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Covid itself has been devastating, but it is also leading to a world hunger crisis.

I have been heartbroken as I've talked with YFC leaders around the globe, and seen clips and posts about the hunger that people in many countries are facing. Covid has brought unprecedented challenges to millions of people who were already living in poverty. Borders have been shut down, restricting food supply and causing prices to rise. The few that are rich stockpile food, making supply even more scarce. Many are living hand to mouth - if they don't work, they don't eat, their families don't eat - so they are having to make choices of whether to stay home to stay safe from the virus, or go out and work so they can eat. With tight restrictions in place, many don't have a choice and are unable to tend their fields or do any kind of work, so they are desperate. In Columbia, they are hanging red flags in their windows as a cry out for help. What a heartbreaking situation.



"According to the United Nations, the number of people who are classified as having acute food insecurity—a level of hunger at which a person's inability to consume adequate food endangers their life or livelihood—could rise from more than a hundred and thirty million to nearly three hundred million, owing to the coronavirus pandemic, which has brought world economies and supply chains to a standstill. And this estimate does not even begin to address the millions of people whose means of achieving a decent living have evaporated."

I talked with Euphrate, the YFC National Director in Burundi, and they are getting calls every day asking for help. In Bangladesh, they have also just experienced super cyclone Amphan, and it is expected that 40-50% of people will be unable to buy food before long and millions may die of starvation. YFC Bangladesh is trying to feed the poorest 1500 families of students who are in their schools. Many other YFC nations are working hard to reach out and be the hands and feet of Jesus by providing food and supplies to the hardest hit families.

So what can we do?

YFC Victoria has a partnership with YFC Ecuador, where they have also worked hard to distribute food packages to families in the hard hit coastal city of Guayaquil. This city was where one of the largest epicentres of the virus hit, and there are mass graves for all the bodies. Here is a video that shares the story of this city and how Covid has devastated their region:



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How Ecuador's Port City Became a Coronavirus Epicenter

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Just yesterday I talked with Abner & Aimee, the YFC staff couple leading the work in Ecuador, to get an update. They are still under some lockdown, meaning they can only go out of the house two days a week, with a 2pm curfew. They have been communicating with their volunteers in Guayaquil online, where times are still very tough and they are doing what they can to reach out to those in need. They would love to

continue their efforts to give out the food packs, but need more resources to buy more supplies.

Would you consider giving towards this need?

Every dollar that is given will go directly to support YFC Ecuador and their efforts to combat hunger in the coastal region. **No amount is too small!** The need is vast, and every single dollar will help support families who are in a desperate situation. To be able to distinguish gifts coming in for this project, please give through my Container Shipment Fund that can be found on my page through this link:

<https://www.yfcvictoria.com/global-impact.html>

Of course, please pray for Ecuador, and other nations, who are battling these enormous challenges on a day to day basis, that the Lord would provide for their needs, and that the people would ultimately find hope as the YFC teams build relationship and share the message of the gospel with them.

Thanks for prayerfully considering being a part of this outreach. Many blessings to you as you trust in the Lord for His guidance and wisdom in these challenging times.

Dave