



# Bryantsville Hunger Relief Project



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At the first of this year we began the process of distributing updates to the supporters of BHRP on the lack of the corn this year. In this newsletter we are printing again this information plus updating our supporters of what projects we are/will be doing.

*All across the Midwest the 2012 crop season was disastrous. The corn fields of the Bryantsville Hunger Relief Project were not immune to the impact of the hot, dry summer. When the crop was planted in the spring, we anticipated a yield that would result in 5000 to 5500 bags of high protein corn. The result was very different. The yield was about 2000 bags. In addition the adverse growing conditions resulted in the corn being infested with a mold that make it unfit for human consumption. To say the Board of BHRP is disappointed is an understatement. We have determined that we have no choice but to sell the corn for livestock food (the mold level is safe for cows, hogs and poultry). We still plan to plant more corn this spring, for harvest in the fall of 2013, but for the time being we are looking for other ways to help feed hungry people. Even without a corn crop, our passion for feeding hungry people has not waned. God has a plan and we are dedicated to following Him with all our energy.*

*As you are aware the normal process is for BHRP to partner with missionary organizations around the world to assist existing food distribution programs. In the absence of our normal whole-kernel corn, we are asking these established partners how we might be of service to their food programs in other ways that will provide comparable assistance to their programs. We fully understand your generous contributions were entrusted to us for the purpose of feeding the under-nourished around the world. We are going to proceed in this unusual situation to faithfully carry out that purpose.*

*Based on the feedback we receive from the mission partners we may do any number of things. Options include buying other food products, joining with other US based organizations participating in larger relief projects, contribute directly to a mission to allow them to purchase food in their locality, or other approaches that may be suggested. As specific projects are approved by the Board of Directors information will be provided on the web site and on Facebook.*

*The goal of this letter is to assure all of our faithful contributors that the Board of BHRP is using your monies consistent with our corporate mission statement which says we exist to "provide nutritious food to feed the poorest of the poor around the world." Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like additional information. Direct any inquires to:*

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## Go Where God Leads

Our God is a very, very creative God. He works in such marvelous ways to use His people. As the board of BHRP sat discussing the impact of the very poor 2012 crop year, I was reminded of part of the discussion that occurred back in 2001. At one of the meetings where we were discussing the move from the Sherwood family high lysine corn project to a formal 501 c 3 organization we came to the point of needing to name the new organization. There were several suggestions most of which contained either lysine or corn or bagging or a combination of all. One of the people there (we don't really remember who) said something like what happens if we decide to do something other than corn or high lysine corn could become unavailable. Well, that quickly changed the direction of the discussion. After a bit, the name Bryantsville Hunger Relief Project was coined. In the years since that discussion much has changed. First, the high lysine seed we had used for years was no longer available. The move to a high protein food grade seed was necessary. Each year we survey the range of available seed corn and select one that will provide the highest food value to send to the impoverished parts of the world. This shift did not impact the operations or the value of the program. All went smoothly until the drought of 2012. The loss of the entire crop marked the first time in 27 years corn had not been shipped out from the project.

However, we are confident that God is in control and we are pressing forward with the mission of feeding hungry people. This is where God's creativity came to the forefront. He got our attention to remind us that there are other very effective ways to pursue our (and your) mission. With much prayerful discussion and contacting several alternative ways of providing food have surfaced. Again, God in His wisdom opened doors for BHRP. Here are a few that are being done or completed:

The BHRP board was able to assist Allen Burris with food to distribute during his recent trip to Honduras (see article). We also are planning a joint project with International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES) to pack rice based meals (see included information sheet) to be distributed in Niger, Africa through Masters Provisions. Over the years one of our mission partners for corn has been Feed the Hungry. We have sent a donation to them to help with their many food distribution programs. Through our partnership with them food has been made available to people literally around the world.

Some other projects are under discussion but not detailed out at this time. We are in contact with missionaries in India, Ukraine, Honduras, Korea and central Africa to see if there are areas where we might come along side them. The missionaries in Korea, Honduras and Ukraine are groups that have previously received corn from BHRP. The others are contacts which would be new to us.

The Board of Directors of BHRP continue to covet your prayers for our work. Please ask God to help us keep HIS vision of how to best serve Him. Yes, He got our attention. Not that we feel that bagging whole kernel corn is inappropriate (planning for the 2013 crop is in progress), but it is important to always seek God's guidance each day.



From Allen Burris  
 Minister of Mitchell Church of Christ  
 Board member of BHRP

**Honduras Help**

I recently made a trip to Honduras, along with four others. We were there for about a week doing various projects in the name of Jesus. We built a couple of houses and made some improvements for the church in the small village of Guajire, which is about an hour outside of Tegucigalpa. One of the most important things we did was to distribute food. Thanks to the generosity of the Bryantsville Hunger Relief Project, we were able to purchase and distribute more than a ton of food.

We bought rice, beans, salt, pasta, and sauce. Our team took each of those items and put them into 200 bags. These bags were distributed through the church in the village of Guajire. Those receiving the bags were very grateful. The two photos show the crowd outside the building and the bags inside the building.

While we were disappointed by a crop failure last year in Bryantsville, it is wonderful to live out God's principle found in Romans 8:28. Indeed, God works in situations that we often deem "bad" to make good happen. What happened in Honduras recently is a good example.

Thank you to all who continue to contribute generously to this wonderful work of God!

Allen Burris



**THANKS**

We'd like to say "THANKS!" to all of our volunteers and supporters- whether you are: bagging corn, sewing bags, wrapping pallets, loading trucks, getting permits, scheduling loads and people, sweeping floors, cleaning machinery, mowing grass, catching mice, cleaning the grain bin, paying bills, giving presentations, taking pictures, writing newsletters, answering emails, donating time and money, praying for the Project, distributing corn to the hungry.....we appreciate everything you do.....EVERY THING.

It wouldn't be possible to name each one who has helped the Bryantsville Hunger Relief Project, but there is one who deserves an honorable mention: our local farmer Randy Dumond, who (since the Project first started) has been our "Infield Crop Manager" under contract with Rosehill Farms, making sure the corn gets planted, maintained, harvested and put in our grain bin- a big job described by just a few words- Thanks Randy!



In the summer of 2001 BHRP as a corporation was born. At that time no one knew what was in store for this new work. Trusting God for guidance, two men stepped forward to lead the new organization. Eugene Roberts became the Chairman of the Board and Dan Chambers became secretary. At that time no doubt both were expecting this to be short term roles. Fortunately for BHRP and all of us involved their leadership lasted a quite long time. At the January 2013 board meeting both asked to be relieved of their leadership responsibilities. While both remain on the board, new directors stepped forward to take the leadership positions. All of us on the board what to take this opportunity to thank both of these men. God has blessed BHRP under their care. If you happen to encounter either Eugene or Dan please take a minute to thank them. Also please continue to pray for wisdom for the new leadership team, the board of directors and our mission partners around the world. Thanks Eugene. Thanks Dan.

**Present Board**

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| Brian Sherwood - President | Allan Burris - Secretary |
| Calvin Tincher - Treasurer | Eugene Roberts           |
| Dan Chambers               | Warren Crawford          |

**Loads of corn shipped in 2012:**

- Feb 21: 700 bags to "Convoy of Hope" Springfield, MO (part of this load went to Haiti)
- Mar 29: 700 bags to "Operation Compassion" Cleveland, TN
- June 5: 700 bags to Nicaragua, "World Mission Outreach"
- July 19: 700 bags to Honduras, "Feed the Children"
- Aug 24: 700 bags to "Feed the Hungry"
- Oct 11: 360 bags to Niger Africa, via Master Provisions

## Some of the Groups that Help Bagged Corn During 2012



### Helping Others Help Others

*In October 2012 BHRP helped Lawrence InterFaith Endeavor (LIFE) get a \$50,000 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation. Wal-Mart employees did volunteer work related to hunger in order to qualify for the grant to help fund a program to feed local school children. The Life Blessing program, managed by LIFE, provides weekend food for children of low income families.*



### Small group from Community Baptist Fellowship, Bedford



### Youth group from Mt. Pleasant Christian Church





## Bryantsville Hunger Relief Project

with International Disaster  
Emergency Services

### Announces God Always Provides.

A volunteer FOOD packaging night to  
help the poor in Niger, Africa



Around the world, countless people go hungry every day. In 2012 IDES' supporter ensured that over 300,000 hungry mouths would be fed through G.A.P. food packing program.

The youth from Mitchell churches have a chance to make a difference in a child's life by helping to pack rice and soy based meals to be sent to Niger, Africa.

On April 10  
At the  
Family Life Center of First Baptist Church,  
Mitchell



7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

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The meals packed will be sent to Kwame and Suzie Yeboah-Mantey, Ghanaian missionaries to Niger with Master Provisions.



Will you help feed these children?