

It sounds so obvious: Parents want to do their best to care for their children. But many hard-working Americans can't even feed their families. Housing and food costs have risen while wages have stagnated. Low-income workers especially cannot keep up, and their children suffer.

Hunger will persist as long as people lack the resources to buy food.

Bread for the World has a long history of working to expand the national nutrition programs, our country's safety net for vulnerable people. These are critical services that keep people from going hungry. But nutrition programs alone are not enough to help families overcome hunger. Low-income families also need broader measures to reduce poverty and help them build financial stability.

Current tax credits for low-income workers were designed so that people who work would have enough financial resources to meet their basic needs, including food. But that's not happening anymore. These programs are falling short of their intent. The result: Millions of working families are struggling to put food on the table. Millions of children are trying to learn, to play, to live their lives without adequate nutrition—sometimes with empty stomachs.

In 2010, tax policies will be debated as previous tax cuts enacted earlier this decade are due to expire. Congress will decide which ones to renew or change. The needs of low-income families and hungry children will be lost in this debate—unless senators and representatives hear from you.

The president and others have said it should be our nation's goal to end childhood hunger in the United States by 2015. Achieving this goal would require not only stronger nutrition programs but also long-term measures to reduce poverty such as tax credits for low-income families.

Bread for the World's 2010 Offering of Letters will push for changes in the U.S. tax code that will benefit low-income families and help them lift themselves and their children out of hunger and poverty.

Expanding existing tax credits to low-income working people will help to make work pay and enable parents to educate and feed their children.

Please join us. Order your 2010 Offering of Letters kit so you can learn how to get your church, campus, or community to take action.

Bread for the World's 2010 Offering of Letters

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What is an Offering of Letters?

Bread for the World members write personal letters and e-mails to Congress. Working through our churches, campuses, and other organizations, we engage more people in advocacy. Each year, Bread for the World invites churches and groups across the country to take up a nationwide Offering of Letters to Congress on an issue that is important to hungry and poor people. They often place these letters in the offering plate during church services, prayerfully offering them to God as a gift before sending them to Congress.

The Offering of Letters enables individuals to see their concerns translated into policies that help hungry and poor people improve their lives. For many of these letter-writers, it is their first time to communicate with their members of Congress. This outpouring of concern sends a powerful message to our country's political leaders and helps us as a nation move closer to our goal of ending hunger.

How Can My Church or Group Participate?

Use the form inside to order an Offering of Letters kit. This resource provides materials to help you organize an Offering, including stories of people affected by hunger (also shown on an enclosed DVD), background information, tips for writing letters, church bulletin inserts, and more.

Who is Bread for the World?

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities where we live.

God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to help our neighbors, whether they live in the next house, the next state, or the next continent. Food is a basic need, and it is unjust that so many people must go without enough to eat. We can end hunger in our time. Everyone, including our government, must do their part. With the stroke of a pen, policies are made that redirect millions of dollars and affect millions of lives. By making our voices heard in Congress, we make our nation's laws more fair and compassionate to people in need.



**She doesn't know what a 1040 tax form is.
But she knows she didn't have breakfast
this morning.**



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