



# FOR I WAS HUNGRY

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Feeding the Hungry  
is an Outreach Ministry  
of God's People  
Transforming a  
Renewable God-given  
Resource into  
Food for the Hungry  
Among Us*

### 2013-2014 Totals:

- Deer, elk, & livestock donated: 3,325
- Pounds of meat: 166,250
- Servings: 665,000

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It's 2017 and we've just finished up another year of feeding the hungry through FHFH. We've reached our goal of providing 2 Million Meals annually through 200 chapters across the country!

Now before you think I've lost my mind (or that I can't tell time!), I realize we've actually just finished the year 2013. Lord willing, we have three years to go until 2017. But I believe the next 3 years present an opportunity. Together, we can dramatically increase the number of hungry people we can feed across our nation annually. I'll revisit 2017 in a bit.

Acknowledging the blessings and miracles of the past is the starting point in preparing for a bright future. In Joshua Chapter 4:1-24, Joshua is asked to place 12 stones to commemorate the Lord's parting of the Jordan River. This miracle allowed the people and priests to pass through the river carrying the Ark of the Covenant.

## **“Looking Back on the Next Three Years”**

by Matt Wilson

The stones were intended as a memorial and reminder of the Lord's mighty work there. A reminder for the Israelite people, future generations, and for the rest of the world. A reminder that would inspire the people to expect even greater works of the Lord moving forward.

Let's lay some "stones" right now to commemorate where and how the Lord blessed FHFH in 2013.

- New chapters emerged in states such as Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. Chapters are being considered in New Jersey, New York, and North Carolina.
- A National Sweepstakes drew attention to FHFH, and gave new contacts and supporters an opportunity to win some great gear from our sponsors.

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## “Looking Back on the Next Three Years” (continued)

- New grant opportunities enabled chapters in Ohio, Indiana, and Maryland to aim for increased deer donation numbers.
- Chapters held successful banquets in Texas, North Carolina, Illinois, and Maryland.
- “FHFH Kids” launched to encourage young people to spend time outdoors and share the blessings of their hunt with those less fortunate.
- Feedback from churches and food banks confirmed that deer from FHFH are often the main (or the only) supply of meat they have for the hungry.

So how can we use the lessons and the blessings of the past year to sharpen our vision moving forward? First we can thank God for His mighty works thus far. Then we ask for and expect even greater works ahead. Are we ready to trust and have faith in the Lord?

In recent years FHFH has provided around 1.5 million meals annually to the hungry of our country. We have 125 chapters serving the needy of 25 states. Yet the problem of hunger in our nation remains challenging. A USDA report in 2012 revealed that 14.5 percent of households (17.6 million) struggle to have enough food from week to week. Where can we possibly find enough food to help feed these people?

Perhaps there is a clue to God’s solution in the recent Time Magazine article “America’s Pest Problem – It’s Time to Cull the Herd” by David von Drehle. See what comes to your mind when you read this quote from Mr. von Drehle...

*“Across the country, hunting is poised for a comeback, and not just because the folks on Duck Dynasty make it look like so much fun. We have too many wild animals--from swine to swans. Thirty million strong and growing, the population of white-tailed deer in the U.S. is larger today than it was when Columbus sailed the ocean blue, according to National Wildlife Research Center scientist Kurt VerCauteren.”* (We’ll take a further look at David von Drehle’s article in the next online newsletter for March and April.)

It seems the growing issue of hunger in America, our abundant population of wildlife – particularly the white-tailed deer – and a reported rise in hunting interest is creating a tremendous opportunity to expand the FHFH solution of providing nutritious game meat to those in need.

So what is our vision to expand the impact of FHFH for our nation? “The 2x16 Challenge!” This challenge would expand the FHFH ministry to include 200 active chapters nationwide in an effort to provide 2 Million Meals annually to the hungry among us by the year 2016 (2 hundred chapters, providing 2 million meals by 2 thousand 16).

To reach this goal, first and foremost, we’ll be praying... a lot...and we ask you to join us in that effort. Next we’ll be looking at how to strengthen three key areas of our ministry.

- The first area will be to increase support for existing coordinators, and to develop a more targeted approach to recruiting new coordinators.
- The second area of focus will be a more streamlined approach to fundraising joining the impact of all sources of support. Such an effort will involve a new quarterly mail campaign, an annual national sweepstakes and auction, and renewed support from our sponsors.
- And the third area will focus on public awareness with a new website in the works, fresh campaigns with partnering organizations, and increasing communications detailing the impact of meat donations for the hungry.

These are just a few of the ways we are planning to help grow and strengthen FHFH as we aspire to “The 2x16 Challenge.”

You’ll be hearing more in the coming months about how you can help play a role in this effort as we trust the Lord to feed more and more people. For now you can pray, share the ministry with others, donate a deer or provide financial support. Perhaps you could serve as a coordinator or know someone else that might be interested. Maybe you know a group or business that would be interested in partnering with the FHFH ministry to help feed the hungry.

On a side note, what stones can you place for the Lord’s work in your own life? What can you and your children look back on with wonder and thanks from this past year? We hope this New Year will bring great and mighty works of the Lord into your life.

What a joyous occasion it will be to “look back on the next three years” and see how the Lord has provided. What “stones” will we be able to place in 2017 for FHFH? Thank you so much for your support of FHFH. We look forward to feeding the hungry with you this year and beyond!

## FHFH Making A Difference

### *Venison Donated to Table of Grace*



Thanks so much to the “**Table of Grace**” feeding program operating out of the Essex United Methodist Church in Essex, Md. It was shared that FHFH donated deer meat is often the only or primary source of meat that Table of Grace has to serve struggling members of the community with.



### *Pre-Thanksgiving Venison Delivered to Abba House*

The North Georgia Foothills FHFH Chapter (GA-08) organized a pre-Thanksgiving delivery of over 200 lbs. of fresh venison to local women's shelter, **Abba House** in Dawsonville, Ga. Thanks to the hunters that donated the meat and our meat processor, Souther's Deer Cooler in Murrayville!



### *Participating FHFH Meat Processors Are Appreciated*

Thanks to Mark Balsamo and his team at **B&T Deer Processing in Essex, MD**. By participating as a FHFH meat processor, B&T helps provide critical venison to a number of churches and feeding agencies in and around Baltimore, MD.

FHFH appreciates the participation of **Bowman’s Butcher Shop** in Aberdeen, MD. The hardworking team at Bowman’s distributes much needed processed venison to the Harford Community Action Agency as well as other area feeding agencies.



## FHFH Making A Difference

### *Deer Donations to FHFH*



Congratulations **Blayze** and thanks for donating your deer to feed the needy! So proud of Blayze for her kindness and consideration to donate her deer to FHFH!

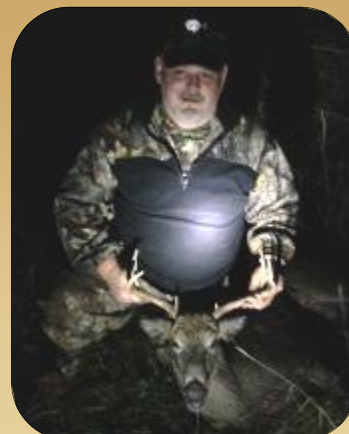


Congratulations to FHFH Coordinator **Ian Munnoch** for harvesting this great deer in Indiana.

Congratulations to **JD Stewart**, son of FHFH Coordinator Billy Stewart, for taking his first "two" deer - yea, he got two, with two great shots in about a minute! Wow - awesome job and thanks for helping to feed the hungry in North Carolina.



Congratulations to FHFH Coordinator **Dave McMullen** for harvesting this great deer in Maryland.



“Thanks to **Jerry Murray** for donating this nice buck in Ohio to help feed the hungry!”

## FHFH Making A Difference

### *Our Thanks to UDWI REMC for Supporting FHFH*

Brian Sparks (left), CEO of **Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC**, presented Brady Miller, Coordinator for Greene County FHFH, Indiana, with a check for that program. Mr. Sparks was given a plaque in appreciation for their long-time support of Greene County FHFH. To date they have donated \$11,400 to the program and FHFH is very blessed to have them as a supporter in that area.



### *Thank You Alpharetta Sam's Club*

North Georgia Foothills Chapter Coordinator Joe Schuster (right) recently presented the **Alpharetta Sam's Club** with a certification of appreciation for their support in feeding the hungry this year!



### *NEW FHFH Kids Hats!*

Mossy Oak Obsession/olive hat with "FHFH Kids" on the front in your choice of tan or pink thread, and the FHFHKids.org website address on the back. The hats have an adjustable Velcro closure.

The hats and other great FHFH logo merchandise may be ordered through the FHFH online store at <http://www.fhf.ecrater.com>.



## FHFH Making A Difference

### 2013 Western Maryland FHFH Banquet and Auction

On Friday, November 15 the 2013 Western MD Banquet and Auction was held. Over 370 people attended and enjoyed an evening including large silent/live auctions, a meal from Outback Steakhouse, and an update on FHFH in the Western MD area. Matt Thompson of the MD Food Bank Western Branch shared specifically how obtaining donated meat through FHFH assists in their food providing programs.

Thanks to all who helped make this a wonderful event to help feed the hungry of Western MD! Over \$10,000 in support was raised helping to provide 40,000 meals of venison to the hungry of the region.



## WANTED: Photos and Stories!



If you have photos or stories of people benefiting, deer that were donated, donation check presentations, etc. that you would like to submit for publication in FHFH's *For I Was Hungry* newsletter, please email them to [denise@fhfh.org](mailto:denise@fhfh.org). If you have any questions, please call the FHFH office at 301-739-3000.

## FHFH Making A Difference

### *A View from the Pew: Needed a Safety Harness*

by Ken Pew

While looking over tree stand safety for a hunter education class, the thought occurred to me that I have a “living” safety harness. Jesus Christ allowed Himself to be nailed to a tree, died, went into Hell and rose to life again. He defeated death and now and ever more is my protection.

I know from personal experience that falling from your tree stand is a painful experience. It can happen in an instant. It happens when we stop paying attention or are distracted by something. Or in some cases, I have been told we can even fall asleep (not that this has ever happened to me)! We fall from the stand in much the same way that we fall into sin. We fall because we’ve let our guard down, stopped paying attention, and made a misstep.

When we fall from a tree stand the safety harness catches us after a short distance; keeping us from hitting the ground. Without a harness we would fall and suffer serious injury or death. This is not without some pain or discomfort.

The spiritual consequences of sin are similar. Failing to put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ is like ignoring the importance of our safety harness. Without Jesus our fall into sin can lead to both physical and spiritual death. With Him we can still fall, but He is there to catch us. He allows us to experience the pain and discomfort caused by our sin, but it no longer leads to our spiritual death. Instead, we can stop and ask Him to forgive us for our sin.

All we must do is welcome Jesus Christ into our hearts and he will accompany us on our journey through life. We must remember to be in contact with Him through prayer. When we accept Christ as our safety harness, He can restrain us when our attention wanders, and catch us when we misstep and fall into temptation and sin. Even though it may still be painful and uncomfortable, Christ will be there to keep us from certain death.

Being held from the harm of sin, we are given the opportunity to turn away from the sin (repent). With the help of our harness we are able to climb back into our stand. Thanks to Jesus we may remain in communion with God and His grand creation!

*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust.” No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:1-2, 10-12 (NKJV)*

*And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. John 10:28-29 (NKJV)*



***Thank you for joining FHFH  
to help feed the hungry!***

***We welcome these individuals  
who have joined FHFH  
as Local Program Coordinators:***

**Indiana**

**Kenneth Worman**

Cass County FHFH (IN-31)

County served: Cass

## FHFH Recipe Box

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### Venison Steak Fingers with Two Sauces

from *Wild Fare & Wise Words*

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#### HONEY MUSTARD SAUCE

1/3 cup honey  
1 1/2 cups mayonnaise  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper  
Dash of Worcestershire sauce  
1 1/2 tablespoons prepared mustard  
1/8 teaspoon kosher salt  
3/4 teaspoon dried cilantro

#### CREOLE MUSTARD SAUCE

8 ounces sour cream  
1/4 cup Creole mustard  
1 tablespoon cider vinegar  
1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning  
Several dashes of hot pepper sauce

#### STEAK FINGERS

1/2 cup olive oil  
1/4 cup red or white wine  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
1/2 teaspoon steak seasoning  
1 pound venison steak, cut into strips  
1 sleeve saltines, crushed  
Olive oil

#### For the honey mustard sauce:

Combine the honey, mayonnaise, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, salt and cilantro in a medium bowl and mix well. Store in the refrigerator.

#### For the Creole mustard sauce:

Combine the sour cream, Creole mustard, vinegar, Cajun seasoning and hot pepper sauce in a medium bowl and mix well. Store in the refrigerator.

#### For the steak fingers:

Combine 1/2 cup olive oil, wine, basil, steak seasoning and venison steak in a sealable plastic bag and refrigerate for 4 hours. Remove the steak from the plastic bag, discarding the marinade. Coat the steak with the crumbs. Heat olive oil in a large skillet and cook the steak until golden brown on the outside and pink in the center.

Serve with mustard sauces. Makes 4 servings.



More delicious recipes like the one above can be found in *Wild Fare & Wise Words*. The cookbook is a great gift idea!

If you would like to purchase the cookbook, you may place your order through FHFH's online store at [www.fhfh.ecrater.com](http://www.fhfh.ecrater.com)



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