

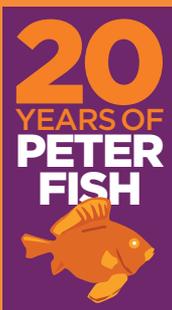
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“TAKING THE FIVE LOAVES AND THE TWO FISH AND LOOKING UP TO HEAVEN, HE GAVE THANKS AND BROKE THEM. THEN HE GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE. THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED” —Luke 9:16-17a

Have you ever been fishing? It takes the right equipment, the right bait, and lots of patience to reel in the big catch, but for thousands of people across North America this hobby is well worth the time and effort.

Fishing was also very important in the Bible. The word “fish” is used 74 times throughout Scripture. This is especially true in the New Testament where Jesus called fishermen to be his disciples, gave them a new command to “be fishers of men,” used fish in miracles to prove his power to his disciples, and miraculously used fish to feed crowds of people.

One of these fish stories takes place in Luke. After preaching all day, Jesus commands his disciples to feed the 5,000 people who have gathered. Realizing that they only have five loaves of bread and two fish among them, the disciples feel daunted by the seemingly impossible task. But God uses their offering, multiplies it through His grace and the resulting miracle provides enough for everyone.

Today, we often feel like the disciples. God has tasked us with providing for the poor and needy in our world, yet the sheer scope of global hunger overwhelms us. We wonder what we as individuals or even church congregations can do that will make a lasting difference. Fortunately, we have God on our side.

When we give of what we have — our time, our prayers, our talents and our financial gifts — God is able to bless and multiply those efforts. The resulting miracle is one where not just the poor — but the whole world — is able to eat and be satisfied!

On World Hunger Sunday, please prayerfully consider sharing your blessings so that others will not go hungry. World Renew will use your gifts to combat poverty, disaster, and injustice around the world in Jesus name.

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