



Providing one hungry child with food to eat is the first step in changing an entire community.

Dear Friend,

September 2010

Do we really know what it feels like to be hungry?

Now I know that we feel the need to eat on a daily basis, and there may be times when our hunger grows quite strong. But for millions of children, men and women around the world, hunger is a fact of life.

Guillaume has certainly experienced hunger first-hand. Polio left him with severe deformities in his legs, making it difficult for him to work. His wife Sarah often spent every day searching for enough food for Guillaume and their six children. When Sarah fell ill and needed to be admitted to the hospital, the family lost their only source of food. Guillaume's children began begging for food, but there simply wasn't enough. Their village in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been suffering for many years under the civil war, making food difficult to find.

The sad reality is that Guillaume's story is not unique. More than one billion people in the world today do not have enough to eat – that's more than the population of North America and the European Union combined! **Over 16,000 children die every day due to malnutrition and hunger-related illnesses.**

It doesn't have to be this way.

When he believed that all hope was lost, Guillaume learned of an ERDO food relief project in his community. The family began receiving food and for the first time in months, Guillaume's children went to sleep at night well-fed. No longer preoccupied with searching for scraps of food, the family was able to return to daily activities such as school and work. Sarah came home from the hospital with the security of wholesome food while she healed.

Please turn over...



YES! I will provide food for a hungry family this Thanksgiving!

Here is my gift of:

- \$50 to feed 1 family for 1 month \$100 to feed 2 families for 1 month \$150 to feed 3 families for 1 month
- \$_____ to feed _____ families for 1 month (\$50 per family)

Yes, I would like to become a ChildCARE Plus sponsor! Please turn over to find out more...

Payment Options

- Cheque *(please make payable to ERDO)*
- Credit Card *(please fill out below)*

VISA MasterCard Expiry: _____

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____

Tel: () _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Guillaume recovered enough strength to begin working again, allowing him to pay for Sarah's medicine, his children's schooling and seeds to begin a small garden.

Food changed this family's future.

In partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, ERDO is impacting the lives of families like Guillaume's around the world. With the support of donors like you, we are providing food to those who need it most.



Proper nutrition does much more than end hunger. Children who have food to eat are more likely to remain healthy and go to school. As they are strengthened and educated, they carry with them hope for the future of their communities. Providing one hungry child with food to eat is the first step in transforming an entire community.

On October 16th, people around the world take time to remember those who are hungry. **World Food Day is a time to contemplate our blessings and challenge ourselves to act on behalf of those in need.** It is no coincidence that World Food Day occurs just days after we in Canada gather to celebrate Thanksgiving. As we celebrate and give thanks with those we love, we must not forget those who suffer.

As you enjoy a meal together with family and friends this Thanksgiving, remember those like Guillaume who wake each morning not knowing whether they will eat that day. As you give thanks to God for all that He has provided, remember that He asked us to provide food for the hungry. As we move from Thanksgiving to World Food Day, let us turn our gratitude into compassion.

For just \$50, you can provide food for an entire family for one month. \$150 will provide a month of food for three families. What better way to express our gratitude to God than to provide for a family in need! With your help, more families will experience the same transformation that Guillaume and his children experienced.

ERDO is committed to providing food for hungry children, women and men around the world. With your help, we are transforming lives every day.

God bless you and your loved ones this Thanksgiving season!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David".

David J. Adcock
Chief Executive Officer

*P.S. Every 5 seconds, another child dies of hunger. You have the power to offer hope for the future!
Use the special World Food Day poster included with this letter for ideas on remembering those in need this Thanksgiving!*



I would like to become a monthly child sponsor.

Become a ChildCARE Plus sponsor and help provide a child in need with access to education, clothing, medical care and nutritious food.

I would like to sponsor...

- 1 child for \$34 a month
- 2 children for \$68 a month
- _____ children for _____ a month
(# of children x \$34)

Payment Options

Direct Deposit _____
(please include a VOID cheque and the name of your financial institution)

Please debit my account on the:

1st or 15th of every month

Credit Card *(please fill out below)*

VISA  Expiry: _____

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____

Tel: (____) _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____



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