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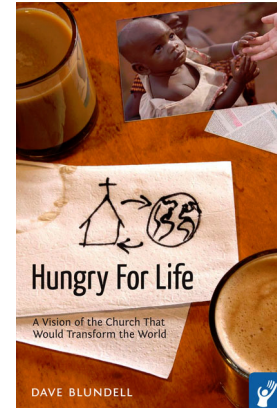


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## HUNGRY FOR LIFE: A Vision of the Church That Would Transform the World

*New book examines how revival in the Western Church will have a global impact*

(Waterloo, ON) “I believe that the Church has the power and ability to transform the world”, says Dave Blundell in his new book *Hungry For Life: A Vision of the Church that Would Transform the World* (WestBow Press, ISBN: 978-1449700232, \$22.95, April 2010). It may seem to be an audacious claim, but it is one that Blundell has studied, proven and practiced in his years as a student, a pastor, a parachurch ministry worker and now as the founder of the mission organization, Hungry For Life International.



Weaving real-life experiences and stories with strong Scriptural application and study questions, *Hungry For Life* will be a valuable resource for leaders in local churches who desire to experience personal, corporate and global change. Ultimately, the book should act as a springboard for churches desiring to engage in global micro-development.

In *Hungry For Life* Blundell takes a unique approach to world missions by not offering a prescription for behaviour modification. Instead, he offers a call for renovation of the heart, building on the premise that a deeper global commitment is the by-product of deeper spirituality. In explaining that the spiritual poverty of the Church affects global issues, Blundell states “There is a clear link between the spiritual health of God’s people and the social health of the poor. Throughout Scripture, when God’s people lost their first love, they failed to tangibly love those in need around them. God constantly points to social injustice as evidence of misplaced spiritual affection.”

Noting that there are a number of books on social justice being released, Blundell saw the need for a resource for Christian leaders that would not simply criticize or condemn the Church, but one that would provide motivation and encouragement. *Hungry For Life* identifies three priorities: first, identifying what is broken (global imbalance); secondly, an examination of what our world should look like (the biblical vision of a compassionate church); and thirdly, identifying how the Church can help right the imbalance through making strategic changes. Blundell firmly believes that “The Church has all the spiritual resources, through the Holy Spirit, and all the physical resources to transform the world – but most of us simply don’t know where to start or how to get strategically involved for long term impact.”

H. E. Ambassador Simon Nabukwesi, Kenyan High Commissioner in Canada has provided the foreword for *Hungry For Life* and affirms its words as an ‘awakening call to all who are able to take the example of Jesus seriously. “Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” Matthew 6: 19-21

More information on *Hungry For Life* is available at [www.daveblundell.ca](http://www.daveblundell.ca).

Copies of *Hungry For Life* are available by calling 604-703-0223, from [Blessings Christian Marketplace](#) online or [Amazon](#).

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**Dave Blundell is available for interview.**

**To schedule an interview or receive more information on *Hungry For Life*, contact Ellen Graf-Martin, Graf-Martin Communications at 519-342-3703 ext. 1 or [ellen@grafmartin.com](mailto:ellen@grafmartin.com)**

**About the Author:**



**Dave Blundell** graduated from Canadian Bible College in 1994 with a Bachelor of Theology and immediately started serving in a Christian & Missionary Alliance Church as Youth Pastor. After being ordained in 1998, he served at the Chilliwack Alliance Church until 2000 in the areas of Youth & Young Adults, Adult Education, Missions and Worship. In 2000, Dave transitioned out of church ministry when he started work as the Director of Global Operations for Global Aid Network (GAIN), the humanitarian arm of Campus Crusade for Christ, Canada. In this role he led relief and development projects in various countries in South America, Africa, Central & South East Asia, and the Middle East. In 2003, Dave left the Global Aid Network to begin Hungry For Life International. Dave also has a Masters of Arts in Leadership and International Development at Trinity Western University. Dave was married to Heidi in 1997 and has two children, Caleb (1998) and Abby (1999).

**Endorsements for *Hungry For Life*:**

Using his personal commitment to effective transformational servant leadership practice in all areas of his life, Dave connects this commitment to leadership with the need to serve the world's poor and disadvantaged with renewed passion. Dave researched various biblical and other sources, presenting why compassion for the poor is often no longer a central commitment of the Western Church today, and then suggests how the church's meaningful participation in this priority enterprise will support Jesus special concern for the poor and, in turn, attract people to a day-today life of compassion and service. The book is a 'must read' for those wanting to revitalize their own individual life or with others in the institutional church. It is an encouraging book that stirs readers to a shared church vision that energizes and guides decision-making towards collective follow-through action for the poor at home or elsewhere.

*Dr. Stan Remple*

Director of the M.A. in Leadership, Trinity Western University

Speaking to our hearts and our heads, this challenges us to stop turning a blind eye and calls us to action. Straight forward and clear as day; we know that the church needs a major re-boot in order to face the future and Dave has given us that picture in terms of our worldwide impact. If we want to remain alive, this is one of the things that the Western Church must address. We have built an organization, called "the church", which is repulsing the next generation. Their hearts cry for justice in our dealings with the rest of the world. Dave calls the Church to change, to action, and to justice.

*Rev. David Brotherton, MA*

National Youth Director, Christian & Missionary Alliance in Canada  
Associate Professor of Youth Ministry, Ambrose University College

Rooted in excellent biblical, social and cultural research this is a prophetic call to the western Church to live out Jesus' kingdom mission to the least, the hurting, and the forgotten. It's a call for every one of us who call ourselves followers of Jesus Christ to die to ourselves so that we (and others) can have life!

*Rev. Dr. Ric D. Strangway*

*Lead Pastor, North Point Community Church*

The book presents a clear reflection of our culture. This is an authentic critique of our selfish society, which is dominated by self-seekers, hypocrites, sadists and lavish property mongers. Dave stresses the discernable public sentiment that the few are unjustly profiting in excess at the expense of the majority in the world. This is an awakening call to all of us who have remained blind to our evil ways. The poor who are the majority are experiencing discrimination. This is a call to all who are able to take the example of Jesus seriously. "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." Matthew 6: 19-21

*H. E. Ambassador Simon Nabukwesi*

*Kenyan High Commissioner, Canada*

#### **Suggested Interview Questions:**

- 1. Can the Church really transform the world?**
- 2. Who do you want to read *Hungry For Life*? Why?**
- 3. What makes the vision and content of *Hungry For Life* different than other books on social justice and / or world missions?**
- 4. What is the one thing you'd most like readers to take away from the message of *Hungry For Life*?**
- 5. *Hungry For Life* is also the name of the organization you work with. How does *Hungry For Life*, the organization, partner with local churches to have a targeted, long-term global impact?**