Global Hunger Sunday

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Sub-Saharan Africa Prayer Guide

When the pandemic reached Africa, many countries went into a strict lockdown.

People were not allowed to leave their homes for several months and, if they did, policemen and military personnel were waiting to interrogate them. Because so many families in African cities depend on day-to-day labor to afford food for their children, the crisis was intensified for low-income communities. One pastor shared, "People are just dying in their homes because they can't go out to work, and they don't have any money coming in to buy food."

Southern Baptist partners in the region came across one widow whose family was on their very last meal. She was taking care of many children, as well as her aging parents. When the Global Hunger Relief food parcel arrived on her doorstep, our partners could see the relief come to her eyes because she knew that they would now survive.

But these food insecurity struggles are not limited to major cities in Africa.

Even in the villages where agriculture is a livelihood, the pandemic has had negative and unusual effects on the crops. One family in a Botswana village had their entire crop destroyed by a herd of hungry elephants. Due to mandated curfews, no one was able to keep guard against the elephants like they are accustomed to, so the herd was able to make their way through the entire community's fields, leaving them with no way of providing food for their families.

Through Global Hunger Relief funds, you helped them and other struggling communities across Sub-Saharan Africa survive the pandemic.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for families still in desperate need of food, that their hunger would be satisfied.

- Pray for the local and global church to be a beacon of hope as they minister to those in their communities who are suffering from undernutrition.

- Pray for farmers to reap a harvest and help end communal hunger.

- Praise God for the lives that have been spared physically and spiritually through these food distributions!