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## HELP IS ON THE WAY

Driving an Ambulance from Germany to Pakistan

Dear friend,

Since October 2005, Feed The Hungry has been bringing hope to the survivors of the disastrous earthquake which killed 80,000 people and left 4 million people homeless.

Returning from our Christmas outreach in North Pakistan, FTH Director Jean-Pierre Rummens has identified an urgent need. Many of the earthquake survivors are unable to travel to larger regional cities for medical checkups and for treatment of ongoing maladies from the 2005 earthquake. The solution is to bring the medical assistance to them, through a mobile clinic.

So vital is this need, Jean-Pierre has volunteered to personally drive an ambulance filled with medical supplies from his hometown in Germany to Pakistan. This is over 6000km away - the equivalent of driving from Sydney to Perth and back again - through 8 countries including Turkey and Iran.

The ambulance will be an important extension of the medical clinic already running through the **Christian Evangelical Fellowship (CEF)** in Youngston Arbad, Pakistan under Ps. Salik. At this facility patients not only receive important medical help but are encouraged through the preaching of the Gospel. Now Ps. Salik can expand this effective ministry by holding free medical clinics at every food distribution and evangelical outreach.

Just a few short years ago, it would have been unthinkable for Christians to travel and minister so openly in this region. This district was totally closed to the Gospel and well known for its militant Muslim thinking. Yet through political instability, this area has become largely ignored in the wake of the national disaster, as the Government wrestles for power. Once forbidden, these people have become the forgotten.

Through your support, we have enabled the Christian Evangelical Fellowship to truly step into this gap. With hearts of compassion and the kind of generosity that seeks nothing in return,



the local Pakistanis have been won over. Acts of kindness borne from the true concern for fellow man that only comes from a relationship with the Heavenly Father, has transformed their hearts of stone into the hearts of flesh.

Yet the ambulance will only hold a limited amount of medical supplies as it travels from Germany to Pakistan. It is therefore essential that we send containers of food, medical kits, examination tents and other equipment to arrive ahead of the ambulance.

