



Freedom School Press

Freedom School Reporters Learn about Hunger

The Freedom School Press adventure began early in June, as about 30 scholars were initiated as reporters for this newsletter. On the first day, each reporter was given Freedom School Press credentials and practiced by interviewing their editor, Katie Cook, who is the editor for Seeds of Hope Publishers.

At the second session, teams of two and three were each given a photo and profile for one of 10 people who live with food insecurity—ranging from Los Angeles to Cambodia. One member of each team pretended to be the person in the profile. The other team members had to find out the



Above: Tevin Parker (right) and Alyana Salazar interview Sherry Castello about being an editor, and what she does at the Gospel Café. Photo by Katie Cook.

stories by asking questions. This exercise taught them about interviewing and being interviewed. It also taught them about the many different places where people are food-insecure, and the many different circumstances that can cause people to be hungry.

Scholars spent time researching various issues of hunger, as you will see in these pages. They visited the World Hunger Relief Training Farm in Elm Mott, where they learned about sustainable agriculture. Better yet for them, they got to see rabbits, goats, pigs and

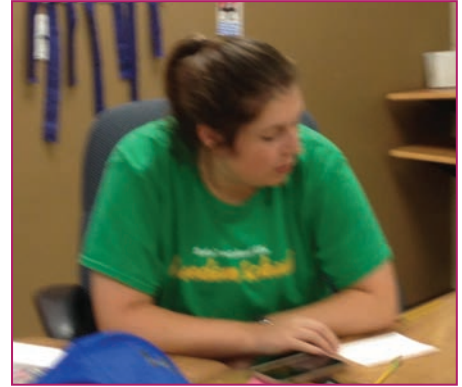
chickens—although they learned a few somewhat startling things about bunnies, as you will also see in these pages.

During the fourth session of Freedom School Press, the scholars met Sherry Castello, who was editor of the *Baylor Line* for 25 years and is now the head chef and organizer for the Gospel Café. The scholars interviewed her about being an editor and writer, and about the Gospel Café. (See the story on page 4.)

That evening, Sherry left a voice message at the Seeds of Hope office, saying, “I want to thank you again for the invitation to visit

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Photos on this page are by Katie Cook.

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with the Freedom School students today. That is the most joy I have had in a long time. When I left there, I just couldn't quit smiling. I appreciate the opportunity you provided today, and I love those kids."

It is our hope that this project has taught the Freedom School reporters a few things about writing and listening, and a few things about the needs of people in the world around them. ■

World Cup of Hunger

by Ivan Acuna-Martinez

We have seen these countries on the world's stage, playing for the *FIFA* World Cup. All the teams in the World Cup have more and more people in their countries who are hungry. The countries are ranked below by the percentage of hunger in the country. We have seen people on the teams collapse because they did not eat enough food, and the people in their countries are getting even less. They need help. ■

Countries in the World Cup Ranked by the Percentage of People Who Are "Food-Insecure"

Nigeria: 25%
Senegal: 18.4%
Colombia: 17%
Japan: 17%
South Korea: 16%
Tunisia: 15.2%
Egypt: 14.7%
Peru: 11.8%
Morocco: 10.2%
Panama: 9.2%
England: 8.1%
Switzerland: 7.7%
Iran: 7.6%
Saudi Arabia: 7.1%
Serbia: 7.1%
Poland: 6.7%
Mexico: 6.5%
Russia: 6.2%
France: 6.1%
Argentina: 5.4%
Brazil: 5.4%
Costa Rica: 5.3%
Uruguay: <5%
Australia: <5%
Denmark: <5%
Iceland: <5%
Croatia: <5%
Germany: <5%
Belgium: <5%
Portugal: 3.1%
Sweden: 3.1%
Spain: 1.6%

Countries Ranked by their Place in the *FIFA* World Cup

France
Croatia
Belgium
England
Brazil
Uruguay
Russia
Sweden
Mexico
Columbia
Switzerland
Spain
Denmark
Portugal
Japan
Argentina
Senegal
Serbia
Iran
South Korea
Peru
Nigeria
Germany
Morocco
Australia
Poland
Iceland
Tunisia
Saudi Arabia
Costa Rica
Egypt
Panama



Below: World Cup drawing by Armando Santacruz.



Source: Global Hunger Index (www.globalhungerindex.org)

The Gospel of Food

Written by Tevin Parker

Other Interviewers: Adam Garcia, Jazlynn Jimenez, and Kaylynn Goode

The Gospel Café is a place where you can pay if you have money, but if you are poor, you don't have to pay.

It's a blue house with a restaurant in it. It is not very tall, but it's a good place. It's in South Waco near Kate Ross on the corner of 10th and Cleveland. It is light blue. (You shouldn't be able to miss it). The building serves 200 people free meals at lunchtime.

We recommend the Gospel Café because it's free for people who have no money. Also, you can have fun there. It's fair because kids and parents can eat there without having to pay. And your kids can play in a different area outside. The food is good and you can have all you can eat. It is also healthy. The food has protein and vitamins and fruit. ■



Tevin Parker and Alyana Salazar interview Sherry Castello about the Gospel Café. Photo by Katie Cook.



Above and right: Freedom School scholars go on a tour of the World Hunger Relief Training Farm. Photos by Freedom School Servant Leader Interns (SLIs) Mason Nantz and Madison Cunningham.

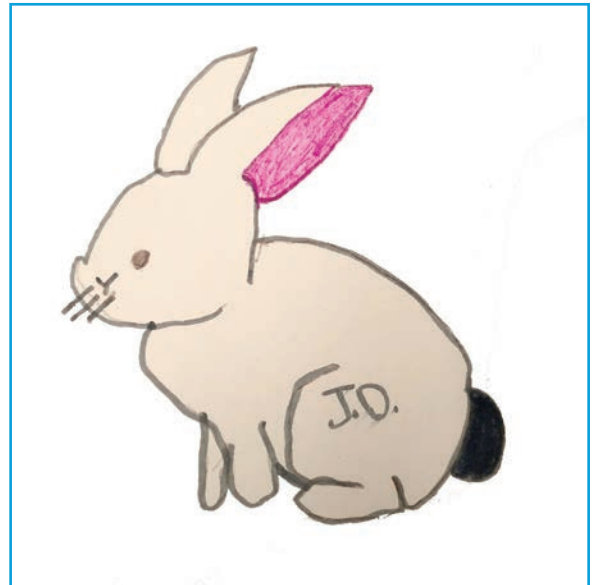


Bunny: Pet or Food?

Written by Jonathon Dickens

Dedicated to Cheesecake the Bunny: She Will Be Missed.

A bunny is a pet but can also be food in other countries. A bunny makes a good pet because it is fun to play with; it teaches its owner responsibility, and it does not require a lot of food. Since bunnies do not require a lot of food, it is easy to take care of them. They do not require a lot of time or money to support and they have lots of babies. This is important for other countries where the people do not have a lot of money and need something to eat. Bunny meat is a good source of protein. ■



Above: A drawing by Jonathon Dickens.
Top and bottom, left: Freedom School scholars visit the bunnies at the World Hunger Relief Training Farm in Elm Mott. Photos by Freedom School Servant Leader Interns (SLIs) Mason Nantz and Madison Cunningham.



World Hunger

Written by Amaya Hutchings and Nadia Rodriguez

World hunger is a very bad thing all over the world, but especially areas like Africa and Asia. In the United States, there is hunger because people always throwing away the food they don't eat. They don't even try to save the rest of it. If you save the rest of your food, you can help other people.

People also throw trash in the ocean and all of the animals die. The other thing people do is cause pollution in the sky.

In general, the principal causes of hunger include poverty, conflict, environmental factors such as drought and climate change, low agricultural productivity, malnutrition and disease, and population growth. 795 million people are hungry worldwide. In 2012, 501 million people, or 47 percent of the population of sub-Saharan Africa, lived on \$1.90 a day.



Also, war causes hunger.

- Poverty rates are 20 percentage points higher in countries affected by repeated cycles of violence over the last three decades;
- Every year of violence in a country is associated with lagging poverty reduction of nearly one percentage point;
- People living in countries currently affected by violence are twice as likely to be undernourished and 50 percent more likely to be impoverished. Their children are three times as likely to be out of school;
- Countries with serious human rights abuses or weak government effectiveness, rule of law, and control of corruption have a 30 to 45 percent higher risk of civil war, and significantly higher risk of extreme criminal violence than other developing countries (World Bank 2011b). ■

Eat Your Cafeteria Food

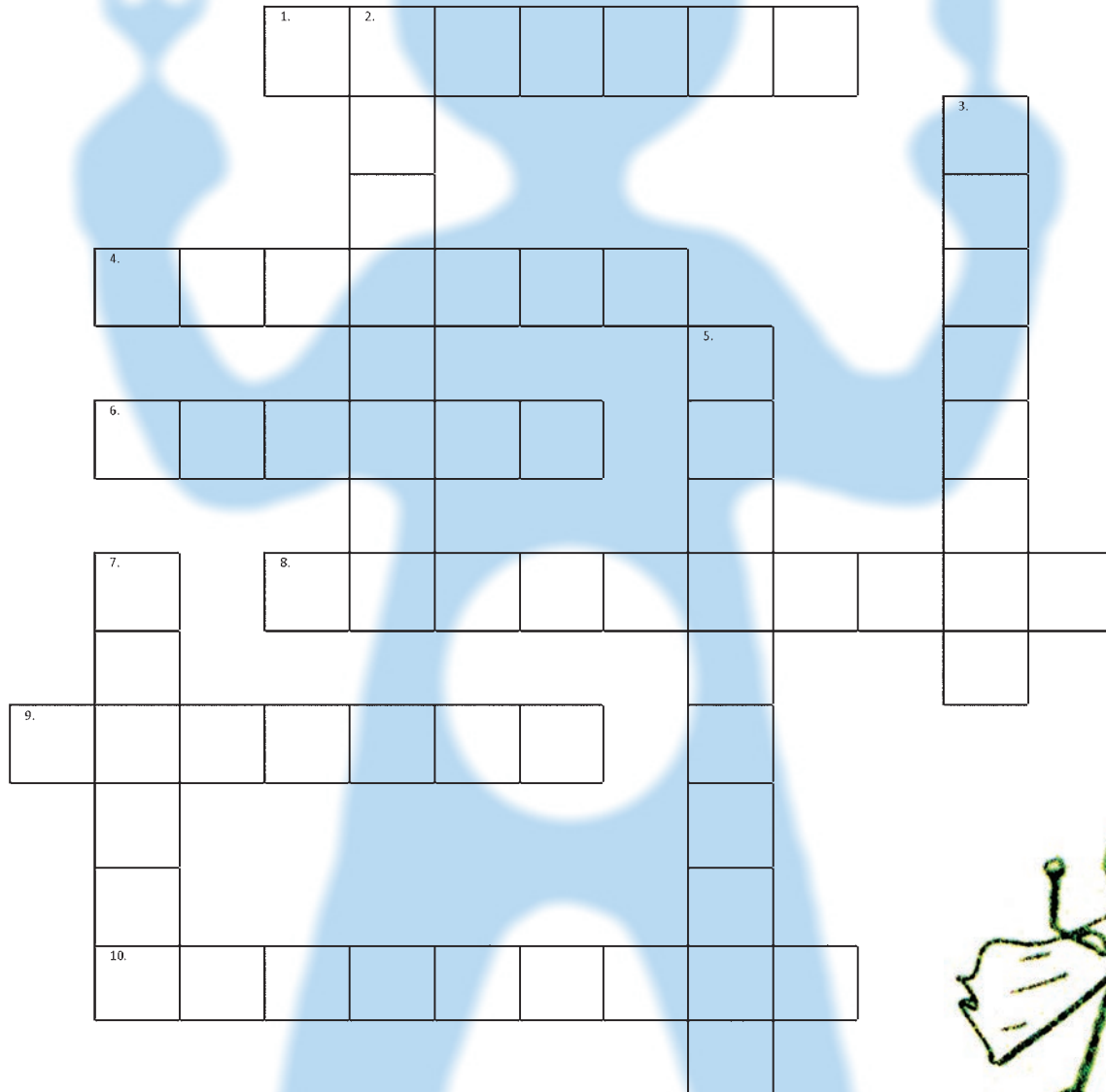
Written by Freddie Martinez, Jr.

Hello, my name is Freddie Jr. and I am here for the funny feast. I just want to talk about world hunger. People right now are starving and are dying, so always eat your food.

Cafeteria food is good every now and then, but sometimes it can make you feel like you have to go throw up. Although you think it is bad, you can at least eat, because there are kids that don't have a plate on the table or something in their bellies to make them full every day. So, yeah, be grateful

that you have food in your belly. You might think that there are only kids in Africa that go hungry or don't have anything to drink, but there are kids all over the United States that are hungry or need something to drink. ■

Freedom School Crossword



Across

1. Needing or wanting to drink water
4. Extremely hungry
6. A lack of food
8. Suffering from loss of water in the body
9. Slightly hungry
10. Food needed for health and growth

Down

2. Feeling of wanting to eat
3. Not given enough food
5. Sickness or death due to lack of food
7. Percentage of people in the world who are hungry

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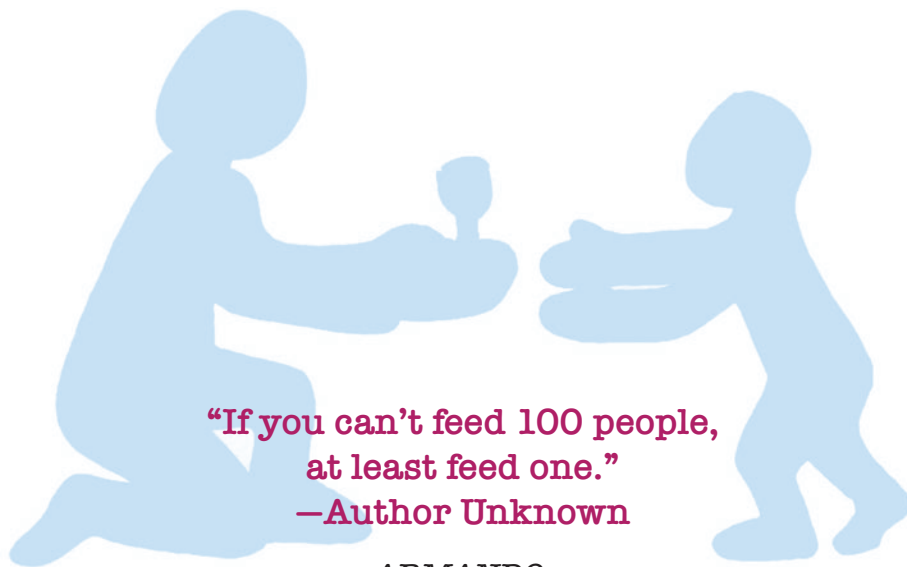
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Quotes that Inspire Us



**"If you can't feed 100 people,
at least feed one."**

—Author Unknown

ARMANDO:

*I like that quote because it put a perspective in my head
that I can feed at least one person, and that helps.*

**"One person can make a difference
and everyone should try."**

—John F. Kennedy

ADAM:

It speaks to me.

**"If we can conquer space,
then we can conquer world hunger."**

—Buzz Aldrin

ZAYDEN:

*It shows us that we have the ability to be able
to fix child hunger.*

Art: Seeds/Sharon Rollins

About CDF Freedom Schools

The Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools® program seeks to build strong, literate, and empowered children prepared to make a difference in themselves, their families, communities, nation and world today. In partnership with local congregations, schools, colleges and universities, community organizations, and secure juvenile justice facilities the CDF Freedom Schools program boosts student motivation to read, generates more positive attitudes toward learning, increases self-esteem and connects the needs of children and families to the resources of their communities. Since 1995, more than 137,000 preK-12 children have had a CDF Freedom Schools experience and more than 16,000 college students and young adult staff have been trained by CDF to deliver this empowering model. ■