

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." ~2 Corinthians 5:20



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April 2016

Dear Test First Name,



It's springtime in West Michigan! Crocuses are blooming, perennials are just starting to poke their heads out of the ground, and I'm reminded of how similar it is to the work of World Renew.

In a recent newsletter, **Mark VanderWees** (World Renew-Nicaragua, family is pictured on left) wrote about seeing the fruit that was born out of the work that his colleague had started years earlier: **"The impact of our work will emerge in the generations to follow. We usually never get a chance to see the fruit of the work we start."**

This April we encourage you and your churches to learn more about and support the work of **Foods Resource Bank (FRB)**. FRB helps fund many of World Renew's

agriculture programs. Teaching concepts like agro-forestry or improved farming

techniques may not seem to make a big difference. But these programs make it possible for farmers to experience the joy of growing enough food to feed their families year-round and even earn enough income to cover other basic needs. **On FRB Sunday 2016 please give generously to help replenish World Renew's fund with FRB so that World Renew can continue to grow lasting solutions to hunger.**



In May, through **Maternal and Child Health Sunday**, you will discover that having proper nutrition makes a HUGE difference on future generations. **In fact, good nutrition in the 1,000 days between a woman's pregnancy and her child's second birthday sets the foundation for all the days that follow.** Your church can make a difference by supporting World Renew's programs through this special offering.

As always, if the specified dates don't work out for your church, please encourage them to choose another time to highlight these issues. Need ideas for promoting the special Sundays? Be sure to ask in our **Facebook group!**



P.S. Join Online Study with World Renew this Spring: Are you looking for an in-depth, scriptural study about following Jesus more closely in your everyday life? **Live Justly** is a 6-week web-based curriculum that includes honest discussions about justice in our lives and our world. Study begins April 13 and concludes the week of May 18, 2016. The course is FREE, and study guides are available for purchase at [worldrenew.net/order](http://worldrenew.net/order). To find out more and to register, contact [ckritikos@intern.crcna.org](mailto:ckritikos@intern.crcna.org).

Sincerely,

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