



The smell in the air stings the nostrils. Dust burns the eyes.

After a 6-hour drive from the nearest city, we finally arrive at our destination. And, as soon as we step out of the car, it hits us. The overwhelming smell of decay.

In the region of Borena, Ethiopia, the rains have failed for 3 years. The landscape is flat, dusty, and barren. Speckled across the red soil are a few dried shrubs and many, many bones.

It doesn't take long until you feel the desperation in these villages. Every person we speak with tell us how many cows they have lost. One family had 25 cattle—now it's three. Another only has five left. And one man—trying to prevent tears rolling down his face—is down to his last.

The cattle are these families' entire livelihood. Their income. Their savings. Their future.



Without them, they will have nothing left to live on. In a last-ditch effort, some families have stripped the thatch off their roofs. Trying to find anything for the cattle to eat.

But, it's no use. It only adds a few days to the inevitable.

**Millions of people are at risk of starvation.
Many have walked hundreds of kilometers,
hoping that somewhere, someone will be
able to help.**

Will that be us?

As Followers of Jesus, we must respond.

Today, you can be part of a response that aims to provide emergency food to 13,000 people over the next 6 months.

Your gift will provide a supplement called Famix to mothers and children—a quick and effective way to provide the calories and nutrients they need to survive. It will also provide life-saving rations of grain, beans, and oil to families who are in most need: the elderly, orphaned, and sick.

We're motivated by a relentlessly loving God, and he is already active. In this predominately Muslim region, there are three churches—trying to shine brightly in the darkness. In partnership with them, you can help bring hope to a place where there is little to be found.

There is no time to waste.

"We can't wait a month," a herder tells us. "We need food now."

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