A Caring Heart and Listening Ear

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sowing Seeds of Hope
“In the past, I could not afford to hire a worker and was obligated to burden my children with farming. I waited for the school holidays to do certain tasks. But now, I do the farm work by myself and pay a worker in cash.” – Pierre

Grants from the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) make a real difference in the lives of people like Pierre from Cameroon. Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering allowed PHP to make a difference through grants that changed lives in this country and in countries around the world.

One of those grants went to the Joining Hands Network in Cameroon, RELUFA, which in turn reached Pierre. Over the previous ten years, Pierre had been evicted three times to make more land available for plantations of a transnational fruit business. Impoverished by the recurrent losses and anxious to stay out of the company’s grip, he decided to establish a new farm well beyond the boundaries of the huge agricultural estate.

Pierre’s participation in RELUFA’s fair trade dried fruit project, which sells to consumers in the United States as well as Cameroon, not only meant he was able to relieve his children of the burden of labor and send them to school, but also left his family with a sense of financial stability they hadn’t known before.

Because the price on the local market fluctuates from one day to the next, it is impossible for farmers to do projections. “But RELUFA pays a set price that suits both the farmers and the dryers,” says Pierre. “Once we have set a price, it may not need to be reviewed for another six months.”

Please plant seeds of hope by giving generously to One Great Hour of Sharing and watch God give the growth.