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Dear Friend,

Feed The Hungry has an opportunity to partner with a ministry in Andhra Pradesh a state of India. Madhava and Nirmala from Mercy & Grace Ministries are heading directly into the villages and slums to help the very neediest children. Destitute, orphaned, and abandoned by their families, many of these children are trapped in India's heartbreaking child labor system.

Mercy & Grace Ministries are welcomed in the villages of India - they prepare hot cooked meals, teach the children to read and write, and share the Gospel. But they need someone to provide the food. That's what Feed The Hungry does - with your generous help!

In western cultures the phrase "Three meals a day" is the accepted norm for a healthy diet. It's such a commonplace event, that many of us can't comprehend what it's like to *struggle* each day to eat enough to survive. For the children of Andhra Pradesh, even one meal a day is considered a luxury.

This is where FTH and Mercy & Grace ministries want to start. FTH wants to guarantee that one thousand street children receive that nutritious meal every day. We won't be providing "gourmet" meals. But we will give these precious children what they need to survive day by day: a tasty mix of rice, eggs, fresh vegetables, and milk.

Maybe this sounds like an impossibly expensive plan. But in that culture, it only takes 48 cents to give a child a solid, high-nutrition meal. That means that every \$14.40 given by caring Christian friends like you will translate into a month's worth of meals for a needy child of India!

It's not hard for anyone in Australia or New Zealand to spend \$15 on just one average meal in a restaurant. And yet this same relatively small amount can ease the suffering of a hungry child in India for a whole month - we can keep that child alive and give them a fighting chance against disease, physical deformity, and other life-shattering effects of starvation.

As each child is fed they will also receive a gift, an easy-to-read, illustrated Gospel literature in their native Telegu language. We are feeding the children body, soul & spirit. Best of all, the children will also learn about a true Friend - a friend called Jesus.

Please pray about helping Mercy & Grace Ministries then give as generously as you can.

GLOBAL RELIEF UPDATES

To date, FTH International has sent 775,028kg to 12 nations with a value of over AUD\$870,000. We have plans to complete another 8 projects in 2006 for an additional AUD\$1,000,000 in value.

EVERYCHILD EVERYDAY - AWARENESS BRACELETS

FTH's new initiative, EveryChild EveryDay (ECED), which helps Christian Orphanages around the globe, is continuing to grow. Right now, ECED is feeding 2330 children around the world: in Uganda, Ethiopia, Thailand, Indonesia and India.

You can help us raise awareness for the initiative by purchasing our ECED wristbands. They cost \$2 each and not only are they effective reminders about the difference you are making to the lives of children, but the proceeds can actually feed a child in these orphanages for a week!

The wristbands are available in bulk packets and can make great fundraisers for your school, church or social group. If you are interested in helping us raise funds, please make a note on the form included and we'll send you some bands. The bands come individually sealed, and in packs of 50.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

We are now trialling electronic delivery of partner letters and donation receipts. If you would like to receive either the partner letter or your donation receipt by email, please make a note on the form included and we'll update your details.

CREDIT CARDS & AUTO-DEBITS

For partners who make regular donations to FTH, you may be interested to know that we can setup an auto-debit from your credit card. Contact the office and we'll send out more information or visit our website to download the forms. FTH accepts BankCard, Visa, MasterCard, & American Express.

TAX DEDUCTIBILITY STATUS

Please take note that donations to FTH are currently not Tax Deductible although we have lodged applications with the Government to achieve this status. This may be a lengthy process, subject more to political, rather than economic considerations.

JAVA RELIEF UPDATES

FTH Australia & NZ was able to transfer funds immediately to purchase food during the initial crisis period. We were also able to send a container of food and medical aid with a value of over USD\$250,000. The scope of the disaster was overwhelming with government statistics indicating 5,749 were killed, and 38,000 injured (almost 16,000 are believed to be permanently disabled/injured).

This response has been enormously appreciated by the Indonesian people and our partners on the ground. In fact, our first phone call to our partners on the ground was just moments after they despaired over the lack of food to help their countrymen. We were literally an answer to prayer.

Thank you partners and friends here in Australia & New Zealand for your compassion and love for your neighbours.

Voice for the Hungry,



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Feed The Hungry