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PROJECT ETHIOPIA: THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN!

It's just less than four weeks until our February Ethiopian project begins and it won't be a moment too soon. 2005 was a year of unprecedented natural disasters throughout the world but during all this people are still dying of hunger and famine. Christians are still crying out for help.

Famine is strong throughout Africa, but the crisis in Ethiopia is almost beyond comprehension. Children suffering in agony. Mothers unable to help them. Disease, despair... all on an unfathomable scale. More than one million people have already died in Ethiopian famines. The deadly combination of geography and climate, increases the terrible risk of hunger, starvation, and death – more than almost any other nation on earth.

More than ever, they need your help.

Feed The Hungry, with the advice of a council of local Ethiopian churches has set a goal to feed 10,000 families in Ethiopia. We will distribute food packs that contain corn, barley and lentils along with Bibles and Gospel literature in the Ethiopian Amharic language.

Feed The Hungry is once again partnering with Pastor Billy Jo Daugherty. Pastor Billy will host a three night evangelistic crusade with a nightly attendance of over 100,000. During the days, thousands of pastors and ministers will attend special ministry training and encouragement sessions.

All the food will be given out by pastors and church workers — the recipients will be connected to these churches in their own home areas. With every bag of grain, every bowl of lentils, we'll share the story of Jesus... the love of God... the plan of salvation... the life-transforming hope that only comes through faith in Christ!

Local churches all over the nation will receive food coupons in advance and share them with the needy in their own areas. They'll invite their neighbours to attend the crusade, where they can redeem their coupons for family packs. Through this campaign, thousands of Ethiopians will come to faith in Christ.

We need tons and tons of food – the corn, barley, and lentils. We have been working around the clock, but, as you can imagine, this is a massive undertaking. Here is your opportunity to respond personally.

For every \$15 received we can give the Ethiopian family enough food to last for nine weeks.

But we need more than 10,000 Family Packs. That's one hundred and fifty thousand dollars' worth of food and that is why we seek a miraculous outpouring of generosity from God's people.

The countdown has begun. The deadlines set. The need is so urgent, and I hope and pray you'll be able to send a gift today, without delay.

PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKES

Feed The Hungry has received a donation of 11 pallets of brand new tents. The tents measuring 3m x 4m will be ideal for many families still without any housing during the winter season.

FTH has approached an International airline to secure a free airlift of these emergency supplies directly to the most affected areas. Please join in prayer for a quick and successful answer.

PROJECT SUDAN

Although our supplies were delayed through rebel activities in Sudan, our food was distributed to 4 centres in Juba in the week following the crusade.

Greg Ford, from our partner organisation Global Quest Ministries, commented that they received many reports from the distribution sites of miracle healings, salvations, and 'tremendous' ministry from the local church leaders & believers who were at the sites.

At the crusade there were notable miracles among the Muslims—including 7 people who were blind being completely healed. Out of the crusade and leadership conference a bible school was planted with 40 students in the inaugural class.

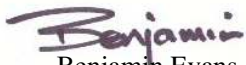
Greg said the food distribution caught the attention of the U.S. Consul which just opened an office in Juba, and the head of USAID for that region who commented that the food came just at the right time because the harvest had been much less than anticipated.

THANKYOU

Last year was extremely busy for FTH as we responded to the unusually high number of natural disasters around the globe. The Boxing day Tsunami, the April earthquake on the island of Nias, the Hurricane Katrina devastation, the earthquakes in Pakistan – such catastrophic destruction but you responded generously time and time again.

On behalf of all the survivors and refugees I just want to extend our gratefulness and appreciation for your bountiful and sympathetic giving to people who have lost so much. FTH could not achieve what it does in the world without your prayers and support. We rely on you, God's people.

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