



### **Gila Valley Day of Service**

In honor of the National Day of Service, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has brought a service opportunity to the Gila Valley. They are inviting area churches, civic organizations as well as individuals to join in packing 100,000 meals for the non-profit organization Feed My Starving Children centered in Phoenix. I have taken our youth in the past to pack meals for this organization when we went to the East/West District Jr High Mission, and it was awesome.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. By volunteering, donating, or fundraising, your generosity makes a huge difference in the lives of thousands of children in need around the world. At least 6,200 children die each day from hunger-related causes (UNICEF).<sup>25</sup> The process is simple: People just like you donate funds for the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world. Kids are fed and lives are saved!

At the Gila Valley Ministerial Association's July meeting, our Thatcher Relief Society member, Christy Lee, presented this to us, and gave the churches represented in our group time to register an hour before it was open to the public. **Safford and Duncan United Methodist Churches together signed up for 25 participants on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m. Participants will be packing meals at the Safford Airport Hanger.**

If you would like to know more about Feed My Starving Children, you can click on their official website: <https://feedmychildrensfund.org/programs>. If you would like to learn more about this local opportunity, click here: <https://give.fmsc.org/gilavalley>. You can donate through this site, but you don't have to sign up to volunteer, because as we said, we reserved 25 spaces. Please call church office 928-428-4211 to be among the 25.

If we need to make a waiting list we can, and we can bump you up if someone lets us know he/she cannot come. You can call/text Rev. Sherry Brady at 965-4607 for more information.

Our LDS may have brought this opportunity to the Gila Valley, but they want this to be a community opportunity, and desperately want everyone to participate.

**Let's go Safford FUMCI!**