There is enough food grown in this country and in the world for every single person to have enough to eat. But while some of us will go home tonight to a full refrigerator and pantry, more than 40 million of our brothers and sisters—right here in the United States—will go to bed hungry.

Just about half of all the food available in the US goes to waste each year—enough to fill the Rose Bowl from the bottom of the playing field to the top of the stands, every single day—simply thrown away or left to rot in fields.

It doesn’t have to be that way! Since 1979, Society of St. Andrew (ENDhunger.org) has been working to reduce food waste and end hunger: connecting volunteers with farmers who have excess and unmarketable produce. Volunteers glean (pick, dig, or gather) the good food remaining after harvest and share it with nearby agencies feeding hungry people in the community.

Can it make a difference? More than 2.5 BILLION servings of healthy, nourishing food later, the answer is YES!

Through your participation in tonight’s Simple Supper, you are part of the solution. YOU are helping to end hunger. Every 3¢ you give this evening will put a serving of fresh produce on a hungry neighbors table. Thank you!