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Worship

PROV. 14:31 (GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION)



IN JESUS' PARABLE of the last judgment and in the prophetic tradition of the Hebrew sages, it is not enough not to oppress the poor — the command is to take active measures to help them. “Kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship,” attests Proverbs 14:31 (*Good News Translation*).

Through giving to the Global Food Crisis Fund, your kindnesses, your acts of worship, extend to . . .

. . . **Honduras**, where in partnership with SERRV International your support enables cashew growers to plant young saplings to assure future yields.

. . . **Liberia**, where your donation enables Church Aid Liberia to distribute hundreds of thousands of packets of garden seeds to displaced families upon return to their homes.

. . . **Myanmar**, where you assist Church World Service in supplying treadle pumps, power tillers, and rice seed to farm households swept away by floods. Your gift also assists Heifer International in helping 1,700 Myanmar families achieve sustainable levels of food and income.

. . . **United States**, where domestic matching grants of the denomination and congregations raised \$330,000 for 318 local food banks over a 10-week period.

. . . **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, where Brethren are assisting with the rehabilitation of 40 wells in an effort to provide safe drinking water to 8,000 returning households.

. . . **Zimbabwe**, where grants provide seeds and supplies for community gardens and train local workers in water and soil management.

. . . **Guatemala**, where Brethren partnership with Pastoral Social helps Mayan villagers on steep mountainsides safeguard the environment by planting trees, constructing cisterns, and cooking on fuel-saving stoves.

. . . **Sudan**, where your gift helps the Darfur Emergency Relief Operation train indigenous leaders, plant 80,000 trees, monitor ground water use, and expand sanitation.

. . . **North Korea**, where the Global Food Crisis Fund's Ryongyon program has enlisted nine denominational members of Foods Resource Bank to join in the rehabilitation of four large cooperative farms.

. . . **Nicaragua**, where Brethren are lead sponsors for Foods Resource Bank in the Rio Coco River of Life program to establish a network of centers for training and mentoring workers dependent on subsistence farming.

Reach out your soul to the hungry. Give in the compassionate spirit of Jesus.



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