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Semi-Truckloads of Food Loaded to Feed Hungry Families in Michiana

Granger Community Church Partners with *Feed The Children* During the Holiday Season

GRANGER, IND. Granger Community Church (GCC) will again partner with international hunger relief organization *Feed The Children* to provide six semi-truckloads (150 tons) of food to feed hungry families in Michiana. This year an estimated 2,500 volunteers will meet at the GCC campus on Saturday, January 7 at 7:15 a.m., to load trucks and deliver a week's worth of food and personal care items to families living in the housing authority residents in St. Joseph and Elkhart counties.

In addition, 150,000 to 250,000 pounds of food will be delivered to local agencies, helping an estimated 5,000 families. The remaining food after delivery will be given to the Monroe Circle Community Center to serve families throughout the year.

The following nonprofit agencies will participate with GCC in the January 7 food drop. In addition to helping coordinate food distribution to individual families, these agencies will receive food for their kitchens and pantries:

- Albright United Methodist Church
- Church Community Services
- Edison Gardens, Barbie Creek and Corby Homes
- Faith Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church
- Faith Mission
- Harber Homes Housing Division (South Bend Housing Authority)
- LaCasa De Amistad
- LaSalle Homes Housing Division (South Bend Housing Authority)
- Monroe Circle Housing Division (South Bend Housing Authority), Senior Center, Laurel Court and Quads
- Salvation Army of Mishawaka and South Bend
- Washington Gardens Housing Division (Elkhart Housing Authority)

"We are grateful to Granger Community Church for the work they do," said Larry Jones, president and founder of *Feed The Children*. "Because we partner with agencies like GCC, we can continue to reach out to a greater number of children and families in need. Their help is instrumental in the fight against hunger." Jones will speak at GCC weekend services, offered on Saturday, January 7, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 8, at 8:45, 10:15 and 11:45 a.m.

"We look forward to serving the community again this year," says Tim Stevens, Executive Pastor at GCC. "It helps bridge gaps that are sometimes felt during the Christmas season when some people aren't able to provide basic food needs for themselves and their families. By partnering with these agencies, we're able to reach more people."

Founded by Larry and Frances Jones in 1979, *Feed The Children* is a nonprofit organization providing physical, spiritual, educational, vocational/technical, psychological, economic and medical assistance to children and families in need in the United States and internationally. Last year, *Feed The Children* shipped 61 million pounds of food and 22 million pounds of other essentials to children and families in all 50 states and in 62 foreign countries. *Feed The Children* supplemented 509,133 meals a day, worldwide. For more information, visit feedthechildren.org.

Granger Community Church was founded in 1986 by Dr. Mark Beeson and his wife, Sheila. With more than 5,000 in weekly attendance, GCC was recently identified by *Outreach Magazine* as one of the top 100 fastest growing churches of the 21st century. With a unique vision, GCC ministers through the arts, media and culturally relevant teaching. For more information, visit GCCwired.com.

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