

Cream of the crop

Tenable projects empower farmers to provide for families

Dear Friends and Partners,

With so much pain and heartache surrounding us these days, I want to share some encouraging news with you about God's goodness and faithfulness.

God has blessed Julie's Heart Cry exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think (Eph. 3:20). We will share more detailed information with you in the months to come. God has undoubtedly been stretching and growing me by placing me in situations where I've had to press just a little deeper to rely on Him every step of the way.

One of God's blessings has been allowing our ministry to be part of the solution to the food insecurity crisis in the Central African Republic. (Food insecurity is the lack of consistent access – usually financial – to enough food for every person in a household to live a healthy life.) (over)





Pictured is part of the 12-acre farm where Cassava (left) will be grown to help sustain impoverished families in Central African Republic.

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When food prices skyrocket, that translates to food shortages/scarcity and hunger for the ultra-poor in an already challenging pandemic. The average family – which lives on \$2 or less a day – normally farms a piece of land just large enough to feed themselves. They sell a small portion of their produce to generate income for needs such as school supplies, health care, salt, sugar, soap, etc. Sometimes, these luxury items are entirely out of reach.

A few years ago, our ministry purchased 12 acres of land for farming. The Paradigm Foundation, which has partnered with us for the development of this farm project, generously provided the funds.*



This cornfield – on 200 acres donated by JHC supporters – helps provide food for 2,800 schoolchildren.

Today we are using this land to grow Cassava, a root vegetable that is the main food staple of the Central African Republic. The farm's produce will benefit displaced families, orphans in Irene's Home of Hope, local pastors, and widows in the community.

Getting more involved

More and more ministries and organizations are taking on the challenge of finding solutions to hunger as the ongoing pandemic continues to have devastating effects in developing countries. Humanitarian groups are encouraging self-sustainability by

providing acres of land for schools, churches, orphanages, and community co-ops.

All these projects enable families to get one step closer to living independent lives and enjoying financial stability – for the first time ever. Without these programs, these families would never be able to afford a decent plot of land to support themselves.

A perfect example of how this works: JHC's supporters provided 200 acres of farmland for a school of 2,800 children in 2020. Now this farm is helping to feed the children three meals per day as well as fund other school operational expenses.

Please join me in praying for our 12-acre farming project – that the work will go smoothly and the harvest will be plentiful to serve these vulnerable families.

Tulie Mad-Bondo

* You can visit Paradigm's website – <u>www.paradigmfoundation.org</u> – to see what this faith-based nonprofit has been accomplishing around the world. To contribute, click on the "Donate" button.

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