

## Monthly Feature – November 2010

This month, NWC has chosen [Feed My Starving Children \(FMSC\)](#) as its monthly feature. FMSC is a Christian based organization dedicated to eliminating starvation of children throughout the world. By offering volunteer opportunities, FMSC helps instill compassion in people to hear and respond to the cries of nearly **18,000 children who die every day** from starvation or starvation-related causes.

### **We Care**

Reaching people of all faiths, FMSC's mission is to help feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit by producing, packing and distributing food throughout the world. A 501(c)(3), FMSC has worked with food scientists to engineer meals fortified with 20 different vitamins and minerals to give malnourished children the critical nutritional elements they need. FMSC currently packs two formulas, their original MannaPack™– Rice formula, and a recently developed MannaPack – Potato formula. The potato based formula is a "first food" designed specifically for malnourished children who are suffering from life threatening diarrhea, and it being deployed in response to current needs in Haiti. Both formulas are culturally accepted, easy to transport and simple to prepare.

### **We Serve**

Each meal FMSC sends is packed by volunteers who work at one of the organizations five permanent locations, one temporary site in Arizona, or one of their MobilePack™ sites, all located in the United States. Recently, NWC employees volunteered packing food with FMSC in Chanhassen Minnesota. The NWC team worked together to measure ingredients, pack food and prepare boxes for shipment. In two short hours, NWC produced 4,536 nutritious meals that will not only save the lives of severely malnourished and starving children, but also improve the health, growth and physical and spiritual well-being of children who are no longer in immediate danger of starvation. NWC CEO Josh Dirlam shared, "It feels great to take time out of our work day to pack meals for people who do not have access to more than one meal a day."

### **We Give**

In the November spirit of giving, we invite readers to learn more about FMSC and consider making a donation. With 94 percent of all financial support going directly to the FMSC food program, ingredients being packed are purchased entirely through donations. Each meal costs only 19 cents to produce, meaning a small donation can go a long way. According to FMSC, \$70 feeds a child for a year, \$280 feeds a family of 4 for a year and \$350 feeds 5 orphaned children for a year.

Currently, FMSC is responding to the needs of children in Haiti suffering from life threatening diarrhea. The new MannaPack – Potato has the capacity to offer relief to these young bodies struggling to retain any nutrients. For more information on how you can become involved visit [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org).