

Why Letters Together With Bread?



You may be wondering why the ICWF common action project, **BLT** or **B**read and **L**etters **T**ogether, suggests writing letters along with giving "bread." Read the following verses, then reflect on the questions that follow.

JACK AND JILL REVISITED

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Jack and Jill came down the hill, toting sandwiches and punch;
Taking a table under a maple, they spread out a picnic lunch.
These lovers two had a charming view of a swiftly flowing stream,
but their bliss was thrown amiss by the sound of a human scream.

Above the waves then they gazed on a frantic, furtive hand,
in great fright they viewed the plight of a definitely drowning man.
Jack jumped in and swam to him, cutting water like a knife,
grabbing a hand, dragging to land, he brought him back to life.



Tired and still, Jack and Jill recovered on the shore;
Then Jill yelled clear, "Jack come here! I see yet one more!"
A woman instead, again nearly dead, her skin was turning blue,
Jill gave a shriek, jumped in the creek; they saved this life too.

Then came another, a darling young mother, they hurried in vain to save;
Every minute, a new victim in it! Oh, Jack and Jill were so brave.
Throughout the day, this tragic play happened again and again;
The clock struck four, they'd rescued a score, of perishing women and men.

Then Jill jumped free and suddenly started to stalk away,
Jack moaned low, "Jill you can't go! We're needed here to stay!"
Said Jill with a wave, "You work to save, you hold them while they shiver,
I'm going 'round to higher ground, find who's throwing them in the river!"

Why are people still "drowning" in hunger, despite our food pantries and other charitable acts of giving "bread?"



How can writing letters be an effective way of helping to feed hungry people?