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At present FTH is mobilising to begin relief work specifically among the victims of Sri Lanka and possibly Indonesia. FTH is partnering with several different aid organisations including our major ministry partner “Convoy of Hope” ([www.convoyofhope.org](http://www.convoyofhope.org)), to increase our buying power and streamline our efforts. Our German director, Jean-Pierre Rummens, arrived in Colombo, Sri Lanka, yesterday (Sunday 2/1/2005) and is co-ordinating our relief efforts with the Non-Government Organisations (NGO’s) and local church leaders.

Jean-Pierre has a great wealth of field experience and will minimise the logistical problems experienced by many organisations as we all navigate through airport bottlenecks, limited distribution warehouse space, and distribution difficulties (transportation and communication) in all affected areas. Jean-Pierre is on site to ensure food & needed supplies get into the hands of Christian leaders to help our brothers and sisters in Christ and to assist them in reaching the neediest in their communities. FTH is initially planning a long-term strategy to provide aid to local churches for a period of 6 to 12mths.

We are purchasing the emergency supplies from within the affected countries (clean water, rice, lentils etc) and using the local churches as distribution hubs. Long-term supplies of aid will be shipped over the next coming year & will be shipped from Australia as the closest stable port.

As of today, it has been reported that almost \$2 billion dollars has been pledged to help the affected people. You may be tempted to think that enough has been pledged, or that your donation won’t make a difference. Unfortunately, whatever the final tally of giving will be, it will not be enough. The cost of this disaster will always stretch beyond us. The bulk of donations pledged have come from governments around the world, and will be funnelled through local government agencies. The very real fear we have, is that this aid will fall prey to unethical individuals and may be unevenly distributed in prejudice against the Christian Minority groups. The Hindu government of Sri Lanka, and the Muslim government of Indonesia still persecute and treat unfairly our Christian brothers and sisters in these areas and it may continue with the distribution of this aid. Christians may actually be placed at the back of the lines, at the bottom of lists, and even excluded totally in preference to nationals of other religions.

This is part of the reason that FTH supplies will go to affected believers first, the ‘household of faith’, and then the food will be used to reach out to affected communities. We are sending aid to pastors who are fervent students and passionate soulwinners. We are sending aid to a people, who despite the hardship and persecution they suffer, still witness to the lost.

***Every child, every adult, who receives food through our ministry absolutely hears the Gospel and absolutely has an opportunity to receive Christ as Lord and Saviour--without exception!***

Please do not get complacent about the need to continue giving to this area. We must stay aggressive in prayer of faith and compassion for the people. We must continue to spread the good news that Jesus has come to bring life, and life more abundantly – and it is the Devil who is a thief, who comes to steal, kill and destroy.

Voice for the Hungry,

  
Benjamin Evans

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

## **How You Can Help**

- **Cheques and Money Orders**

Please make Cheques and Money Orders out to “Feed the Hungry”

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Australian Mailing Address

LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry®  
PO BOX 956  
Parramatta NSW 2124

New Zealand Mailing Address

LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry®  
PO BOX 31-448  
Lower Hutt Wellington

- **Credit Card Donations**

Please contact the *Australian* office  
MasterCard, Visa, & Bankcard accepted.  
Donations can be made by phone, fax, mail, or online.

Phone: (02) 9635 5015

Fax: (02) 9635 3746

Online [www.feedthehungry.org](http://www.feedthehungry.org)

- **Direct Bank Deposit**

Donations can be deposited directly into our Bank Account physically or by Internet.

	Australia	New Zealand
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

All funds collected during this time will be prioritised to providing aid to the Tsunami Disaster, you can assist us by marking your donation to this project with the words “Asia Relief”. Please include your name & address to receive a receipt and updates on our relief efforts.

## **Keeping You Informed**

- **Email Alerts**

Emails updating partners and friends about our “Asia Relief” Project will be set up over the next few days.

- **Weekly Summary**

Concise Information relevant for church groups will be released at the end of each week.

If you do not receive our Email Alerts please contact the office to join.  
Both these services are available by fax upon request.