

prayer  focus

the
hungry



Today, more people than ever live on the

edge of poverty and struggle to feed their families.

The rising price of food around the world is contributing to social and political unrest.



Why is this happening?

The causes of the global food crisis are complex:

- ▶ global food production has not kept pace with consumption
- ▶ crop failures in many export countries have reduced the supply
- ▶ energy costs, and therefore food production costs, are rising
- ▶ food export controls have been imposed by some countries
- ▶ speculative investment dollars increasingly flow into the food commodity market
- ▶ greater amounts of cereal grains are being used to make biofuels like Ethanol

Global food shortages can severely impact families.

Higher food costs reduce a family's already limited funds for other expenses, such as education and health care. Some children now won't be able to continue school. Others will not receive the medicines they need. Most families will simply have to eat less.

CRWRF BEST PRACTICE: Rather than foster dependence on long-term food supplies from outside the region, CRWRF supports programs that encourage local economic development, such as small loans to cottage industries and upgrades to technology that will improve agricultural production.

family devotions - LEVITICUS 23:22 AND RUTH 2:2-17

Why did God require people to purposely leave some crops for gleaners? How did Boaz go beyond the requirements of the law in this regard? Today, how can we apply the principle of gleaning?

PRAY FOR

- ✎ Families around the world struggling to feed their children.
- ✎ Home-based care workers as they deliver food parcels and visit AIDS patients
- ✎ CRWRF supported agricultural and small-loan programs in Malawi, Mozambique, Nicaragua, and Guatemala to effectively improve family food supplies
- ✎ Hunger for the Word of the Lord among all people who are reminded of their dependence on Him for food and all things.