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Kitchen

...Food Is a Universal Human Right

Moment for Mission: Times of Crisis with World Central Kitchen

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August Mission Emphasis is World Central Kitchen (WCK) Supporting communities in times of crisis

WCK responds to natural disasters, man-made crises, and humanitarian emergencies around the world. They are a team of food first responders, mobilizing with the urgency of now to get meals to the people who need them most. Deploying their model of quick action, leveraging local resources, and adapting in real time, they know that a nourishing meal in a time of crisis is so much more than a plate of food — it's hope, it's dignity, and it's a sign that someone cares.

Last year here at FUPC we focused our Mission efforts for WCK after Hurricane Helene caused devastating floods in western North Carolina. And then again in Florida.

In January 2025, they responded to the devastating fires in Southern California providing meals and relief to affected families and first responders.

In May this year as wildfires forced evacuations across Manitoba, Canada – WCK was there serving meals at the Billy Mosienko Arena, now a shelter for displaced families.

Now World Central Kitchen's Relief Team is in central Texas supporting communities impacted by catastrophic flooding in the Hill Country where, on July 4th the Guadalupe River rose more than 26 feet in just 45 minutes. Working alongside local chefs and community leaders, they are providing meals and water to first responders and impacted families.

Despite significant restrictions on humanitarian aid entering Gaza, WCK teams have delivered over 130 million meals by land, sea, and air. They have set up four large-capacity Field Kitchens in southern and central Gaza and established a network of Palestinian-led, WCK-supported Community Kitchens that provide thousands of meals every day. With the help of local partners, they are expanding food distribution efforts to the north, where the growing influx of returning families is increasing the demand for assistance.

Let us find it in our hearts to support WCK in their efforts to help those in crisis here and around the world. Please give generously.

Thank you for marking monetary donations: World Central Kitchen.
Checks may be made payable to *FUPC* with *WCK* on the memo line.