

WEEK EIGHT



CWS CROP WALK

“We walk because they walk”

Each year more than a quarter million CROPWALKERS put their hearts and soles in motion to help stop hunger, one step at a time, in some 2,000 locally-organized CROP WALKS and other community events.

- ◆ *CROPWALKERS walk so families can rebuild their homes and their communities and begin life anew.*
- ◆ *CROPWALKERS walk to help communities have wells that provide safe, clean drinking water close to home.*
- ◆ *CROPWALKERS walk to provide food for local emergency food programs throughout the United States.*
- ◆ *CROPWALKERS walk to aid in the removal of landmines and to educate people about these indiscriminate killers..*

Our CROP WALK goes the distance... with refugees



Catherine Mukankundiye and almost a million other Rwandan refugees who had been living in Zaire and Tanzania made the long trek home. Catherine's three children, two boys and a girl, came with her. So did the memory of her husband, who died in the refugee camp in Zaire.

At a transit center near Gikondo they received Church World Service/CROP blankets. They had heard stories of people being killed in Rwanda, and they'd feared for their loved ones. Thankfully, the Mukankundiyes were welcomed home by many alive and well family members.

Catherine found her house empty, but the roof, windows, and doors were gone. She and her children crowded in with her brother's family. "If I could get metal sheeting, cement, and some nails, my brothers and uncles, though not experts, could assist me," she told CWS.

Church World Service/CROP helped provide building supplies so returning Rwandans could rebuild their homes and lives.

Thought for the Day:

Sunday: Worldwide the number of hungry persons declined in the last 20 years, but we have a long way to go! In some parts of the globe hunger has increased, especially in Africa, where the number of hungry people has doubled.

Monday: One fourth of our human family – 1.3 billion people – live in absolute poverty with incomes of less than a dollar a day. *What would you do if a quarter of your congregation was hungry?*

Tuesday: 29% of U.S. children age 12 are hungry or at risk of hunger. The U.S. child poverty rate is twice that of any other industrialized nation. *What would you do if one in three of the children in your congregation were hungry?*

Wednesday: Since 1990, 27 multi-party presidential elections have been held, BUT African governments are forced to spend more on repaying the interest of foreign loans than on health care and education combined.

Thursday: In the past decade, the proportion of the population with access to safe water has nearly doubled to 43%. BUT there is only one doctor for every 18,000 people.

Friday: 36 million people, 13% of the U.S. population, fall below the official poverty line, and one U.S child in five lives in poverty. (U.S.Census)

Saturday: Of the 31,000 children under five who die each day in developing nations, half perish from hunger-related causes. That's one child dying for every breath we take. (Grace at the Table)



Getting Involved

Most Crop Walks are held in October. Begin looking for a Crop Walk near you sometime during the Summer.

How to find a Crop Walk near you depends upon whether you live in York, Lancaster or Chester County.

If you live in Lancaster County you can log onto their local website:

www.lancastercropwalk.org/findawalk.htm

If you live in York or Chester Counties, log onto the CWS National Crop website:

www.cwscrop.org

You can also call:

1-888-CWS-CROP (1-888-297-2767)

