A family walks 5 miles to reach our feeding station.

Your Generosity Saves Another Child

The need is still great. Your continued support is vital.

Little Mesafint woke up hungry, again. Her mother, Mushure, lay beside her on a mat made from the leaves of a banana tree. Mushure wondered if Mesafint would live through the week. She is two years old and weighs 18 pounds.

Shatto, Mushure’s husband, had left before the sun broke the horizon that morning to look for work, as he did on most days of his life. He worked as a day laborer. On days when he found a job, he was able to feed his family. His work consisted of doing menial tasks such as shoveling animal manure, cleaning other people’s lots, etc.

Shatto has a very small plot of land on which they raise false banana trees to produce enset. Enset is a food substance made from the root of the false banana tree. It is called “false banana” because it fills the stomach but has very little nutritional value.

Shatto’s plot of land is too small to support his family. Hunger has been a permanent invader of Shatto’s home.

While Shatto was looking for work, he learned about a program in a neighboring village which gave food to people who had none.

Later in the evening, Shatto returned home empty handed yet again; he was unsuccessful finding work. A kind neighbor gave him a small amount of food that afternoon so his family could have a meager dinner. Shatto and Mushure decided to go to the village where food was being distributed to starving families the following day. Before going to sleep that night, they prayed, asking God for a miracle and to save Mesafint’s life.

During the late night hours, Mesafint became significantly weaker.

Starvation was taking its toll on her. Death was near.

Shortly after sunrise the family began the journey to the feeding site. It took 5 hours to get there. Upon arrival their hopes were crushed. There were already hundreds of families at the site waiting for food. Someone told Mushure only people with a registration card could get food here.

Broken hearted and discouraged beyond description, they began the long journey home. They were sure Mesafint would not live through the week.

As they were leaving, one of our
staff saw them and noticed the condition Mesafint was in. Upon learning they were not part of the feeding program, he immediately escorted them to the feeding program doctor. The doctor regularly checks the malnourished children to monitor their progress.

Because of the severity of Mesafint’s malnutrition, the family was immediately entered into the feeding program where they would receive a special nutritional food product for Mesafint and supplementary wheat for the family. As they left that day, they thanked God FOR YOU AND FOR HIM MAKING THIS MIRACLE POSSIBLE.

YOU, by your generosity and prayers, made this miracle possible in this family’s life.

**Were it not for you, Mesafint would have died.**

Currently there are several thousand severely malnourished children in an area adjacent to the feeding site where Mesafint and her family were saved. Would you please make a donation today so that more children won’t have to go to bed hungry tonight or die from a simple lack of food? No gift is too small.

You have saved thousands of lives over the years by being so generous to the people whom we together have the privilege of serving.

THANK YOU for caring and taking action to save the lives of so many children in need.

God bless you,

Pat & Sue Bradley

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**We appreciate your support.**

**We cannot do this work without YOU!**

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