



GROWING
HOPE
GLOBALLY

Rural Ministry Conference 2023

Rural Ministry, Global Impact





GROWING
HOPE
GLOBALLY

- **Biblical Hunger**
- **Global Farmer Experience**
- **Growing Lasting Solutions to Hunger**





Where do you think this is?

9 in 10



Number of People who live at subsistence level or below.

2 in 3



Number of People who live with sever or extreme hunger.



1st Century Galilee

9 in 10



Number of People who live at subsistence level or below.

2 in 3



Number of People who live with sever or extreme hunger.



Biblical Stories of People Experiencing Hunger?



Biblical Stories of People Experiencing Hunger?

Abram Going to Egypt (Gen 12)

Jacob and Family Going to
Egypt (Gen 41-45)

Naomi and Ruth (Ruth)

Time of Saul (1 Sam 21) and
David (1 Chron 21)

Time of Elisha (2 Kings 8)

Etc.



Current World

828 million



People who are hungry in the world.

150 million



The number of more people who are hungry in the world since 2019.

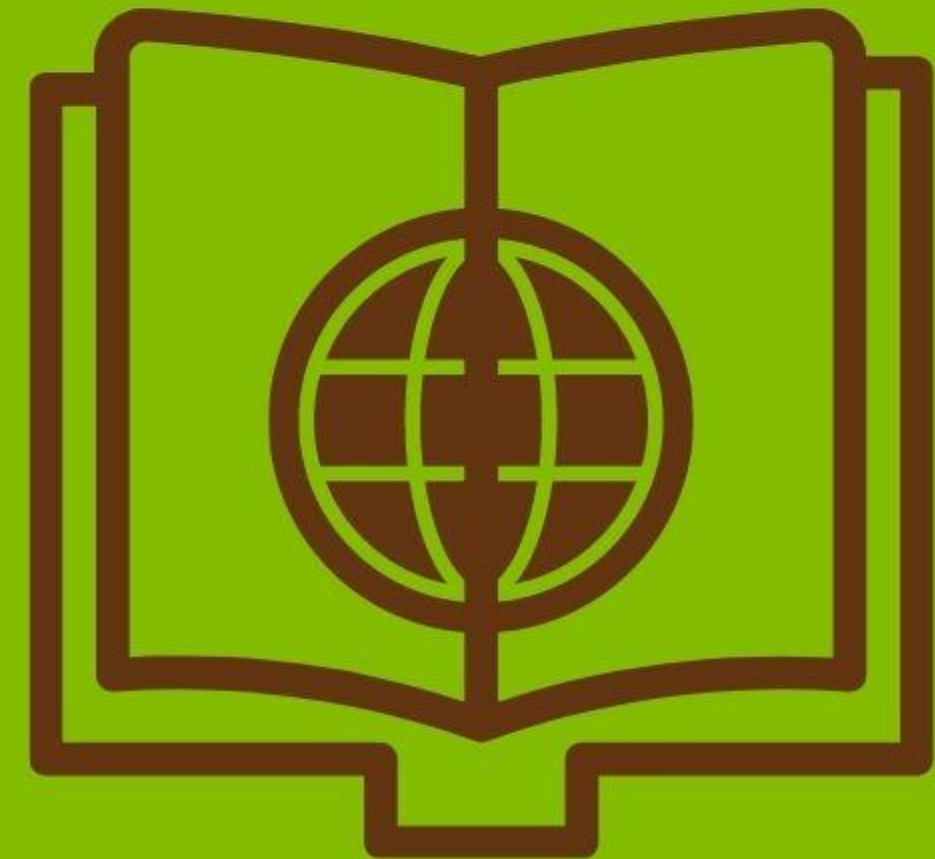


GROWING
HOPE
G L O B A L L Y

**Developing
World**



**Biblical
World**





Isaiah 58

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?
Is it not to share your food with
the hungry...”



Matthew 25

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,..." 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



James 2:15-16

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?



GROWING
HOPE
GLOBALLY

A little review...



A little review...

- Identified the reality of hunger and malnutrition



A little review...

- Identified the reality of hunger and malnutrition
- Identified the Biblical call to respond to those who are hungry



A little review...

- Identified the reality of hunger and malnutrition
- Identified the Biblical call to respond to those who are hungry
- But, how best might we respond to those who are hungry?



A Case Study

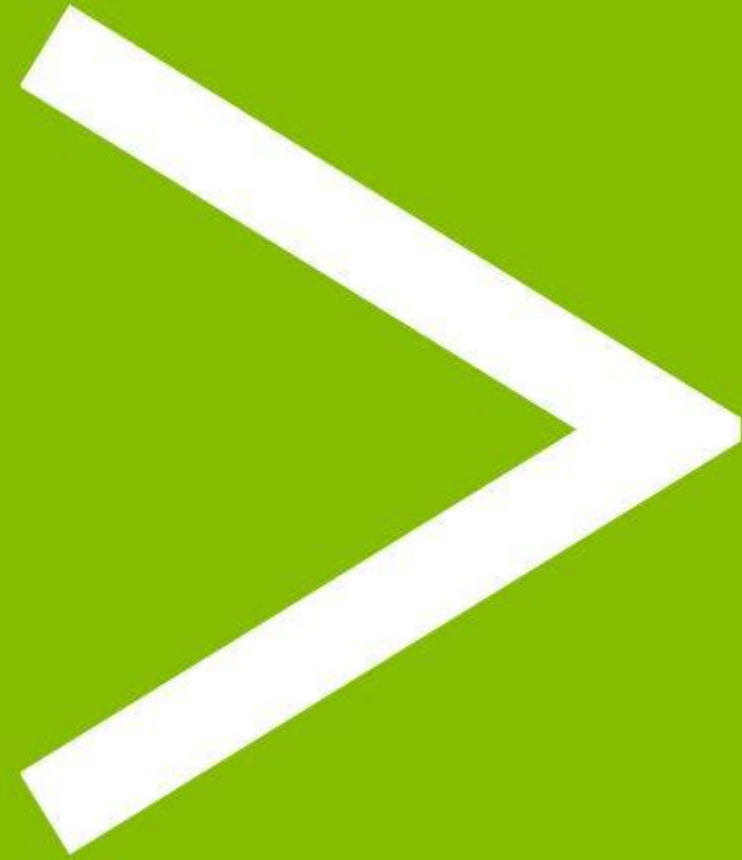




Value of Development



Development



Crisis

Global Farmer Experience



GROWING
HOPE
G L O B A L L Y













**The Global
Farmer
Experience**

1. Corn and beans
2. Export crop
3. Diversify with local crops

Choice 1



The Global Farmer Experience

1. Water Project
2. Education and Advocacy
3. Medical Team and Nutrition Training

Choice 2



**The Global
Farmer
Experience**

1. American Farmer
2. Expert from the Capital
3. Local Person

Choice 3



The Global Farmer Experience

1. Start a company
2. Grain Storage
3. Sell to Local Markets

Choice 4



“There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root.”

Henry David
Thoreau

Lasting Impact



GROWING
HOPE
GLOBALLY



A Case Study

The Early Days of....



GROWING
HOPE
GLOBALLY



Value of Ag. Development



Development

Crisis



Value of Ag. Development

**Lasting
Solutions to
Hunger**



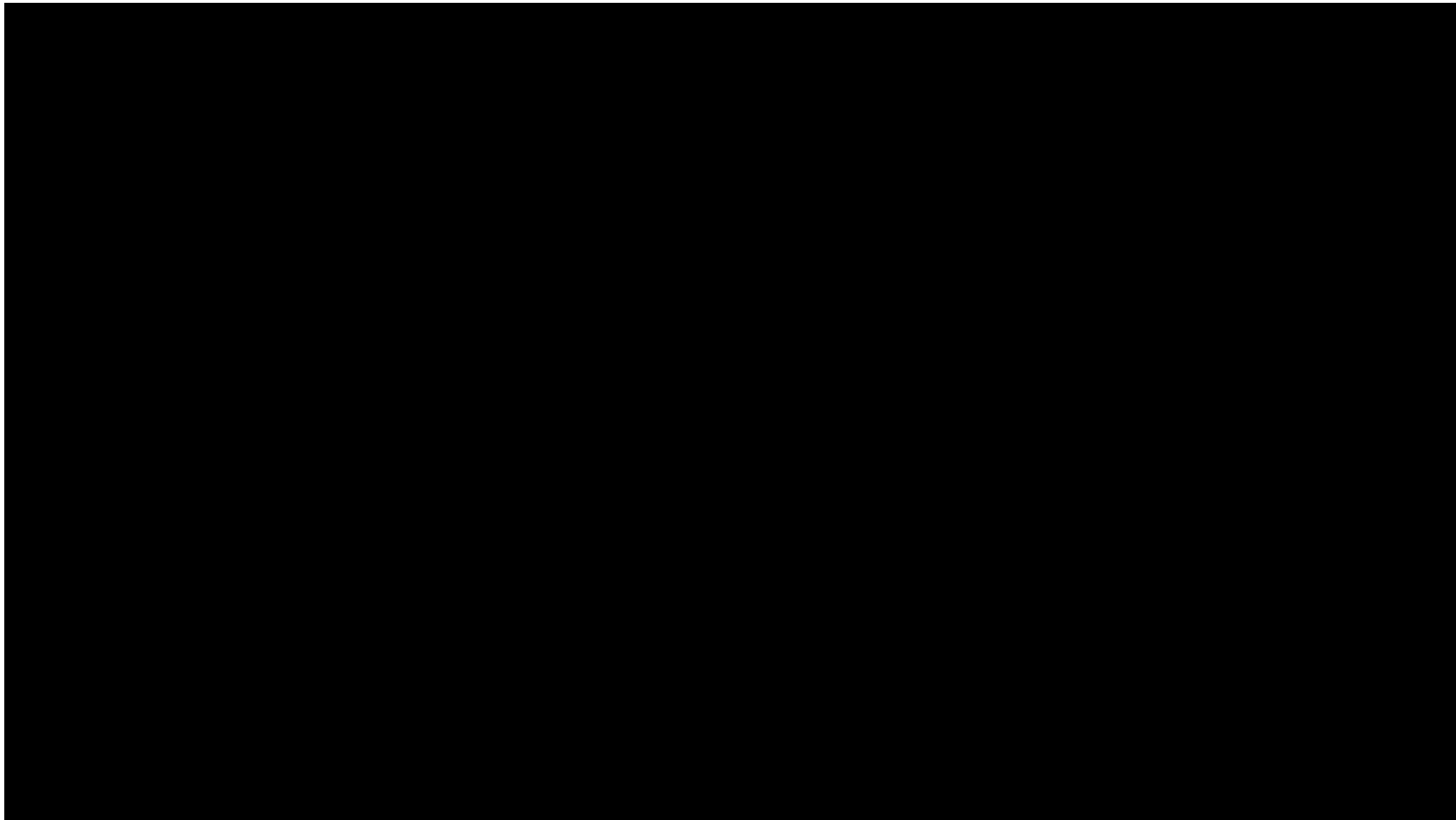
**Support to
Empower and
Give Dignity**



GROWING

HOPE

G L O B A L L Y



YOU CHOOSE
THE OVERSEAS
PROGRAMS
TO SUPPORT



4

GATHER
DONATIONS
LAND, SEED, ANIMALS,
CASH, OTHER AG INPUTS



1

TYPICAL GROWING PROJECT



FARMERS



CHURCHES



AGRIBUSINESS



CIVIC GROUPS



3

HARVEST GRAIN
OR AG PRODUCTS
& SELL IN THE US



2

GROW A CROP
OR RAISE ANIMALS

Chain of Compassion



Our Partners

Implementing Organizations



Supporting Organizations



Affiliated Organizations





Isaiah 58

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,
and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.”

Impact in Rural Communities



STEVE WITT

Clinton County, IA

"It changed his life. . .while being a part of this organization changed mine."



PLEASANT CHAPEL

Ashely, IN

"Learning from and about our brothers and sisters from different parts of the world has enriched our lives and our congregation beyond measure."



JENNA

AGWSR FFA, Ackley, IA

"Everyone knows that hunger is a serious problem, but I never thought we would help so many people around the world from our small town."

Next Steps



Start a Growing Project

Start or join a Growing Project.



Sign-Up for Our Newsletter

Stay connected to Growing Hope Globally.



Host a *Global Farmer Experience*

Offer the Global Farming Experience for your youth group or congregation



Mark E. Swanson

Regional Director

mark@growinghopeglobally.org

(509) 494-9850



**GROWING
HOPE
G L O B A L L Y**



Isaiah 65

"They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their
fruit.

No longer will they build houses and
others live in them,

or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree,

so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands."



Interested in
making a global
impact?

GrowingHopeGlobally.org