

mary's
meals

a simple solution
to world hunger

LOVE REACHES EVERYWHERE

Group Discussion Questions



What is Love Reaches Everywhere?

Mary's Meals has teamed up with longstanding supporter and Hollywood star Gerard Butler to release a new film, *Love Reaches Everywhere*, which follows the actor and producer as he travels to Liberia and Haiti with Mary's Meals founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, to visit various school feeding programs.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Magnus explains, "We are in a time of unprecedented global crisis that is impacting the way people around the world are living, working and being educated. As a charity that is committed to feeding children in some of the world's poorest communities, it is more important than ever for Mary's Meals to keep its promise and support those children by delivering food to them," whether in school or at home during the pandemic when schools are closed.

How to use this resource?

This resource can be used in a variety of settings including in classrooms, church groups and even at home amongst family.

It only takes two easy steps:



Enjoy the film

Discuss the questions



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Discussion Questions

Love Reaches Everywhere

Before Watching the Film

1. Have you ever felt hunger in your life?
2. When you are hungry, how does that affect your ability to learn, study or focus?
3. Have you ever provided help to someone else, expecting nothing in return?
4. What does the word charity mean to you?

After Watching the Film

1. What were you thinking or feeling as you finished watching the film?
2. Which moment of the film was the most powerful to you? Why?
3. How are the lives of the children shown in the film different from your own? How are the lives of the children shown in the film the same as your own?
4. Why do you think one meal during the school day makes such a difference for these students? Did you see a difference between the school in Haiti where feeding was occurring and the school where Mary's Meals had yet to begin?



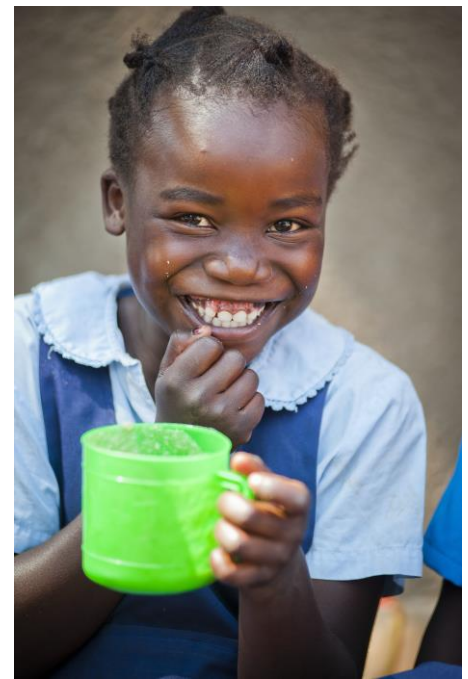


5. Magnus talks about Mary's Meals as a "locally-owned solution." Why is it important for this type of school feeding program to be owned by the local communities? Explore the concept of "Subsidiarity."
6. In the film, we meet children in the US who are raising money for Mary's Meals. What do you think those children gain from this? Why is it important for even the youngest children to learn about charity?
7. Mr. Maxo (the school director at the hilltop school) talks about education being a "lighthouse for the whole community" – what do you think he means by this? How is education a lighthouse in our community?
8. Magnus and Gerard say that it is a privilege to be able to meet and talk with some of the children receiving Mary's Meals. Is there anything you would like to ask those children if you had a chance? Is there anything you would like to ask the teachers or parents of the children?
9. "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." How do you see this quote as applicable to the film? Have you ever been the recipient of this type of act? Have you ever given to someone who could not repay you?
10. Prior to watching this film, had you ever thought about the impact that one meal can make in someone's life?



Global Hunger Facts & Figures

- **59 million** primary school-age children are out of school around the world. *[Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics, 2019 - <https://bit.ly/2uNpNVk>]*
- **73 million** children attend school too hungry to learn. *[Source: WFP, 2019 - <https://bit.ly/30rglxe>]*
- Malnutrition is the root cause of at least **3.1 million** deaths among children every year. This means that more than **8,000** children died from hunger-related causes today. *[Source: The Lancet, 2013 – <http://bit.ly/2djdAxx>]*
- Hunger kills more people each year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. *[Source: FAO, 2015 – <http://bit.ly/1pzFXUH>]*
- **50 percent** of all children under five suffer from hidden hunger: a lack of essential nutrients that often goes unnoticed until it's too late. *[Source: UNICEF, <https://features.unicef.org/state-of-the-worlds-children-2019-nutrition/index.html>]*
- **821 million** people in the world – **1 in 9** – still go to bed on an empty stomach each night *[Source: WFP 2018 – <http://www.wfp.org/zero-hunger>]*
- Nearly **50 percent** of people living in extreme poverty are **18 years old** or younger. *[Source: UNICEF, 2016 – <https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/nearly-385-million-children-living-extreme-poverty-says-joint-world-bank-group>]*



We Watched the Film... What's Next?

Build Support

Sharing the Mary's Meals story brings more people into the family who can help feed more children.

By telling the story of how love can reach everywhere, supporters of Mary's Meals can enrich their own lives by giving of their time, talent, good, services and prayer.

How Can You Build Support?

- ☞ Host a Porridge Day ☞ Participate in Run as One
- ☞ Share the Send + Receive Campaign ☞ Review a Mary's Meals Solidarity Lesson Plan

Feed Kids

This is what it is all about. A simple meal in their place of education has the power to change a child's life and the future of their family and community. Every dollar counts!

How Can You Feed Kids?

- ☞ Set up a fundraising page on the MM website
- ☞ Host a bake sale or lemonade stand ☞ Create and Sell Mary's Meals TShirts ☞ Sponsor a Mary's Meals School for a year

For more information about **Mary's Meals** or to join us in our **mission to feed the next hungry child**, please contact Rudy Gomez, Supporter Engagement Officer at **800-385-4983 x2** or at **Rudy.Gomez@marysmeals.org**