



***Hunger Relief
Fast Facts***

DOMESTIC HUNGER - 2010



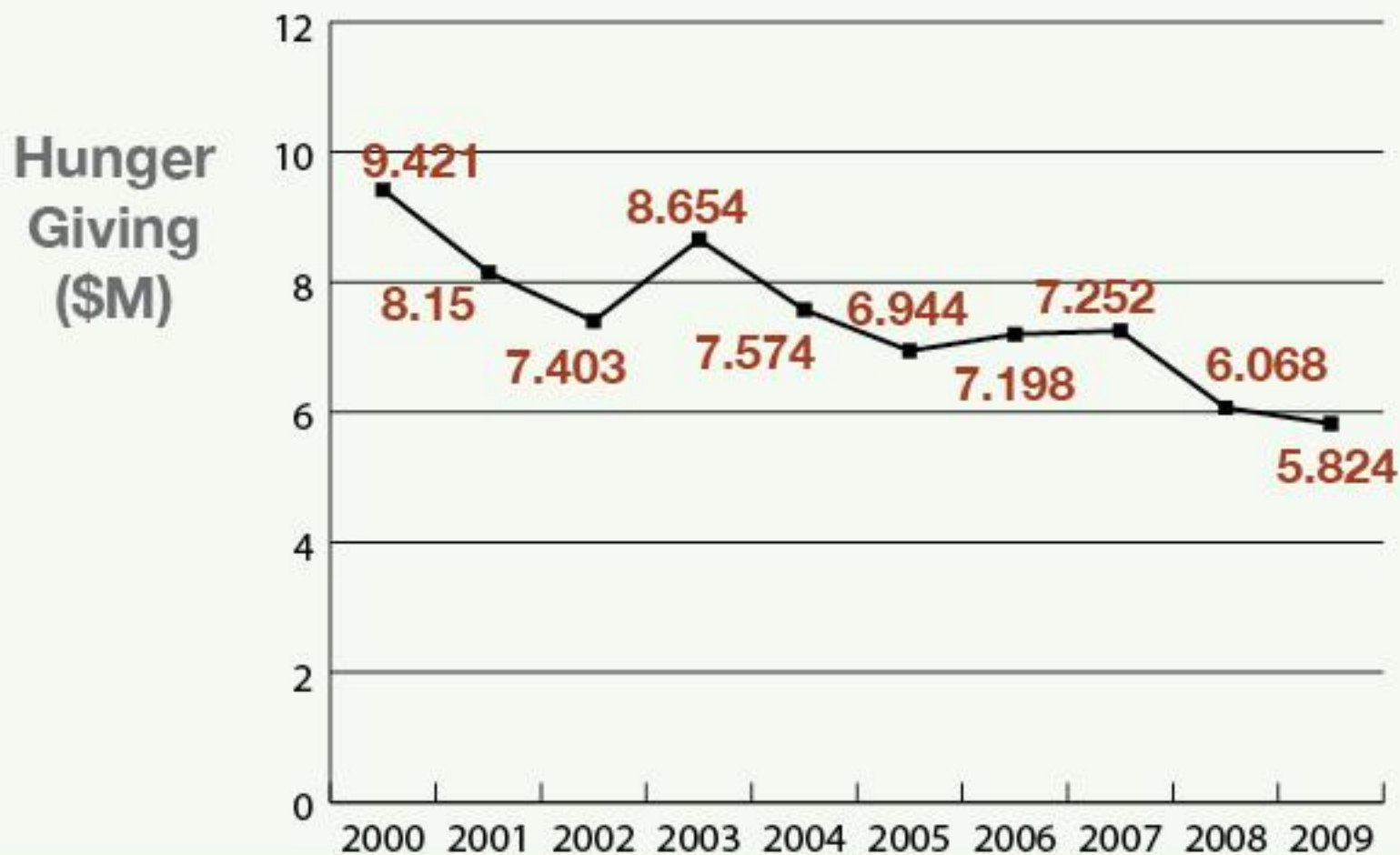
In the United States,
12.4 million children
live in households
where people have to
skip meals or eat less
to make ends meet.

Nearly half of all families
headed by a single mother
are food insecure.

In our nation's cities,
1 in 4 people
in a soup kitchen line is a child.



What have Southern Baptists given for hunger and relief projects?





**One in eight Americans,
39 million,
received emergency food help
in 2010.**



Research indicates that even mild under-nutrition during critical periods of growth impacts the behavior of young children, their school performance, and their overall cognitive development.



- **Many food bank clients have jobs, but aren't earning enough to make ends meet.**
- **So many people are having to choose between food and other necessities, including rent, utilities, and health care.**



30 percent of client households with seniors had to choose between buying food and paying for utilities and heating fuel.

[Hunger in America 2010]



**Nearly half of all non-elderly
low-income families that used a food
pantry last year were working
families with children.**

[Urban Institute]



70 percent of all client households served by the America's Second Harvest Network had annual incomes below the federal poverty line for 2010.



- **The average monthly income of households seeking help, \$940, is below the \$1,214 federal poverty level for a two-person household.**
- **Overall, households with children had more than twice the rate of food insecurity as those without children.**



It is estimated that 10 million people, including 4 million children, live in homes that experience hunger, where meals are frequently skipped or individuals go without food for a whole day. [U.S. Department of Agriculture, Household Food Security in the United States, 2010]



**When Southern Baptists give a little,
much is accomplished...**

**What Southern Baptists are doing
about the plight of Hunger
in North America:**



**Last year, there were over
90,000 volunteers at hunger
ministries, and over 10,000
new volunteers were trained to
share the Gospel.**

**In 2010,
179 new ministries
or churches
were started as a result of
Hunger relief.**

**In 2010, more than
5 million meals were fed
in North American with
Domestic Hunger Funds.**

**There were over 33,000
professions of faith through
hunger ministries last year.**

Why Should We Give?

Because the Bible tells us
to help those in need:

And if you offer yourself to the hungry,
and satisfy the afflicted one, then your light
will shine in the darkness, and your night
shall be like noonday.

~Isaiah 58:10

For there will never cease to be poor people
in the land; that is why I am commanding you,
“You must willingly open your hand to your
afflicted and poor brother in your land.”

~Deuteronomy 15:11

