



Planting Hope Global

From Hope to Harvest

Ken & Crystal Hess • Northern Uganda & South Sudan • 2025 Update

The Field

A glance across Imvepi Refugee Settlement will give you the sense of a desertified wasteland. It spans over twenty square miles and is home to nearly 70,000 refugees, the majority of whom are women and children. A resurgence of violent conflict in Sudan and South Sudan has caused an influx of new refugees. In 2025, the U.N. abruptly ended its food ration program for refugees, leaving many vulnerable women and children with food insecurity.



The Planting

We have always fought hunger through various farm projects. This year, however, we are excited to announce the launch of our **Homestead Training Farm**. Each month, our hard-working farmers gather twenty-five trainees to equip them with skills in sustainable organic agriculture. We also provide them with tools and seedlings to get their gardens started. Each person trained represents an average family size of six. We are empowering nearly 150 men, women, and children monthly to grow their own nutrient-dense food such as kale, eggplant, and okra.



The Harvest

In 2026 and beyond, we hope to see a rapid multiplication of our impact. Our Homestead Training Farm gives us the potential to reach thousands of refugees with the message of the Gospel and the hand up they need to fight hunger. Join our journey as we meet our goal to train at least 50 people per month with a multiplied reach of nearly 3,600 people by the end of the year. **Each training, with the gift of tools and seedlings, costs only \$25 per person.**



Our Sprouts

Our commitment to the growth and development of our sponsored children continues. We provide them with shelter, food, clothing, education, and spiritual guidance. In 2026, several of our children will be old enough to graduate from high school or age out of the system. We plan to help them pursue trade skills such as welding, mechanics, and tailoring. If you would like to designate your gift for our children, please mention "Child Education Fund" when you contact us.



What Your Gift Does

Just \$25.00 provides training, tools, and seedlings for one refugee family to fight their battle against hunger.

Thank you for your continued support, which is an integral part of our ongoing work of spreading the Gospel, caring for vulnerable children, and fighting hunger.



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