

As Christians, what is our Biblical responsibility to help meet the hunger needs of the world?

The Bible has something to say about this, though not a lot. We're told, for example, in Romans 12:20, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he's thirsty give him drink." So, here is a very clear command that we are to be kind to those who are our enemies. Now, this of course is still on a one-to-one basis and the question becomes more complicated when you look at the thousands of people who daily are dying from starvation. How can I even begin to make a dent in that need. So, I think our responsibility is in certain circles of influence, certain spheres in which we operate and certain circles that we touch. We are told, for example, in Galatians 6:10 as we have opportunity, do good to all men, but especially those of the household of faith, so our first circle of responsibility is to other believers and if we see a believer in need then what we should do is help meet that need insofar as possible. Again, this is complicated because we through television see so many people in need today, but I'm not sure I can meet the needs of all people, I know I can't and I'm not sure I'm responsible to do so. But the one who crosses my path and who has physical need -- hunger or clothes -- if he's a believer, my first responsibility is there. Then, as I have opportunity, I should do good to all men. The church has responsibility to take care of the poor, the widows, the destitute, the orphans within its own confines, within the church itself. And, as it has opportunity, then to do it to other people. So, strictly the answer to this question is our responsibility is first and foremost to other Christians and then as we have further opportunity, it is to those whose path crosses ours who we can help in a physical way, always with the purpose, however, of meeting their spiritual needs of bringing them to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior.