

# FIELD

# LESEA GLOBAL FEED THE HUNGRY® Report



## URAL MOUNTAINS UPDATE

A couple of months ago, when your donations and prayers started focusing on Udmurtia, a providence of Russia in the Ural Mountains, a bitter winter was starting to take hold of the region. Many people, with little or no work and income, were settling in for a long, perilous winter without food...or hope. But thanks to your loving prayers and financial support, thousands have now felt the warmth of God's love and the nourishment of His Bread of Life!

For this mission, we partnered with Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty and his team from Tulsa's Victory Christian Center, and Pastor Igor Nikitin with the Association of Christian Churches-Russia. Feed The Hungry provided 30,000 family packs for crusades in the region's largest cities. Each pack contained rice, sugar, wheat flour and macaroni—enough food to feed a family of five through the winter. Pastor Igor eagerly pointed



out that these packs complement the natural foods locals already rely on, stretching out their meager food supply for months.

Invited to attend crusades through their regional churches, residents were given coupons they could later turn in for food. Dates and times for food distribution varied, allowing pastors to personally minister to each person. Then, after people had left with their food, pastors followed up with every recipient, praying with them, ministering to their needs, and link-

ing them to a Bible-believing church near their home.

It was the synergy of the partnering ministries, stresses Pastor Igor, which touched so many hearts. "This was truly a manifestation of Christ's love for them," he explains. "People couldn't understand, in the beginning, what the Christians wanted with them. But when they saw the food, they understood."

Many pastors contacted us with stories of changed lives and opened hearts. One pastor from the village of Smirnovo said, "they were so surprised to be invited to take food, as some are homeless, some alcoholics. They were even more surprised when they heard that God

***The Lord touched their hearts not only through the preaching, but also through this food, as the people here are mostly very needy. We have never seen such a huge charitable action. For many people these gifts were just a miracle.***

***—Pastor Vitaly Votintsev***

loves them." Another found that "babushki" (grandmothers) were especially thankful, as they are the most needy. "They literally kissed our hands!" Imagine helping them realize, so late in their lives, the hope their future can have with our Savior!

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***They were so surprised to be invited to take food, as some of them are homeless, some – alcoholics. They were even more surprised when they heard that God loves them. Halleluja! This food has drawn so many hearts to God.***

***—Pastor Ludmila Hodyreva***



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Your prayers and financial gifts have made a powerful impact on this region, and Christ's love has been felt by so many. But their work is far from over. Many more will be touched through the continuing efforts of Pastor Igor's association of churches in the coming months. Please continue to pray with us as he strives to foster a wave of evangelism in the Urals and throughout Russia.



Worker takes information for important church follow-up.

## PASTOR-TO-PASTOR

*I want to thank all organizers of this grand action, which blessed thousands of people. So many of them drew near to God through this simple food gifts.*  
—Pastor Andrey Malkov

*Many people joined the churches because they could see the real God who is able to help them. Thank you so much!*  
—Pastor Vadim Basalyko

*...people need to go to some other village to buy bread. This is very difficult in wintertime. The people were so happy to receive such gifts of food; it opened their hearts to hear about Jesus and His love to them. I praise God!*  
—Pastor Vladimir Anischenko

*We were so touched to know that there are brothers and sisters somewhere, who think and care for us. Your gifts just turned hearts of many non-believers to God Almighty.*  
—Pastor Marina Kulkova

*Our old people were especially thankful, as they are the most needy. They literally kissed our hands. Thanks to all people who gave their finances and prayer support for this action. May God bless you!*  
—Pastor Leonid Ivanov

*From our hearts we thank you for your kindness and care for our people. Your gifts were such a tremendous blessing for the needy people. They could see that they are loved and God Himself cares for them.*  
—Pastor Oleg Gunin

## PAKISTAN

*"Thank you very much for what you have done for the poor, orphans, and widows of Pakistan. May God bless you abundantly and use you continually to expand His kingdom in Pakistan."*  
— Pastor Nathaniel Barkat

Don't miss the emotion in these words of thanks to you from Pastor Barkat of Pakistan. Your gifts are an answer to his earnest prayers to God for help. Thousands of his people now know the only Savior they will ever need, and they can feel the goodness of His family toward those in desperate circumstances.

Your giving has supported food distributions to people in the Punjab Province. Flour, rice, lentils, and cooking oil were given before Christmas to people who came from cities, towns, and villages to receive family packs. In addition, 50 churches received food for the poor, widows, and needy. Two orphanages were also blessed with food. In all, 60 tons of flour, 20 tons of rice, 20 tons of lentils, and 10 tons of cooking oil were distributed. In some places, evangelistic meetings were held and hundreds received salvation. Churches in those areas have experienced growth and blessing.



## OPERATION TSUNAMI RESCUE: RAPID RESPONSE UPDATE

Our efforts to reach survivors in Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and India are in full swing, getting supplies into the hands of the neediest as soon as possible.

In partnership with several regional ministries, **Phase I** of our Immediate Emergency Assistance is ongoing and **Phase II**, Feed The Hungry's long-term support to the affected areas, has begun sending multiple 40-foot containers of purchased and donated food and supplies that will continue to sustain thousands of affected families over the next several months. The next issue of the Field Report will detail the latest work in this ongoing effort to reach out in Jesus' name.

*Thank you for responding generously to the needs of the people in these distant countries, for hearing their cries for help and answering their prayers for relief.*

**Indonesia** — Banda Aceh  
Phase I: nutrition bars, milk, baby formula, rice, bottled water, condensed milk, biscuits, noodles, personal care items  
Phase II: vitamin fortified orange juice, beans, cereal, crackers, food bars

**Thailand** — Phuket, Krabi, Phangna  
Phase I: rice, dried fish, fish sauce, cooking oil, salt, noodles, garlic, dried chilies

**India** — Nagapattinam region of Tamilnadu, Ongole region of Andhra Pradesh  
Phase I: rice, beans, cooking oil, water, tents, lentils, blankets

**Sri Lanka** — Guddalore area  
Phase I: rice, powdered milk, curry powder, mosquito netting, pots & pans, tea, lentils, canned fish, cooking oil, coconuts, sugar, chili powder  
Phase II: cereal, crackers, food bars

**Total project value to-date,  
February 10, 2005:  
\$583,191  
Families receiving assistance:  
estimated 24,000**

FTH's Stefan Radelich distributing supplies at children's refugee camp



# To our Partners...

## from the desk of... Peter Sumrall



As we move forward in 2005, I invite you to join us in harnessing the transforming power of prayer for your own life and for the nations. My Dad used to say that prayer is the greatest source of untapped energy the world has ever known. Powerful prayer is rooted on the foundation of God's very own Word and is released by our simple faith that God is who he says he is and will do what he says he will do. Isaiah 55:11 tells us that He watches over His word to perform it.

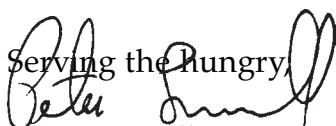
As you may have heard, recent changes have taken place here in South Bend as my brother, Stephen Sumrall, resigned from his position as president of LeSEA Global Feed The Hungry to pursue other ministry endeavors.

Steve contributed much to Feed The Hungry and his presence will certainly be missed. Yet this ministry is going forward as the hands and heart of Jesus to the hurting and hungry of our world. At present we have missions underway in the Dominican Republic, Liberia, Cuba, Belarus, and of course major tsunami relief operations in India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Thailand.

I am deeply committed to doing what is necessary to see the ministry of Feed The Hungry grow and prosper... to see more suffering people fed and more souls come to Christ than ever before. Over the past month the tsunami devastation has left the world in awe. Feed The Hungry was on the scene right away purchasing emergency supplies for thousands of families in four affected nations. Right now multiple containers of vital relief foods are heading across the oceans to provide additional help in Jesus' name.

I want to thank you deeply for all you have done in support of my Dad's vision and hope we can count on you both now in this time of transition and in the tremendous opportunities that the future holds for Feed The Hungry.

Daily, we are committed to lifting our partners and friends up before the Lord in prayer, believing that your life and the lives of your loved ones will be abundantly blessed even as your partnership with Feed The Hungry has blessed the nations with God's love.

*Serving the Hungry.*  
  
Peter Sumrall

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Your ministry through Feed The Hungry is threefold:  
•Emergency food for hungry believers around the world  
•Training pastors worldwide to build and strengthen the local church  
•Evangelistic campaigns —  
*the Gospel preached, the sick healed, the oppressed set free in the name of Jesus*