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In Ethiopia today, Ahmed's family irrigates their crops with water conserved during the rainy season, eliminating their need to travel widely in search of available water. With more stability, Ahmed's family can access health care, his children go to school, and his family participates in community education regarding women's rights and HIV/AIDS prevention. Their lives are forever changed...and it started with water.

Just as water is foundational for life, life-giving water efforts are foundational to ELCA World Hunger. Your gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal help justice flow: strengthening families and communities, encouraging environmental sustainability, and providing hope for the future. Clean water becomes a trout farm, safety in a refugee camp, or heightened knowledge about malaria prevention. Your gifts change lives...and it begins with water.

Through your prayers and gifts, your action and advocacy, you make real God's righteousness in our world, promising hope and justice for people struggling to survive amid hunger and poverty. Thanks be to God for this wellspring of compassion and care!

Kathryn Sime, director
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WATER & JUSTICE REPRODUCIBLE STORIES

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This text will be part of the readings on **Sunday, November 9, 2008**. Share the justice and water-related stories offered here throughout the church year to highlight the life-saving efforts made possible by our gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and ELCA Disaster Response.

Find these and other reproducible stories online at www.elca.org/hunger/stories To view “Let justice roll down like waters,” a four-minute narrated slide show about a water project in Peru, visit www.elca.org/hunger/basics



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\$10 covers the cost of a mosquito net

\$30 brings home the bacon with a pig to raise

\$50 spells out hope with adult literacy training

\$75 gives enterprise a chance with a micro-credit loan

\$110 cooks up 40 meals

\$200 plants a community vegetable garden

\$600 helps a child stand up to poverty

\$7,000 lets irrigation waters flow

Neighbors help each other

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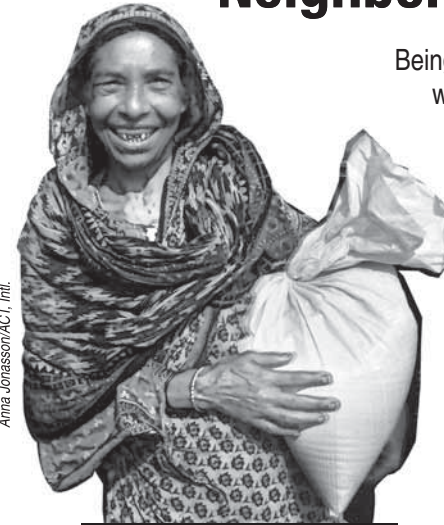
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ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants

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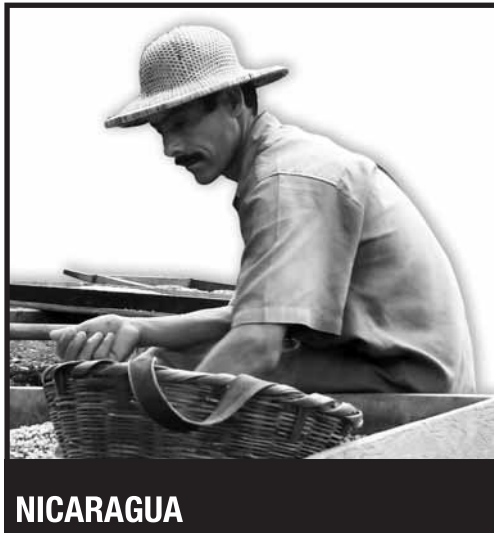
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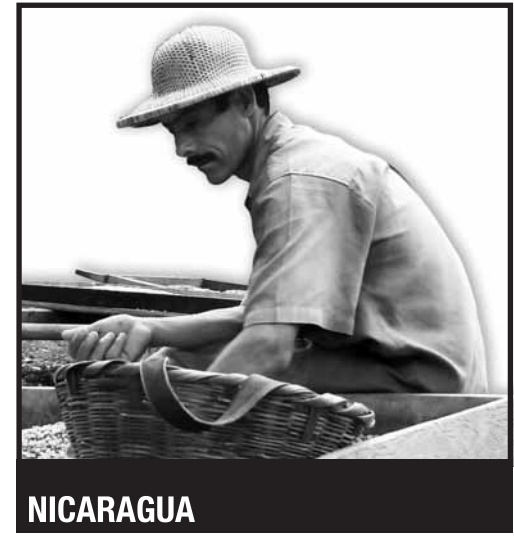
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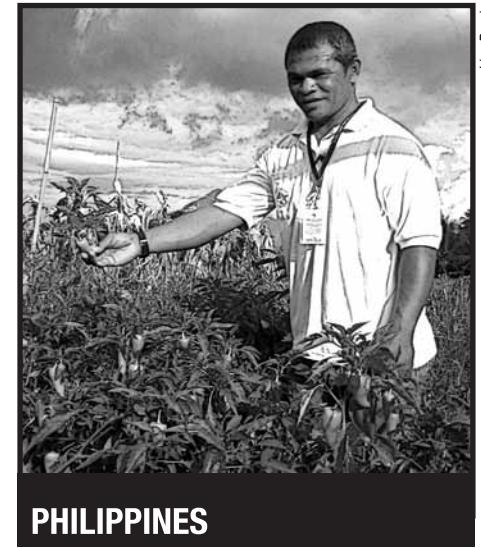
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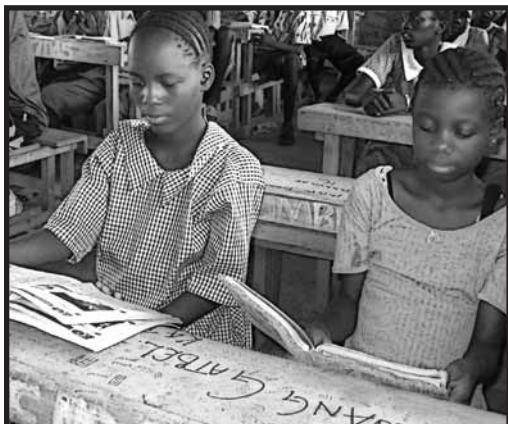
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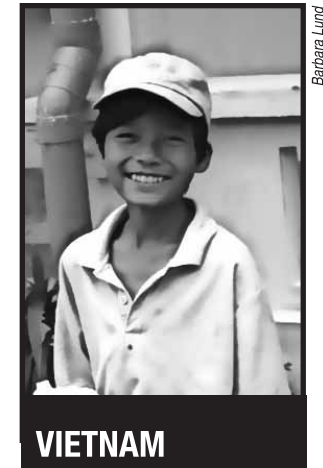


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