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Week 47: Fall Mission Feeding
Special #2

James: Betty and I came to communicate with you today. I'm James Robison; by the way, my wife is Betty. I came to communicate with you that when you see the challenges like we've seen with all the natural disasters all over the world and here in North America and in the United States, you recognize the importance, the power of, and the effect of love and compassion when people really work together.

Betty and I were talking about for many years now we've been saving -- now think about what I'm saying. We, that's you -- we've saved millions, millions, far more than 10 million children's lives. Again, we, not Betty, not James, I mean we kind of marched into hell for years all over the world where there was pain and misery and we wanted to address it. The only thing that addresses it is love. And we would come to you, our viewers, which the missionaries -- Betty, it is amazing. If a crisis happens and there is an emergency, the missionaries know they can tell us and it is not because like Betty and I can work a miracle. They have found that the people who watch *LIFE Today*, they care. And they move in, just like you see people move into crisis situations in our own country, and they pull together. The viewers of LIFE who are not actually there seeing it, they hear the report of the missionaries and they say, "We can do it."

And then we don't ask for huge sums. We may have some people who give what would be called large gifts, maybe \$1,000, and sometimes more, because they're able to. But Betty, most of the people we help to save children's lives, think about this, it is \$30 will literally save the life of three children, \$50 will save five, and \$100, 10. So when we come to you amazingly you come to attention like, "Show me a need and I can meet it."

Betty, we're going to look in on a situation right now where an overseer of a village is telling you, "Here's what's going on here." Now think about this. They've got nothing. These are not like people who have in-town jobs. They have to grow their food and they will tend to grow it as a village. And they don't have water; it has to rain. If it doesn't rain, they've got nothing.

I want you to just look at what's being revealed to us. Here's the deal. Betty, our viewers seem to get it. We can absolutely, miraculously, with love and just an expression of it change everything for them. I know our viewers are sensitive to it. I'm believing God is going to hear the concern and the prayer that we even shared before we came up to share with our viewers, God, help us to

communicate the need in such a way that love will address it.

Betty: Well, I know that every time we share a need with you, I feel like in your heart you get real excited because you do want to help meet those needs. Thank you so much for that and for continuing to. Here is another need that you can help us with.

James: Let me just promise you this, it will not fail. Love never fails. It seldom has opportunity to show up; sometimes it doesn't even seem to get the invitation. And seeing is believing. When you see a need and you know love changes everything it is proven not to fail here. We know it. Watch and be a part of that miracle that only love can make possible.

On the mission field

Announcer: Everybody knows that there are hungry children in Africa and we know that something needs to be done. UNICEF knows that Angola has one of the highest child mortality rates in the world and malnutrition is a major contributing factor. This village leader knows that without crops his community is in grave danger.

Open Captions:

>> We are facing a serious problem with our food. We don't have enough. Without the rain, we cannot grow crops to eat.

Announcer: This mother knows the heartache of watching her children wither away from malnutrition.

Open Captions:

>> His skin is getting very loose. It started with a fever and then diarrhea and vomiting.

Announcer: And this child knows the pain of going to bed hungry. But just knowing about malnutrition in Africa won't help anyone. The actions that we choose to do together will help save a child's life.

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In the studio

James: I don't think there is a way that you could look at those little children like the last one you came off of, and not want to pick them up -- make them well. And Betty, that's what we can do.

Mission Feeding, when we get the villages with feeding set up they never get to that state. When they're in that condition, we have to go in and start turning things around. This is what you must know. Precious people, full of the love of God, and as missionaries plant themselves there like Jesus to pick them up, to make them well. But the missionaries, full of love, cannot do one thing except weep and hold them until they die unless we give them the food and the nourishment to share in those situations. That's what Mission Feeding does.

Betty: Yes. James, it is so important. It is a must for the hope and life of these precious children. I was sitting there watching that with you and I was thinking back when our children were small. If one of them got ill, if one of them became ill or if one of them fell and hurt themselves really bad, the first thing I would do as their mother is pick them up, hold them close to me and say, "Honey, it's going to be okay. It's going to be okay." I really felt like it was going to be okay.

These mothers can't hold those children close to their hearts and say, "It's going to be okay" because if we don't get in there and we don't intervene ahead of time it's not going to be okay. They're going to lose their precious baby. So let's get there before they get to that point. And let's tell them, "It's going to be okay."

James: Whoa! It will be. Because love, and I honestly don't think it is really love or God's love if it is not released. I don't think you take love and just store it up, I think you express it. Somebody can tell you they love you a dozen times but if they never show it, it's just so much noise, a clanging symbol. But love touches. Love reaches out. Love is a effective.

So Betty and I, in behalf of the missionaries, in behalf of every one of those children you saw a moment ago that need food, we're not looking for the cure, we have it -- give them nourishment.

We're going to upgrade a food factory to make it more effective, to even be able to put a little more impact even into our porridge mix, our soup mix, far thicker than any soup. It is like a big bowl of oatmeal that's real rich and full. But we need \$216,000 for that upgrade. We're believing with all our heart we're going to get that. And we believe we're going to get the \$30, \$50, and \$100, three, five or ten children, and you can even tack on if you wanted to an extra dollar for each child, \$3, \$5, or \$10 to give them a heat-resistant bowl because that is important too; and you're the ones that thought of it, you the viewers.

So I want you to watch but I want you to be listening to God. And then I want you to just simply let love flow because you're going to see the effect of love as well as the need for it now and you're the one that releases it miraculously to change everything. Watch but be ready to put arms of love around the precious, too often overlooked.

On the mission field

Isak: James and Betty, last time we were in Mozambique together, we were walking through schools where mission feeding was happening. There were children dancing and singing and just life -- life because of mission feeding in those villages, because of the friends of LIFE, because of each and every one of them opening their hearts, partnering with you, partnering with us to make that joy and that life possible for each and every one of those children. I remember it like it was just yesterday. I remember how filled with joy your heart was in seeing those children thriving, full of joy and full of energy. All of that starting with just a bowl of food a day in the mission feeding program; changing their lives, providing them with opportunity.

James, as you know all too well life is hard here in Africa for many of these families with the drought that we've experienced. We've seen areas where they're just unable to produce food. What it's resulted in is a severe critical need; a need that is putting children in malnutrition clinics. I've seen some of the fullest malnutrition clinics I think I've ever seen in this area. We've seen children, many of them who I don't think will make it. A name on a little wooden cross, another life stolen by malnutrition; stolen by the simple lack of food.

James, we have to do something about this! We've got to reach these children now. It's urgent. It's critical. We have to get to them now because if we don't get to them now, they're going to continue to dig more and more of these graves and bury more and more of these children.

Please James! Ask the friends of LIFE, ask them to help you and to help us so that we can save these lives.

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In the studio

James: Did you notice the date on one of the little markers? 16? Did you happen to notice -- and Betty, I know you did, the little mats? They had the child's bed that they slept on. I have a mattress; you're not going to find many mattresses in those grass huts. Buried with the bed that they probably died on. Betty, would you ask our viewers to please stop the death?

Betty: You have always been a part, a big part of what we've been able to do through this ministry. And it is because you care and your heart is to help children any time they're hurting, any need that they have. Well, they have a big need now.

We've been blessed. We saw some of the results of what we've been able to do and the smiles and the children dancing around and playing because they feel good. They're able to be children and play and act around with one another and play together.

But then there are still the cases where they're dying. Some of them we haven't been able to get to but now we can because of you and your caring. We need the food to get to these children. Please, join with us and let's make that difference in their lives and their mother's lives. They love their babies so much. They want to see them grow up and get bigger and have fun and live life to its fullest. Please join with us and let's make the difference in their lives.

James: Please, and excuse me, sometimes I'm really embarrassed because you see, I've watched these little kids that they don't have anything to play with. They'll play with a stick and a rock. And they're happy, if they have strength.

But when I saw those graves again and I remember years ago when they were burying thousands and thousands of children and you and I were walking through the graves and I started picking up, maybe in a jar, a picture of somebody's baby.

Every time I walk through our entry to our home I see all of our children's wedding pictures and I see our beautiful baby girl when she got married. She's gone. But we had her for 40 years. When I see things that remind me, it just really gets me. And I'll look at our daughter's picture and say, "Honey, you were so beautiful, so happy, had such great children, such a great home. We miss you!" But boy, we've got nothing but beautiful memories.

These people are losing their children. They don't have a log of memories. They're burying them with their bed. Would you please help us stop it in the areas where the missionaries have already located the need, they've got the answer and we're asking you please, can you help us save these children, feed three, five or ten? Can you give \$30, \$50, or \$100; maybe add a few dollars to give them heat-resistant bowls? Would you help us upgrade the food factory so we can be more effective? They've told us we could actually make the food faster if we can get the upgrade, \$216,000.

God, give us 200 people who would just give \$1,000 today. And everybody that can feed three, five or ten children, God, please, please, please help them do it.

We have some gifts to send you to say thank you. We love you. I know you're not looking for them. We just want to bless you and say thank you. We want you to see this incredible "Arise and Shine" gift because it will inspire you every day to arise and shine. Do it now. Reach out and release love and let's stop the death cycle. Let's turn their sorrow into joy.

Please go online, dial that number that's always there as a prayer line. Take your bankcard, use it like it's a check. Please make the best gift you can. You're giving the greatest gift. Love never fails and we can give life together. Thank you for doing it.

Begin video clip

Announcer: In impoverished and famine-stricken areas of Africa, children are suffering. The need is great. And without food, they face death by starvation. With your support, you will help feed and care for children in crisis areas of Sudan, Angola, and Mozambique.

With Africa facing ongoing food shortages and drought, we urgently need to replenish supplies and come to the aid of 400,000 children counting on us. Your lifesaving gift of \$30, \$50, or \$100 will help feed and care for three, five or ten children for the next three months. Please also consider an additional gift to help provide critically needed upgrades to our food factory that will increase overall production by a staggering 50%. This is a \$216,000 challenge above our normal feeding budget that could help save even more lives.

With your gift of any amount we'll send you *In the Middle of the Mess*. In her new book, Sheila Walsh brings insight to knowing the peace and presence of Christ in the midst of life's inevitable messes.

With your gift of \$100 or more to help feed and care for ten children, we will send you Sheila's book, plus the "Arise" coffee mug. This heat-activated mug reveals Isaiah 61 each time you fill it with a warm beverage; a wonderful way to begin your day.

And finally, with your gift of \$1,000 or more to help feed and care for 100 children, be sure to request our "Determined Eagle" bronze sculpture. Please call, write, or make your gift online.

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On the mission field

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>> I saw the problem coming. I knew my daughter might die. But with no food or money, I could do nothing. I buried her yesterday. She got sick and weak, and felt extreme stomach pain. My 11-year old son also died. He was crying, "Mom, I'm so hungry!" Then his younger brother died seven days later. I had five children, now I am left with only two.

Announcer: In the relentless conditions of Southern Africa, Julia's story is not unique. In fact, Julia represents countless mothers who are fighting a near impossible battle to simply keep their children alive.

Open Captions:

>> We usually only eat three times a week because we can't find enough food. I feel horrible as a mother that I had to bury three of my children in the same year.

Announcer: Julia has endured the worst pain a mother can experience, burying not one but three of her children in the span of one year. But her story does not end here.

Open Captions:

>> I can see the symptoms of starvation in the remaining two, but I am praying they will grow up and live long lives.

Announcer: This faithful mother, along with a multitude of African mothers need our help. Let them say: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

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James: You know what? You're the one that will do it. And Jesus said, now grasp this, "If you'll do it to them you've done it to me."

Some of you say, "When did Jesus ever need something to eat? When was he thirsty?"

How about on the cross? Think about this. Betty, I wish everybody would grasp this. Think about it. He's hurting really bad. He's caring for us, he's dying for us and he said on the cross, "I'm thirsty."

Jesus the son of God is thirsty. What can sinful man give the son of God in his only request personally from the cross? Vinegar and gall; at the end of a pole they put vinegar and gall in his sacred mouth. Within months after I was saved I heard that story preached and I said, "God, I would have given Jesus water!"

And Betty, thank God we've been able to give water to Jesus by giving water to the thirsty, water wells and food to the hungry. And with all my heart, I believe everyone watching us today is going to say, "I'm not only doing that for those children I'm doing it for Jesus. I'm meeting a need in his heart."

And by the way, when you fulfill the desires of his heart, you've given him great joy. Betty, I'm believing every person watching is going to go online or go to the phone and you're going to make the very best gift you can possibly make.

Father, let them see it as a miracle of love for those children but also they're doing something for you, Jesus; in your name I pray, for the sake of those suffering.

Thank you. Thank you for ministering to those children and their families and to Jesus. Thank you for your gift.

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On the mission field

Isak: James and Betty, the last time we were in Mozambique together you took us and we went through the food factory that was built by the friends of *LIFE*, through their love and generosity; a factory that has helped saved millions of children's lives.

The needs have gotten greater. We've got to produce more food. We have to package that food more effectively. We need to be able to get that food to villages where Mission Feeding is not getting to today. Please James, help us today. Please, friends of *LIFE*, you can help us today by going to the phone, dialing that number or getting online and making the best gift that you can give, giving the gift of food, the gift of Mission Feeding to children that so desperately need it.

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In the studio

James: I ask God sometimes to let -- and I'll say it to Jesus, "Let me see what you see and feel what you feel." And whoo! Sometimes he does it. I think man, I don't know. But I do really wish we could experience what Paul referred to as "the fellowship of his sufferings." That we could weep with him so we rejoice with him when we see love's effect take hold.

Thank you so much. May God meet every need in your life as you've reached out to meet desperate needs in the lives of those who are in fact really desperate. Thanks for sharing *LIFE Today*. We have some gifts to send you that will bless you. But like I say many times, you've given the greatest gift, you've given life because of love -- God's love. We thank you for doing it.