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# The Shed That Fed A Million Children



## Synopsis

In 1992, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow was enjoying a pint with his brother when he got an idea that would change his life – and radically change the lives of others. After watching a news bulletin about war-torn Bosnia, the two brothers agreed to take a week’s hiatus from work to help. What neither of them expected is that what began as a one-time road trip in a beaten-up Landrover rapidly grew to become Magnus’s life’s work – leading him to leave his job, sell his house and direct all his efforts to feeding thousands of the world’s poorest children. Magnus retells how a series of miraculous circumstances and an overwhelming display of love from those around him led to the creation of Mary’s Meals; an organisation that could hold the key to eradicating child hunger altogether. This humble, heart-warming yet powerful story has never been more relevant in our society of plenty and privilege. It will open your eyes to the extraordinary impact that one person can make.

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I read many books, but it is a rare one that I can’t put down. I intended to read only the Prologue of this one, but upon reading it --- and after my tears stopped --- I had to continue it to the end.

Magnus Barrow writes this book in his company office, a 100-year old, lopsided, corrugated-iron shed at the back of his dad’s house. The story of his charity, Mary’s Meals, starts when as a young man he sees the news about a war in Yugoslavia, the slaughter of men, raping of their wives and kids, and their impending starvation. His reaction is to buy a used Land Rover, load it with food,

and drive from Scotland across Europe to feed those war refugees. His next trip is with a convoy of trucks. Over time he delivers needed supplies to hospitals, as bombs fall around him. And he hears of starvation in Malawi, Africa. Visiting there he meets a woman whose husband died of Aids, as she soon will, and her six starving children. He takes their picture. It hangs on his office wall. Itâ™s in this book. And he begins delivering food to Malawi, with two stipulations: 1) the kids will be fed, for most their only meal of the day, in school, and 2) the villagers must prepare it. Today 25% of the school children in Malawi (and in many other countries) get their only meal, in school, from Maryâ™s Meals --- Mary being the name given to one of their large food-hauling trucks. Maryâ™s Meals feeds over one million children, each day! Much of this book resonated with me, including the authorâ™s visit to Medjugorje, and his commitment there which later motivated his actions, as mine did me. I recently a story read about a very rich man who said: âœDespite all my money, thereâ™s nothing I can do.â • I read about a very intelligent woman who said: âœDespite all my wisdom, thereâ™s nothing I can do.

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