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A Letter From Pastor Tim Dilena

Dear Friends,

As you read these stories, from Burkina Faso to Nicaragua, from faithful missionaries to transformed lives, you'll see the truth we witness every day: when we feed a hungry kid in Jesus' name, we plant seeds that grow into harvests beyond our imagination.

Thank you for standing with us. Because of your faithfulness, every dollar goes directly to food, and every meal becomes an opportunity for a child to encounter the love of Christ.

With gratitude,

Tim Dilena
Senior pastor
Times Square Church

Eighteen Years of Mercy: The Story of ChildCry

Feeding the Hungry. Reaching the Lost.

What began with a single cry from the streets of Zambia has become a global testimony of God's compassion, where every meal opens the door for kids and families to encounter the hope of the gospel. Behind every plate of food is a message of mercy, a story of redemption, and the hand of a faithful God who still hears the cries of His children.

A Cry That Changed Everything

ChildCry began with a cry, a cry that echoed from the dusty streets of Lusaka, Zambia into the heart of Times Square Church. In 2007, Pastor Carter Conlon returned from a trip that would change everything. After witnessing kids scavenging for food and sleeping on sidewalks without care, protection, or hope. He knew the church had to respond. Out of that moment of compassion, ChildCry was born, a ministry dedicated to feeding hungry kids and bringing the message of Jesus Christ where the need is greatest.

What began with one pastor's burden has grown into a ministry and passion that

continues to reach the forgotten with both food and faith. Over the past eighteen years, ChildCry has helped feed more than 20,000 kids in over 70 countries every month. From the mountains of Nicaragua to the brothels of India, from refugee camps in Greece to deaf kids in Honduras, each meal has been an expression of God's love, a visible answer to

18 YEARS OF IMPACT

70+

countries reached with food
and the gospel

20,000+

kids fed monthly

100%

of donations go directly to food

*Countless lives transformed
by the love of Christ*



Eighteen Years of Mercy

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the prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread."

Yet food is only the beginning. Every meal served becomes the first step on a greater journey, a journey that leads kids and their families to encounter Jesus, the true Bread of Life.

A Model of Faithful Stewardship

ChildCry operates under the Missions Department of Times Square Church with a notable distinction: 100% of every dollar donated goes directly to food. The church fully covers administrative and operational costs, ensuring every contribution reaches a hungry child. This stewardship model has fostered strong trust among donors and lasting partnerships with faithful men and women of God serving in some of the world's most challenging regions.

From its earliest days, the heart of ChildCry has remained simple but powerful: feed hungry kids and show them Jesus. Each plate of food represents more than a meal; it is a message of hope, dignity, and love. In places where despair has silenced laughter, food often becomes the first word of the gospel.

Stories of Transformation Around the World

Through the years, ChildCry has expanded through strong local partnerships that are transforming lives:

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In **Liberia**, the Children of Hope Center reaches kids who have lost parents to poverty, conflict, or sickness. Local believers provide daily meals, education, and the message of Christ to orphans and vulnerable kids who would otherwise go without care.

In **Honduras**, the Esmirna School for the Deaf provides both meals and education to students who once lived in silence and isolation.

In **India**, kids rescued from red-light districts now sit at tables where they are loved, taught, and fed in Jesus' name.

In **Cambodia**, near the border where families have been displaced by conflict, children who once had no access to food or the Word of God are now experiencing the love of Christ. Our partners are faithfully discipling these kids, teaching them about Jesus, providing daily meals, and helping their families rebuild hope. Through music and worship, the children are learning to praise God with joy, even during difficult times. Each lesson, each song, and each meal serves as a testimony to God's faithfulness and transforming love at work in their lives.

In **Colombia**, ChildCry partners with Hogares Infantiles San José, one of five partners in the country, a home that restores dignity and purpose to orphaned and abandoned kids through Christ-centered care.

In **Ghana**, one of our former Times Square Church congregants felt God's call to return home and serve the children in her community. With a heart full of compassion, she began sharing the gospel with kids in local villages, offering them meals, love, and hope. Today, she continues to reach children through evangelism, a growing feeding program, and the opening of a Christian school that provides education centered on God's Word. Her faith and obedience also led her to adopt four orphans, provided them a home filled with love, just as God calls us to do.

And right here in the **United States**, Hope Academy of the Bronx in New York City provides support to students with learning difficulties and ChildCry helps ensure that breakfast and lunch are available, giving these kids the nourishment they need to focus, learn, and thrive.

These are not random acts of kindness; they are the fingerprints of a faithful God who never stops providing.

A Generation Rising

Over the years, we have witnessed something remarkable: an entire generation of kids who were once fed by ChildCry are now becoming responsible adults, professional leaders, and faithful servants in their own families and communities. What they once received, they are now giving back. In Africa, graduates from feeding programs are serving others in their communities. In the Philippines, once-malnourished girls have become educators. In Honduras, students who once felt forgotten are now teaching and ministering in their

schools and churches.

Just as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, we continue to see God multiply every gift and effort to feed both body and soul.

Looking Forward with Gratitude

As we celebrate eighteen years of ChildCry,

we want to thank all who have faithfully stood with this ministry, those who have prayed, served, supported, and believed in the mission of feeding the hungry and sharing the gospel. Your faith, compassion, and perseverance have carried this vision forward, allowing the love of God to reach thousands of kids and families around the world.

The mission remains the same: to feed hungry kids and proclaim Jesus in word and deed. The cry of the hungry still echoes across the earth, but so does the call of Christ. And as long as there are cries to be heard, we will keep answering with hope, with love, and with the message of a Savior who never fails. ■

From Hunger to Hope: God Is Writing New Stories in Burkina Faso

ChildCry Brings Light Through the Ministry “Sparks of Joy”

In the arid plains of Burkina Faso, West Africa, hunger and hardship have become part of daily life for many kids. Years of conflict and instability have displaced thousands of families, and food insecurity continues to rise. Yet even in the midst of these challenges, God is writing new stories—stories of hope, joy, and redemption, through the faithful work of His people and the ministry of ChildCry.

Each time the food is shared, there is singing, dancing, and prayer. The kids lift their hands in gratitude to God, rejoicing not only because they are fed, but because they are known and loved.

Opening Doors for the Gospel

In these gatherings, missionaries and local believers share Bible stories, pray with kids and their families, and train new leaders who will take the gospel to unreached villages. Burkina Faso is home to 66 ethnic groups, 35 of which have yet to hear the gospel. Through food, God is opening doors that were once closed, making a way for His Word to reach hearts that have never known the name of Jesus.

One ministry worker described it simply:

“When we feed the children, we see their eyes brighten and their joy return. They dance and thank God for His goodness. Even when they have been displaced or forgotten by the world, they know that the Lord has not forgotten them.”

Every sandwich, every plate of rice, and every prayer shared around those tables is part of a greater story, a story of a faithful God who meets both physical and spiritual hunger.

A Miracle of Transformation

ChildCry’s heart is to come alongside ministries like Sparks of Joy to bring help where the need is greatest and hope where it seems lost. In places marked by fear and loss, we are witnessing the miracle of transformation: kids laughing, families worshiping, and communities gathering to hear the Word of God.

From hunger to hope, God is writing new stories in Burkina Faso—stories of mercy, restoration, and everlasting joy. And through ChildCry, the table of grace keeps growing wider, one meal and one soul at a time.

“He fills the hungry with good things, and the poor He lifts from the dust.”
—Psalm 113:7

The transformation we see in Burkina Faso isn’t unique. Across the world, kids who were once fed by ChildCry are now becoming the ones who serve...

Zambia kids



Expanding the Table of Grace

Through our partnership with Sparks of Joy, a local ministry working in eleven villages, ChildCry now helps feed kids who once went days without a proper meal. Before this partnership, only four villages were able to provide regular feeding. Today, with ChildCry’s support, seven additional villages are now included, bringing warm meals and the message of Jesus to more than 300 new kids each week.

The meals are simple: rice, vegetables, or sometimes a sardine sandwich. But for the kids who receive them, they are a banquet of love.

Hands That Serve

ChildCry Partners Serving Across Nations

Every ChildCry partner carries a story of faith—proof that God calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things when they respond to His voice. Among these faithful workers are **Sara and Jordi**, Assemblies of God missionaries in Spain whose lives reflect God's compassion in action.

A Life of Service Without Borders

From their home church in Spain, Sara and Jordi have dedicated their lives to serving children and people in need. While they minister locally, they also travel to work with ChildCry partners in several nations, strengthening programs where food and ongoing support are provided. Their heart is to be the hands and feet of Jesus wherever the need is greatest.

They have served in Guinea-Bissau, Burkina Faso, Nicaragua, and Mexico—reaching kids through feeding programs, education, and discipleship. In Guinea-Bissau, one of West Africa's poorest nations, they helped start a program that offers daily meals and Bible lessons to children who had never attended school. In Burkina Faso, they partnered with Sparks of Joy to reach remote villages affected by conflict, witnessing how food



Sara and Jordi

and faith bring peace and stability.

Their journey continued to Nicaragua, where they served with Love in Action in Rancho Grande. In Mexico, they supported Pastor Elma for three months during her cancer recovery, helping oversee MAMI's home and school for more than 100 kids, as well as feeding programs for migrant families along the border.

A New Chapter in Equatorial Guinea

Now, God is opening a new chapter. Sara and Jordi are preparing to help establish a clinic and ChildCry feeding center for children with

special needs in Equatorial Guinea.

Their story is one of perseverance, obedience, and love without borders. Through their faithfulness, hundreds of children have been fed physically and spiritually. "We have seen that one plate of food can change everything," Sara said. "It opens hearts and allows the gospel to take root."

Sara and Jordi's journey captures the heart of ChildCry—love that serves, faith that perseveres, and hope that crosses every border.

The Fruit of ChildCry

A Legacy of Changed Lives

Every seed planted through ChildCry carries the promise of a life transformed. In the mountain town of Rancho Grande, Nicaragua, two sisters—Kenia and Heisi—stand as living proof of what God can do through a single feeding program.

Their journey began with **Love in Action**, one of ChildCry's long-standing partners providing daily meals, Bible teaching, and academic support. When the sisters first arrived, their family was struggling, and hunger was a daily reality. But through consistent food, care, and encouragement, they began to flourish. The feeding center became more than a place to eat—it became a place of belonging and hope.

Today, Kenya is completing her nursing degree and manages the small health center connected to the program, caring for the same children who once sat beside her at the meal tables. Her sister,

Heisi, earned an accounting degree and now serves at the city hall of Rancho Grande while volunteering on weekends to tutor and help in the kitchen.

Through ChildCry and the faithfulness of **Love in Action**, they received food for their bodies, education for their minds, and the gospel that transformed their hearts. Their lives embody the lasting harvest of compassion and faith.



Kenia, Nicaragua nurse

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Cambodia refugee camp feeding program

The Bread and the Word: How Food Opens Doors

When Jesus fed the multitudes, He met both hunger and heart. He gave bread for their bodies and truth for their souls. That same compassion defines every meal served through ChildCry. In communities marked by poverty, isolation, or conflict, a simple plate of food often becomes the first sermon, an introduction to the love of God that words alone could never express.

Across continents and cultures, ChildCry's partners serve with the same conviction: when we feed a kid, we are not only easing physical hunger but opening a door for the gospel to enter homes and hearts. Each meal carries a message of hope—"You are seen. You are loved. God has not forgotten you."

Where Food Meets Faith

Around the world, ChildCry partners serve in communities where food becomes the first word of the gospel:

In Bangladesh and the Philippines, kids from Muslim families experience Christ's love through daily meals, and many come to faith. In Brazil, our partner travels the Amazon River bringing food and hope to riverside communities. In Namibia, kids learn to grow their own food in community gardens. And in Romania, programs reach kids living on the streets, in schools, and in gypsy villages—

meeting both physical and spiritual hunger.

This is what makes ChildCry unique: the meal is never the end of the story. Every plate of rice, beans, or bread becomes a seed planted for transformation, one that often grows into salvation, healing, and lifelong discipleship.

The Heart Behind Every Meal

Behind every serving, every local kitchen, and every partner stands a set of core values that define who we are:

100% to Food—Times Square Church covers all administrative costs, so every dollar you give goes directly to feeding kids.

Gospel-Centered—We follow Jesus' example, believing that as we feed hungry kids, God opens doors for the gospel and transforms lives.

Partnership & Accountability—We walk alongside faithful local leaders as friends, communicating openly and serving with them through every season of life as well as ensuring that donated funds are used for their intended purpose.

Legacy of Compassion—From our founding pastor, David Wilkerson, to Pastor Carter Conlon, who launched ChildCry in 2007, and now with Pastor Tim Dilen's continued leadership, the heart has always been the same: born in prayer, sustained by faith, feeding the hungry, and proclaiming the gospel in Jesus' name.

A Global Table of Grace

From a single cry in Zambia, God has multiplied the work. Today, ChildCry partners serve kids across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas—in more than seventy nations where the need is great and the gospel is advancing. Every plate of food tells the same story: God provides, and His love reaches farther than we could ever imagine.

Wherever those plates are filled, the message remains unchanged: **Jesus is the Bread of Life.** And in every language, every culture, and every corner of the world, kids who once cried out in hunger now lift their voices in praise to the One who satisfies both body and soul.



Bakery program to feed kids in Colombia



Ghana school program

Join the Story— Be Part of Feeding Hungry Kids

For eighteen years, faithful partners like you have helped feed thousands of kids and shared the hope of Jesus around the world. As we look ahead, the need continues to grow, and so does the opportunity.

Pray. Lift our partners serving in challenging places, and the kids and families they reach.

Watch & Share. See the impact of ChildCry through stories of lives transformed. Explore our ChildCry videos on YouTube.

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A Prayer of Gratitude

Lord, thank You for every kid You've fed and every life You've touched.

May Your compassion continue to flow through us until every hungry kid knows the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The cry of the hungry still echoes, but so does the call of Christ.

Will you answer with us?

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Times Square Church was founded in 1987 by Pastor David Wilkerson, author of "The Cross and the Switchblade." It is an interdenominational church located in the heart of New York City.

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