

TESTIMONY TO NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUNGER

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I have known/heard of several instances over the years where children are allowed to go to church as long as someone else takes/picks up the child, some of these children are from households where they are neglected and hungry.

I think it would be a good idea for churches to be able to reach out to these children and feed them, which some do. It is not necessarily that the parents do not have the means to feed the child, it's simply not a priority for them. They may have depression, laziness, or drug problems. Nevertheless, through no fault of the child, they are hungry. Helping the churches would be great and reach kids all year.

Granted, some churches have food pantries, but problem ridden parents aren't going to take the initiative to pick up the food.

The problem is, the parents don't want you to know that their children aren't getting fed because they have no good excuse as to why.

These children fall through the cracks because no one realizes their plight.