



GLOBAL PROGRAM UPDATE: FOOD SECURITY

Your Impact through Food & Agriculture

Around the world, one in nine people don't have enough food to eat. Extreme hunger is a direct result of poverty, and it makes focusing on anything other than survival difficult. Malnutrition means that children aren't able to develop properly and immune systems are less able to fight disease.

Hunger is truly a global issue, and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries partners with churches around the world to address it through agriculture projects. In countries in Africa, kitchen gardens and banana trees allow families and individuals to both address their own hunger as well as earn extra income. In Kosova, greenhouses are accomplishing the same goal.



In **Lebanon**, 360 families receive food support from local churches, making sure they have proper nutrition.



More than 80 people are being supported by greenhouse projects in **Kosova**, impacting more than 150 other community members indirectly.



300 more families are scheduled to establish banana plants and vegetable gardens in **Rwanda** over the next year.



Churches in **Venezuela** continue to provide food for families facing hunger and malnutrition.



This family was one of the first to receive a greenhouse.

Stories from Kosova

In two towns in Kosova, the sloping, opaque shape of greenhouses is becoming a common sight. The owner of one, Albana*, is a widow with three grown children. For years, she has struggled with significant and overwhelming poverty. Living day to day was the only option, and even that was difficult. Her greenhouse has helped change that. It's a result of a local Nazarene church's program to alleviate poverty in a country where 45 percent of people struggle to put food on the table. The church provides the materials and training, and each recipient commits to three things in response: donating 25 percent of their crops to feed others in need, donating 15 percent of the income the crops yield to buy materials for more greenhouses, and helping build the next greenhouse.

Nora and her family also received a greenhouse, but they were worried that the sale of the crops still wouldn't be enough. Within a week, though, they had sold everything they grew. Albana and Nora both speak about the power of prayer. As the program coordinators were leaving her house, Nora stopped them. "You can't leave without praying for us!" she told them. "I know God answers prayer!"

*Names are changed to protect privacy.