

See a new side of the 40 Days of Giving. Starting in Lent 2018, we're lifting up several programs in India, Malawi and the United States that urgently need your support. Choose a program and walk alongside our neighbors as they address hunger in their communities.

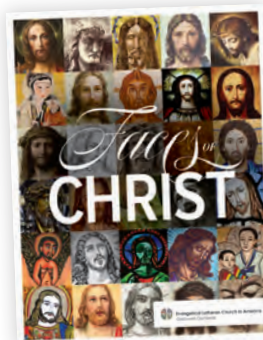
The 40 Days of Giving starts Feb. 14.

What's next?

Visit **ELCA.org/40Days** for more information and project-specific bulletin inserts as they become available. Please begin planning your congregation's participation and fundraising now. Online giving will open on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) and continue through Easter (April 1).

If funds raised for a specific program exceed the goal, the funds will be used to address a similar need in that country or region. **Check back often – new programs and projects may be unlocked if our goals are met.**

Your gifts will ensure that ELCA World Hunger can fund this life-saving, life-changing work in 2018.



Learn more

about ELCA World Hunger's accompaniment of communities in India and around the world by downloading our 2018 Lenten study, "Faces of Christ," at **ELCA.org/hunger/resources**. Click on the "Seasonal" tab to find it.

HOW TO GIVE

ONLINE

ELCA.org/40days

BY MAIL

ELCA, P.O. Box 1809,
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Please make checks payable to "ELCA World Hunger" and write "40 Days of Giving" and the project name, if desired, in the check's memo line.

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ELCA World Hunger's

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Give a gift.
Change lives.**
Coming Lent 2018.




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India

 **CAPITAL**
New Delhi

POPULATION
1.3 billion

 **INTERESTING FACT**
Nearly 70 percent of rural families in India depend on agriculture for their livelihoods.

DID YOU KNOW?
The percentage of poverty in India has fallen from 37.2 percent in 2004 to 21.9 percent in 2011.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

GOAL: **\$115,000**

AREAS OF IMPACT: Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh
COMPANIONS: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh, Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church

In rural communities across India, including in Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand, many people rely on farming as a primary source of food and income. But with drought and unpredictable weather patterns increasingly becoming a harsh reality, there's a critical need to introduce new agricultural techniques and technologies to make sure that families can continue to grow the food they need to survive and support themselves. Your gifts support programs that introduce improved seeds, irrigation, rainwater harvesting and other water conservation methods, fruit-tree nurseries, livestock and more.



WOMEN'S RIGHTS

GOAL: **\$75,000**

AREAS OF IMPACT: Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
COMPANIONS: Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Christian Medical Association of India, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh


Gender inequality when it comes to education, employment and social policies can make women and girls more vulnerable to poverty. Together, we're responding to poverty and inequality by addressing the root causes – violence against women, unequal access to education and income, and the lack of quality health care, especially for expectant mothers and women living with HIV and AIDS. Through programs such as ones that teach gender equality; provide legal assistance to domestic abuse survivors; and teach embroidery, tailoring and entrepreneurship to help women start small businesses, your gifts make sure that women in India realize their full potential.



Malawi

 **CAPITAL**
Lilongwe

POPULATION
18 million

 **INTERESTING FACT**
Lake Malawi is home to more species of fish than any other lake in the world.

DID YOU KNOW?
The percentage of poverty in Malawi was 50.7 percent in 2011. This is only slightly down from 52.4 percent in 2004.



EDUCATION AND INCOME

GOAL: **\$33,000**

AREAS OF IMPACT: Karonga, Lilongwe, Madisi, Mangochi
COMPANION: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi

In the Mangochi District of Malawi, less than 4 percent of the population has completed primary education. The literacy rate stands at 45 percent – the lowest in the country. By starting with the basics – like early childhood education, adult literacy classes, vocational training – and adding in programs focused on leadership, life skills and entrepreneurship, your gifts are the building blocks to a much brighter future in communities in the Mangochi District and others.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

GOAL: **\$203,000**

AREAS OF IMPACT: Chidyamanga, Chikwawa, Dedza, Mangochi
COMPANION: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi


Faced with some of the highest rates of HIV, malaria and other preventable diseases, the health care needs in Malawi are great. Since rural families can be days away from the nearest health care facility, our partners have transformed four-wheel-drive vehicles into mobile clinics stocked with test kits, supplies and medicines. Special programs focus on malnutrition, maternal and neonatal care, HIV and AIDS, and malaria. Your gifts will help train local health care professionals and provide much-needed medical supplies to ensure that these programs continue to save lives.



United States

 **CAPITAL**
Washington, D.C.

POPULATION
323 million

 **INTERESTING FACT**
Over 350 languages are spoken in the United States.

DID YOU KNOW?
In 2016, 12.7 percent of Americans were living in poverty. This is down from 13.5 percent in 2015 but still higher than before the Great Recession.



ACCOMPANYING MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

GOAL: **\$95,000**

PARTNERS: AMMPARO and local congregations and organizations

The world is in a refugee crisis unlike anything in recent history, with the number of worldwide refugees exceeding 65 million people. When refugees and migrants arrive in the United States, they are seeking a safe place to call home. Our church is assisting refugees from places such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syria, Somalia, Myanmar, and unaccompanied children from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala as they find housing, start school and rebuild their lives.