

28th January 2005

Wednesday 26th January marked the four-week anniversary of the Boxing Day Tsunami and in one short month, a Sydney newspaper believes the *greatest natural disaster in modern history* only rates a single halfpage article, relegated to page 54 (Sun Herald, Sunday 23/1/05)

Feed the Hungry hasn't slowed down, we've been working virtually around the clock since we got the news—and we have already begun delivering enormous volumes of emergency food. We rushed to the immediate aid of tsunami survivors in Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and India. We delivered family food packages, milk, high-nutrition bars, rice, and beans to thousands upon thousands.

As we delivered the food, we had the opportunity to share the compassion of Christ—to adults, children, and the fragments of families who are trying to piece together their shattered, shell-shocked lives. We reach out to a broken and distraught people as their hope in finding missing loved ones, fades from slim to virtually none.

Massive multiple 40-foot containers of purchased and donated food items from major corporations are also on their way to the affected areas. We are working hand-in-hand with established groups in each country to meet the greatest needs quickly:

- In eastern <u>Sri Lanka</u>, where whole congregations of Sunday morning worshipers were swept out to sea, we are the only non-profit organization providing food supplies on a monthly basis for three entire relief camps. We're also partnering with the People's Church to reach 5,000 families (1,500 of them Christian) in the Tamil Tiger controlled north with humanitarian aid.
- In <u>Indonesia</u> where authorities are still finding thousands more corpses daily, we've already purchased 28,000 high-nutrition bars to help keep survivors alive for the first month. We've also provided a one-month supply of baby formula and milk for 2,000 children in the hardest-hit Banda Aceh region!
- In <u>Thailand</u>, we've already wired funds to Living Word Ministries to purchase 2,000 family packs-including rice, dried fish, canned fish, pasta, and cooking oil--for families in the devastated fishing villages of Phang Nga and Krabi Province.
- In <u>India</u>--where many of the so-called "untouchables" are actually being forced <u>out</u> of refugee camps simply because of their caste in the Hindu system--we've already wired funds to Harvest Vision and India Christian Ministries to provide life-saving food to 1,200 families. Bibles (in the local languages) are also being provided to believers who lost everything.

Hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of aid is being rushed to the various overwhelmed countries—but persecuted believers are receiving very little help. Christians will be left out—they will be hungry and helpless—unless God's people bring help to the churches of the region, so they can reach out to the Christians whose lives have been shattered by this astonishing catastrophe.

Please seek God about giving to the Feed the Hungry's <u>Tsunami Disaster "Asian Relief"</u> project. With our 18-year history, you can have absolute confidence that your emergency gift to LeSEA GLOBAL Feed the Hungry® will get to the people in need.

God put us in position

— He called us to our unique strategy of planning ahead and linking with churches —
for such a time as this (Esther 4:14)

How You Can Help

• Cheques and Money Orders

Please make cheques and money Orders out to "Feed the Hungry"

• Credit Card Donations

Please contact the ${\it Australian}$ office, Mastercard, Visa, & Bankcard accepted.

Donations can be made by phone, fax, mail, or online.

• Direct Bank Deposit

Donations can be deposited directly into our bank account physically or by internet.

Please advise us of your deposits so that we can issue your receipt.

| | Australia | New Zealand |
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| Bank: | Westpac Banking Corporation | Bank of New Zealand |
| Bank Account Name: | Feed the Hungry Aid Account | LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry Account |
| BSB Number: | 032-000 | 020-528 |
| Account Number: | 36-1670 | 0447062-025 |

Keeping You Informed

Regular updates are sent by email, and a weekly summary is available by fax. If you do not receive our Email/Fax Alerts please contact the office to join.

Phase Two – Update

On Tuesday 2/2/05, I will be joining a small assessment team and traveling to Tsunami Affected areas in Indonesia and Thailand. I will be spending four days in and around Banda Aceh and two days in and around Phuket. We will be reviewing our emergency relief work and finalizing our arrangements for our <u>Phase Two</u> or Long-Term Relief. I will return to Australia on 9/2/05.

Upcoming Projects – Early 2005

o <u>Dominican Republic</u>

Billy Joe Daugherty will be partnering with us and is expecting attendance of 35,000 to 50,000 per night at the baseball stadium in La Romana.

o Monrovia Liberia

Kenney Linheart will be partnering with us and is expecting nightly attendance of over 100,000. Kenney is also holding a daily Ministers Leadership Conference with over 2,700 churches already registered.

Feed the Hungry will provide about 250,000kg of food for each of these projects, making either project twice the size of the Rwanda project we completed in 2004.

Your regular monthly support makes these projects possible.

Voice for the Hungry,

Benjamin Evans

Operations Manger, Australia & New Zealand LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry®