



**GOD CREATED US EQUAL**



God created us equal, but we don't all get the same opportunities in life. This video series explores some of the similarities and differences, comparing life in North America with life in Niger. The topics of Food, Money, Water and Health are introduced in two minute video clips and can be further explored using this discussion guide. This guide is appropriate for high school classes, adult small groups, youth groups, etc. The four topics can be discussed in one two-hour session or four half-hour sessions. Each portion of the discussion guide stands alone. Learn more about the ways your life is similar to or different from your brothers and sisters in Niger and other countries, then begin to consider how God might be calling you to get involved in bringing about change so others can have some of the same opportunities you have.



# FOOD

## World Renew at Work: Land Rights Improve Food Security in Tanzania

In Sengerema District of Northern Tanzania, 75% of the population depends on agriculture as its primary source of income. However, as of 2010, only 2% of the farmers in the district had titles to their land. In Tanzania, the government owns all of the land, but its citizens may obtain certificates for the land they use, enabling them to receive compensation if their land is seized. Without land rights, farmers often lack the confidence to invest in and improve agricultural productivity.

In 2010 World Renew's local partner, SISA, began educating farmers on the process of getting land titles and building their agricultural skills so they could be more productive in their farming and increase their food security.

By 2013, 1,485 farmers had been trained and 4,124 farmers were pursuing land titles. There was also an average increase in harvest yield of 73% among the participants. In June of that year, the Sengerema District Agriculture Officer reported that he had not heard of any cases of hunger in the Sengerema district that year and credited much of it to SISA's work. With new confidence that their long term investment in the land would pay off, farmers began planting more trees. Over the course of three years,



### Food Facts

- + "There is enough food available to feed the entire global population of 7 billion people".<sup>1</sup> However, "one in eight people do not get enough food to be healthy and lead an active life, making hunger and malnutrition the number one risk to health worldwide — greater than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined".<sup>2</sup>
- + "Most of the 1.4 billion people living on under US\$1.25 a day live in rural areas and depend largely on agriculture for their livelihoods".<sup>3</sup>
- + The average person in Niger eats 2,376 calories per day, while the average American eats 3,748 and the average Canadian eats 3,532.<sup>4</sup>
- + The average cereal crop yield on a hectare of land is 3,301 Kg. in Canada. 7,238 Kg. in the United States and only 479 Kg. in Niger.<sup>5</sup>
- + "Per capita waste by consumers is between 95-115 kg a year in Europe and North America, while consumers in sub-Saharan Africa, south and south-eastern Asia, each throw away only 6-11 kg a year"... "Roughly one third of the food produced in the world for human consumption every year — approximately 1.3 billion tonnes — gets lost or wasted".<sup>6</sup>
- + "The World Food Summit of 1996 defined food security as existing 'when all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life.' Commonly, the concept of food security is defined as including both physical and economic access to food that meets people's dietary needs as well as their food preferences. Food security is built on three pillars:
  - Food availability: sufficient quantities of food available on a consistent basis.
  - Food access: having sufficient resources to obtain appropriate foods for a nutritious diet.
  - Food use: appropriate use based on knowledge of basic nutrition and care, as well as adequate water and sanitation."<sup>7</sup>

1.7 million saplings were planted in the district. Groups of farmers also began selling their crops collectively so they could get better prices and avoid the middle men. SISA has helped the groups to obtain a barcode which will help them to sell flour and potato products internationally, and two biscuit manufacturers have agreed to purchase 30 tons of cassava flour per month from the farmers.



## Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting or surprising in watching the video clip and reading the food facts?
2. In what ways is your family similar to the family in Niger?
3. **God created us equal, but we don't all get the same chances in life. What chances (related to food) have you been blessed with that others in this world do not have?**
  - + For example, how much time does your household spend each day obtaining and preparing your food?
  - + What conveniences do you have that help to shorten the amount of time and energy you spend preparing food?
  - + How do you store and cook your food?
4. **Have you ever been in a situation where you wondered if you would have enough food to make it through the month?** Have you ever had to cut out a meal because the food just wasn't there despite your best efforts? If so, share with the group what you did in that situation. If not, imagine what it might be like. If your family had a limited amount of food, who would get to eat it and when?
5. **People often have assumptions about why others do not have enough to eat. What assumptions do you have?** It might be all too easy to assume that people in our own culture are the only ones who work hard and that we deserve what we have, forgetting that it is a blessing from God. Have you ever thought that those who live in poverty lack food because they are lazy? Have you ever used Bible verses like "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10b) to write off the plight of the poor? How has this video affected your ideas?
6. **Read the following Bible verses. What do they tell you about what God values? What does God require of us in each of these verses?**
  - + "For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt". Deuteronomy 10:17-19

- + “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?” Isaiah 58:6-7
- + “John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ‘What should we do then?’ the crowd asked. John answered, ‘Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.’” Luke 3:7-11

**7. What are some of the factors that can make it difficult for families in Niger to get enough food? What about families in North America? Which of those factors could be changed? How can you get involved in bringing about those changes?**



## Suggestions for Action

- + Advocate in support of policies that help to eradicate hunger and poverty and mobilize others to do the same.
- + Support and get involved with organizations that work toward food security through community development, advocacy and the promotion of sustainable agriculture as well as those that help respond to disasters.
- + Avoid food waste so there is more to go around in the world.
- + Adopt good environmental practices (recycling, carpooling, composting, buying local, etc.). Climate change has the greatest effects on those who are already vulnerable.
- + Buy fair trade food products where possible and support companies that do not exploit the poor and vulnerable.

## Challenge

Most of the food eaten by families in Niger is grown on their own farm or purchased from their neighbors. Preparing meals from scratch can be hard work! Try living as they do. For a week, eat only locally grown food and prepare everything from scratch. As you spend time preparing your food, pray for those who struggle to put food on the table every day.

## Organizations Working on Food Issues

- + World Renew: [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net)
- + Bread for the World: [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)
- + Canadian Foodgrains Bank: [www.foodgrainsbank.ca](http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca)
- + Foods Resource Bank: [www.foodsresourcebank.org](http://www.foodsresourcebank.org)



# MONEY

## World Renew at Work: Savings Group Improves Income in Cambodia

In the past, Leung Sokhoeun and her husband grew rice in the rainy season. During the dry season, Sokhoeun's husband would leave their home in Romlech village and travel to other parts of Cambodia to sell wooden baskets. Despite their efforts, they did not make enough income to their family. If one of their three children got sick, they would have to borrow money from others in the village to go to the hospital. The family was stuck in debt that they couldn't get out of.

In 2007, World Renew's local partner organization started working with her village and Sokhoeun joined a savings group. She saved money every month and eventually she was able to borrow 200,000 Riel (\$50) to buy two piglets. After raising them for four months, the pigs could be sold for 1,800,000 Riel (\$450). This was enough to repay the loan, cover the family's expenses, and still have enough to buy four more piglets. Even when there was an outbreak of disease and all of her pigs died, Sokhoeun did not lose hope. The next year she went out, borrowed money, and bought eight more piglets. She kept one of them for breeding and made a profit of 3,400,000R (\$850) on the



### Money Facts

- + 63% of the population of Niger lives below the poverty line.<sup>8</sup>
- + In Niger, 90% of the labor force works in agriculture, 6% works in industry and 4% in services.<sup>9</sup>  
However, only 39.6% of the Niger's GDP comes from agriculture.
- + The average person in Niger spends \$20.1 per year<sup>10</sup> on health care, while the average Canadian spends \$5,629.7,<sup>11</sup> and the average American spends \$8,607.9.<sup>12</sup>
- + If current patterns continue, the average child in Niger can expect 4.9 years of schooling, while the average child in the United States and Canada can expect 16.3 and 15.1 respectively.<sup>13</sup>

remainder. With her renewed confidence she decided to get involved in other businesses.

Eventually, her family was able to get out of debt, build a house and buy a new motorbike. Sokheun is also very happy that she is now able to send her children to school. She is excited to share her experiences with others, and hopes that they will also get involved in community savings groups and development efforts so together they can work to improve their lives.



## ? Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting or surprising about the money video and money facts?
2. List some of the things that you use money for on a regular basis. Which of those things would a family in Niger also need to spend money on? Imagine how your life would be different if you had to live on less than a dollar a day. What would you need to cut out? What would you prioritize?
3. If you were to suddenly lose your job and have no source of income, what would happen? Do you have friends and family that would take you in, offer you a job, or help you out in another way? Do you have savings you could fall back on? Does your government provide you with unemployment insurance or other assistance? How would life be different if you didn't have these resources available to you?
4. The Bible has a lot to say about money. What are some of the key themes you see in the following passages:
  - + "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." 1 Timothy 6: 6-10.
  - + "Whoever increases wealth by taking interest or profit from the poor amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor." Proverbs 28:8
  - + "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18
  - + "Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow." Proverbs 13:11
  - + "If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still. The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields. Whoever loves money never has

enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?" Ecclesiastes 5:8-11

- + "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21
- + "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24
- + "Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." Mark 12: 41-44
- + Money is a tool we have been given to use here on earth. It has been said that if you want to know what a person really values, you should look at their calendar and their checkbook. What would your calendar and checkbook (or credit card statement) say about your values?
- + Unfortunately, caring people sometimes unintentionally make things worse for the poor and vulnerable by giving in ways that actually hurt those they are trying to help. Imagine, for example, what life is like for a person who earns a living making and selling clothes in a small village that suddenly receives a shipment of 1,000 used t-shirts. Or consider what your mindset might be if you regularly received handouts from various aid agencies and were never challenged to improve your own life. If you consider yourself to be blessed with more money than you really need, how could you get involved in helping those who lack the necessary monetary resources to feed and clothe their families without creating dependency?
- + God made us equal, but we don't have the same chances to earn money. Many things contribute to the unjust distribution of wealth throughout the world. What are some of the factors that contribute to these inequalities? How can you get involved in changing those factors?



## Suggestions For Action

- + Purchase fair trade products whenever possible to ensure that the producers are receiving their just portion of the income.
- + Advocate for just trade policies that call for decent wages and working conditions for all.
- + Give through trusted organizations like World Renew who support local ownership of the community development process, helping communities to work together to raise themselves up out of poverty.
- + Did you know that World Renew's partners have started well over 3,000 savings groups? Get involved in helping more groups get started. Contribute to the village savings and loan program to help World Renew facilitate local savings in more communities.
- + If you want to get regular updates on what life is like for one representative family, while helping World Renew to free other families from poverty, consider a regular monthly gift to Free A Family.



# WATER

## World Renew at Work: Water Flows in Niger

On a scorching May morning, the residents of a village in Niger gathered together to make the final preparations for their new borehole. The village had started by saving their money together and opening a bank account so they would have funds to fix the borehole in the case of future breakdowns. When World Renew could see that the community had ownership of the project and was committed for the long term, a company was hired to dig the borehole. Next, the villagers had built the cement area around the borehole.

Now it was time to install the pump. The women and children watched eagerly from the shade while the men put in the pipe casing and tightened the pump. When it was ready, the crowd gathered and two people began pumping. Suddenly clean water began gushing out! Children put their face in the water, with expressions of sheer joy. People cupped their hands and took sips from the water, while others washed the sand from their feet. Everyone took turns pumping the water. The new borehole would make a big difference in their lives! They would no longer have to walk a few kilometers each day to the nearest well, or worry about it running

## Water Facts

- + “11% of the global population, or 783 million people, are still without access to improved sources of drinking water”.<sup>14</sup>
- + 48% of the population of Niger has access to improved drinking water while 99% of the population of the USA and 100% of Canada does.<sup>15</sup>
- + “The average distance that women in Africa and Asia walk to collect water is 6 kilometers” (3.7 miles).<sup>16</sup>
- + The world uses about 70% of our freshwater for irrigation, about 20% for industry and about 10% for domestic use.<sup>17</sup>
- + Total annual water use per capita in the USA is 1,550 m<sup>3</sup> (1.55 million liters or 409,467 gallons), in Canada is 1,468 m<sup>3</sup> (1,468,000 liters or 387,805 gallons) and in Niger is 200 m<sup>3</sup> (200,000 liters or 52,834 gallons)<sup>18</sup>
- + “People living in the slums of Jakarta, Manila and Nairobi pay 5 to 10 times more for water than those living in high-income areas in those same cities and more than consumers in London or New York. In Manila, the cost of connecting to the utility represents about three months’ income for the poorest 20% of households, rising to six months’ in urban Kenya”.<sup>19</sup>
- + The total volume of water on Earth is about 1.4 billion km<sup>3</sup>. The volume of freshwater resources is around 35 million km<sup>3</sup>, or about 2.5 percent of the total volume. Of these freshwater resources, about 24 million km<sup>3</sup> or 70 percent is in the form of ice and permanent snow cover... The total usable freshwater supply for ecosystems and humans is about 200 000 km<sup>3</sup> of water — less than 1 percent of all freshwater resources.<sup>20</sup>
- + 1 pound (0.5 kilograms) of beef requires 1,799 gallons or 6,810 liters of water to produce. The same amount of chicken requires 468 gallons or 1,773 liters of water. 1 pound of wheat requires 132 gallons or 500 liters of water. 1 pound of refined sugar requires 198 gallons or 750 liters of water. 1 gallon of coffee requires 880 gallons of water. 1 cotton t-shirt requires 713 gallons of water.<sup>21</sup>

dry. Soon a woman began singing, “Pump, pump the water,” while people clapped and danced. Then the group gathered for a meal to celebrate the important change that had come to their village that day.



## Discussion Questions

1. What interested or surprised you most about the water video and water facts?
2. What are some of the things you use water for? What are the things that all humans need water for?
3. How many gallons or liters of water do you use each day? Where does your water come from? How would your water use change if you had to walk 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) to get it?
4. Water is something that every single human on earth needs to survive. The Bible is full of references to water. What verses are you aware of? What do they tell you about God and His view on the use of water resources?
5. Read John 4:4-15.
  - + “Now he (Jesus) had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?’ (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans). Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.’ ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?’ Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will

be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'"—John 4: 4-15

**What is the first thing the Samaritan woman says to Jesus? What does this tell you about the situation at that time?**

**6. Thankfully, Jesus was different than most people and loves us all the same.** He gives us all a chance to partake of His living water. However, the fact remains that while we are still here on earth, many conflicts occur between groups of people regarding access to water. Even though God created us equal, we don't all get the same chances to use water here on earth. The amount of usable water on our planet remains constant, but the population of the world is increasing. In addition, climate change continues to cause greater extremes in weather patterns resulting in flooding and drought. Share some of the situations you've heard of where people have experienced conflict around water use. How could you get involved to ensure that all of God's people get access to water?



### **Suggestions for Action**

- + Pray for, donate to and volunteer with organizations like World Renew that provide training on agricultural methods that use less water, provide sources of clean water in places where they are not currently available, and help those affected by flooding and drought.



# HEALTH

## World Renew at Work: Communities Experience Improved Access to Emergency Healthcare in Bangladesh

World Renew and local partners in Bangladesh are actively working on health issues. In 2009, a five-year Child Survival program funded by USAID was completed and it was estimated that 399 children who otherwise would have died were alive and well, thanks to the program. Now World Renew is implementing additional programs in child and maternal health and working with communities to bring about greater access to healthcare.

One of the difficult issues community members face is being able to reach the health clinic in emergencies and affording the healthcare that is offered. World Renew Country Consultant Kohima Daring said, “The heavy rains create severe potholes in the road. During the monsoon season, people often need to cross the swollen rivers by boat because some of the bridges get washed out. It makes you think about some of the difficulties women face during pregnancy and childbirth when they need to reach a health facility for prenatal and delivery care.” World Renew has been involved in facilitating the formation of several large community groups called Peoples Institutions. In addition to attending training on child and maternal health, some of the Peoples Institutions have

### Health Facts

- + “Globally, diarrhea is the leading cause of illness and death, and 88 percent of diarrheal deaths are due to a lack of access to sanitation facilities, together with inadequate availability of water for hygiene and unsafe drinking water”<sup>22</sup>.
- + “Today 2.5 billion people, including almost one billion children, live without even basic sanitation. Every 20 seconds, a child dies as a result of poor sanitation. That’s 1.5 million preventable deaths each year”<sup>23</sup>.
- + “At any one time, close to half of all people in developing countries are suffering from health problems caused by poor water and sanitation. Together, unclean water and poor sanitation are the world’s second biggest killer of children. It has been calculated that 443 million school days are lost each year to water-related illness”<sup>24</sup>.
- + Out of every 1,000 children born, the number expected to die by age 5 is 125 in Niger, 8 in the United States, and 6 in Canada.<sup>25</sup>
- + Out of every 100,000 live births the rate of maternal mortality is 12 in Canada, 21 in the United States, and 590 in Niger. Globally, the average is 210, but it is not divided equally among income levels. At the low income level the rate is 410, lower middle is 260, upper middle is 53, and high income is 14.<sup>26</sup>
- + The HIV/AIDS prevalence rate per 100,000 people is 403 in Niger, 208 in Canada and 419 in the United States. However, for Africa as a region the prevalence is 2,725, while the global prevalence is 499.<sup>27</sup>
- + “3.3 billion people live in areas at risk of malaria transmission in 106 countries and territories. The World Health Organization estimates that in 2010 malaria caused 219 million clinical episodes, and 660,000 deaths. An estimated 91% of deaths in 2010 were in the African Region, followed by the South-East Asian Region (6%), and the Eastern Mediterranean Region (3%). About 86% of deaths globally were in children”.<sup>28</sup>
- + For every 1,000 people, the United States has 2.42 physicians,<sup>29</sup> Canada has 2.069 physicians,<sup>30</sup> and Niger has 0.019 physicians<sup>31</sup>.

purchased their own “ambulances” (simple bicycle-pulled carts) for emergency transportation to the health center. The groups have also started health emergency funds which community members can borrow from to pay for emergency care that they would otherwise be unable to afford.



## Discussion Questions

1. **What interested or surprised you the most about the health video and health facts?**
2. **Think about the last time you were sick or injured. What was the cause of your illness or injury? What did you do to get back to health? What resources were available to you to help in the process?**
3. **Consider your daily life.** What resources do you have that help to keep you healthy and well? Imagine what your life might be like if you didn't have those resources.
4. **Each of us has one life to live here on earth.** God created us equal, but we don't all have the same opportunities for good health no matter where we are from. Some people live to a ripe old age, and others die way too young. However, some of these inequalities are preventable and are a matter of justice rather than genes. What are some of the factors that cause the differences in health between where you live and other parts of the world, like Niger?
5. **As Christians, it may be tempting to focus of the spiritual wellbeing of our neighbors around the world, but ignore their physical wellbeing since our bodies will be made new when Christ comes again. Read the verses below:**
  - + “Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.” Matthew 4:23-24

- + “On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Get up and stand in front of everyone.” So he got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?” He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was completely restored. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.” Luke 6:6-11
- + “As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.” Matthew 10:7-8
- + “When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.” Matthew 14:14

**What do these verses tell you about Jesus and his viewpoint on physical healing? Does he see it as less important than spiritual healing? How should Jesus’ attitude affect our attitude?**

**6. In Jesus’ day leprosy was one of the communicable diseases that worried everyone.** No one wanted to be near people with that dreaded illness, much less touch them and those who had it were cut off from the community. Read Matthew 8: 1-4:

- + “When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, ‘Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.’ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ he said. ‘Be clean!’ Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. Then Jesus said to him, ‘See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.’”

**In many ways, HIV/AIDS is the leprosy of our times. People who have it are often ostracized and isolated. What can we learn from Jesus’ attitude toward the leper? What should Christians do in response?**

**7.** “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me . . . Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:35-36, 40. **What actions could you take to care for the sick and hurting, both nearby and far away? What actions could you take to promote health around the world?**



## **Suggestions for Action**

- + Give in support of the Water and Sanitation or Health items in the World Renew Gift Catalog.
- + World Renew has received grants from both the US and Canadian governments in support of child and maternal health programs. However, these grants and others like them require matching funds. Consider hosting a baby shower to raise matching funds and also raise awareness of the health issues in the world.
- + Learn more about HIV/AIDS and show your love to those who live with it. Help others in your church and community to see the importance of loving those living with HIV/AIDS by commemorating Embrace AIDS, Embrace Life Sunday in April.

## Endnotes

- 1 [www.wfp.org/hunger/causes](http://www.wfp.org/hunger/causes)
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