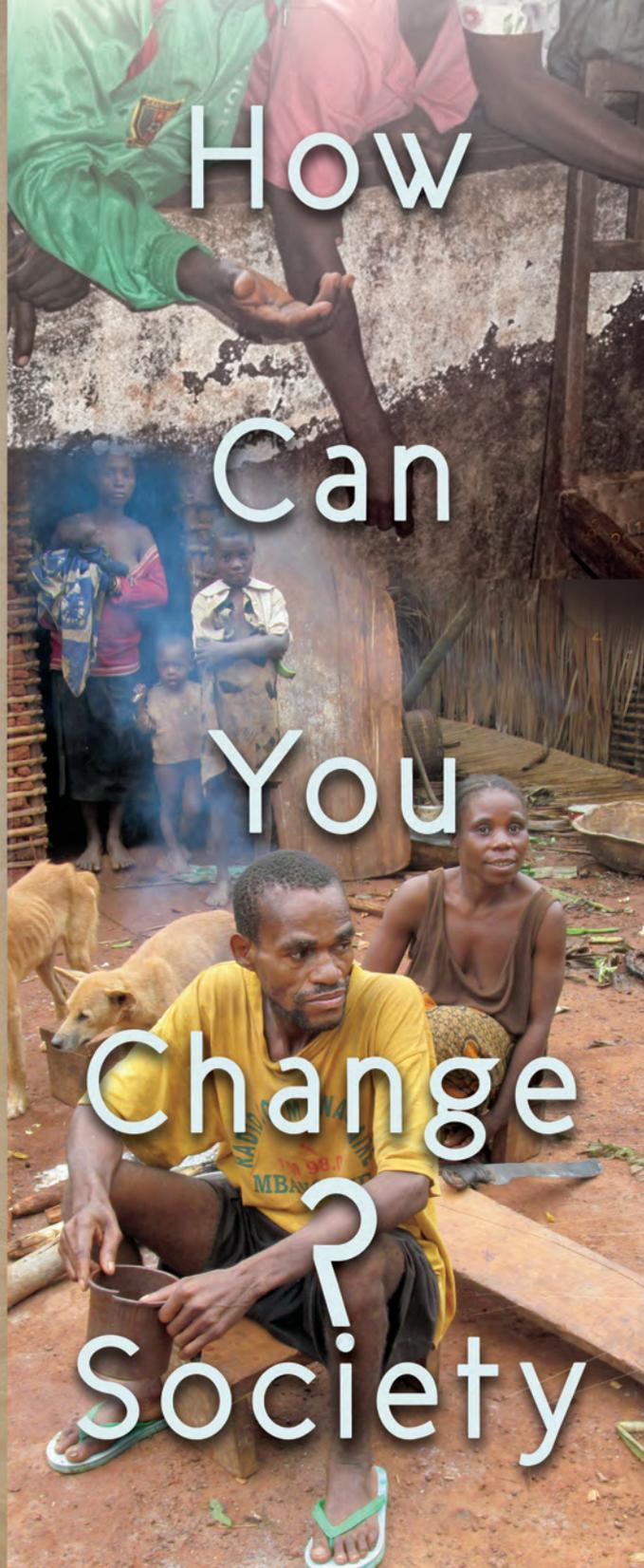




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Several years ago, the late Mother Teresa of Calcutta India was asked by reporters, "How can you change society?" She responded not with an answer, but with a question. "How can you change society," she asked, "if you don't first bring individuals face to face with God?"

Her question goes to the heart of a great myth. For generations we've presumed that if we could only change society we would change individuals--when just the contrary is true. We have discovered that no amount of tinkering will restore our social order when there is moral disorder in our own souls. It is only as individuals are changed, then can society be changed. That is why the gospel of Jesus is preeminent, for it alone has the power to change lives.

While government plays a great role in society, what it can do to address the real need of this or any other nation is very, very limited, but what individuals of faith can do is extraordinary.

C.S. Lewis said it well, "...if you read history, you will find that Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men of faith who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the slave trade, all left their mark on earth

precisely because their minds were occupied not with earth but with heaven." "It is since Christians have

largely ceased to think of the other world," Lewis said, "that they have become so ineffective in this one. Aim at heaven and you get earth thrown in, aim at earth and you get neither."

This is a different view of power and of service. It is a view that we can change nations by changing individual lives and that we can only change our laws by first changing our hearts. The last Roman emperor, Julian, proclaimed in despair, "Oh pale Galilean, thou hast conquered."

The Christians that followed Jesus participated in a revolution that transformed everything about their world, reordering the politics, culture, and society of the world's and histories greatest empire. But the revolution was fought with different weapons than those of emperors and rebels. One Roman official sent a report to Emperor Hadrian describing the early church: "They love one another. They save orphans from those who will hurt them. If they see a stranger, they take him home, and they are happy as though he were a brother." They aimed at heaven and they got earth thrown in.

At Bread For Life, we are committed to taking the unchanging message of Jesus Christ to a rapidly changing world in words and in deeds: Bridging the gaps. **Changing mindsets, and transforming our culture... to the standard of Christ.** You can be part of this revolution.



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How your partnership is helping BFL in Changing Hearts and lives in Africa:

Church Planting & Discipleship

Wherever the gospel has impacted cultures, it inevitably has been through the local church. BFL facilitates church planting in the city and among un-reached people group. Through your partnership, every year, BFL strategically plants churches and provides a wide range opportunities for discipleship.

Rightly Dividing the Word Conferences

The phenomenal growth of the church across Africa brings with it many challenges. One of these challenges is how to sustain the numerical growth while ensuring that the faith of Christians is firmly grounded in the revealed word of God – the Bible.

Any attempt to mobilize the Church in Africa for deserving projects such as, evangelism, church planting, community development, the struggle against HIV/AIDS etc., will in the long-term yield a poor harvest because of an untrained and a scripturally and theologically unsound workforce or disciples.

BFL brings hundreds of pastors and church leaders together yearly. Many are keenly open to the spiritual renewal that the Lord of the Church brings to them when they gather across the impractical traditional barriers existing between them. They need the refreshment that a change in their environment brings within their own national context.

Agricultural & Rural Development

Through BFL's church-centered agricultural and rural development outreaches, we are seeing the wholistic transformation of lives as our staff and team reaches out to villages with innovative training -teaching basics skills, providing farming tools and seeds, thus, curbing unnecessary rural exodus while simultaneously opening rural folks to the unchanging message of Jesus in a rapidly changing continent – "that they may have life, and have it to the full."
—John 10:10.

Christian Medical Outreach

Christian Medical Outreach is a prelude to BFL's vision—

- of taking mobile clinics across our regions
- building and providing affordable medical care and
- medical centers to meet the needs of the communities we serve in,
- while simultaneously presenting the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

We reach thousands of folks yearly medically as well as spiritually. We have seen more than 7,000 conversions in the last 8 years through this aspect of our work alone.

Samaritan's Enterprise

Samaritan's Enterprise **Micro Enterprise Assistance Program** is designed to provide individuals and groups with an opportunity to receive assistance and acquire the skills

necessary to operate, manage and grow their own small scale business. At present, we operate a small revolving account where loans are given, returned and given out again. We are hoping to eventually build this to a full fledge micro-finance institution.

Short Term Missions Trips

We organize several 'mission and vision' trips every year to assist churches and individuals experience the "go" in the Great Commission. We serve as a bridge between the Church in the West and the Church in Africa –connecting resources with needs in the name of Jesus Christ.

Ministry to Prisoners

We serve as a catalyst for outreaches to the prisons. It is our firm believe that, no life is beyond the reach of God's power. In partnership with indigenous churches and ministries, we envision a future in which countless prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families, are redeemed, restored, and reconciled through the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

Orphanage, Student Sponsorship & Ministry to children

One of the most neglected ministries in Africa is ministry to children, youth and orphans. BFL is taking an innovative approach in our efforts to reach this group. We are doing this through Children's Clubs, After School Programs and through scholarships to enable underprivileged children go to school. We are also envisioning what we call 'community based orphanages' in each of our regional locations.

About Bread For Life International

Bread For Life International is an indigenous evangelistic, relief and development organization that seeks to address the issues of spiritual and physical hunger across West-Central Africa. We work alongside the indigenous church by helping her become spiritually, socially and economically vibrant – connecting resources with needs in the name of Jesus Christ.



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