I talked about that soup he had. And he answered me with a great big old, "Yaw!"

If Betty and I had been the only ones to help little buddy and all those children in that refugee areas that had been pushed out of their homes by the war, and they were hungry, we would have done it the rest of our lives.

The incredible thing is we got to come back and tell you. And we got to put God's arms around so many little buddies. I can promise you, they are saying "yaw" and "thanks." And some day I'm going to see a host of them in heaven, and I just know you will too. And somehow we're going to know we gave them a chance at life, and that's an incredible joy -- and we did it together. Betty and I could have done so little; together we do so much.

Would you make that gift that will be multiplied six times? Could you give \$100 or \$50 or \$30? We've got some gifts to send you that I promise you, *The God of All Creation*, our little dachshund and all the other wildlife that God's created, it's going to bless you beyond words. You'll want this for people you love. We're going to send it to you as a love gift but you're going to be giving the gift of life to so many by calling in your gift or going online.

Please make the best gift you can. Help us deliver that \$3.8 million. See your gift multiplied six times. Thank you so much!

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>> My kids were all in bed and they were napping. And it was the day when you have to click, click, click the TV. And I click, click, click and there was James and Betty and they were doing the mission feeding. I remember seeing, I'll never forget, Betty was pouring the soup into the bowls and they were talking about how the little kids would burn their hands.

With my children all cozy in their air-conditioned beds, sleeping with their sweet blankets, and watching a mother with a filthy blanket around her dying child, I couldn't handle it. I was drawn to their compassion, and truly to Betty's honesty. I think also that they spread the gospel when they do it.

Sharing the gospel is truly feeding people, feeding their souls and that's what I see in *LIFE Outreach*. That's their main goal but it's hard to listen to people if you're really hungry.

>> There comes a time in your life where you want to do it but you have obligations where you can't be the one to go do it. And we call ourselves money missionaries because we like to finance the people that can go. God has blessed us so greatly with a business and five children and grandchildren that we can be part of getting it done.

>> The truth is that we just give. We don't give to count, we don't give to get, we just give. It is the most exciting investment we make when you're doing God's work. That's exciting to be able write a check. You just know their honesty, that it's going to be used diligently where it needs to be. Knowing you've been obedient to God is a blessing.

>> Oh, it's the greatest joy of all! And when I take the *me* out of it, the obedience, this is what I desire for you to do because it is good for you. It is good for me to be able to give. And we're not perfect people by any stretch and we haven't lived perfect lives but we want to have a perfect love for God and his people.

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James: I want to just say to you as a couple, we sure love you! And thank you for helping us express God's love to others.

We only have a few days left now in this mission feeding emphasis and it really is important that we hear from every one of you who love God and who love others. Help us with the mission feeding. I pray there will never be a child or a family or a group of people that the missionaries would see that the missionaries wouldn't know we can count on people like you who love God. We can count on *LIFE Outreach* and the viewers of *LIFE Today*. And I believe they can.

Would you make that call? If you get a busy, be determined and you call until you get through.

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Thank you so much for helping!