

WHAT CAN YOU GET FOR \$6?

*For the cost of 1 take-away meal, you can
Take Away Hunger for 100 children!*

Dear friend,

For an alarming number of people around the world – hunger is a daily fact of life. The United Nations (FAO) gave an interim report on 19th June estimating that the number of people suffering chronic hunger will rise 11% this year to 1.02 billion people. The U.N. estimates that approximately 16,000 children die every day from hunger-related causes... that means in the three minutes it takes to read this letter, 30 more children will have passed away!

Despite making great strides in the fight against hunger through the 1980's and the early 1990's, the U.N. admits that escalating food prices and other factors are actually increasing the proportion of the world's hungry people. Press releases from various U.N. departments indicate a growing desperation in their bid to distribute food, leaving you with a sense they are being overwhelmed by this growing disaster. They are losing the fight against hunger.

If the combined might of humanity, through the United Nations, is struggling with this global catastrophe, you might be tempted to think that you personally could not make a difference. But God has never asked us to do *everything*... God just wants us to do **something!**

That is the lesson we can learn from Matthew 13 and the miraculous feeding of the 5000. The disciples appear intimidated by the vast need, hoping the problem would disappear by itself. With a simple command to feed the hungry, Jesus shows us that we should recognise and meet the needs of others. The demonstration of using the boy's lunch teaches us not to worry about what is *needed* but rather on what we *have*. We see that our small supply in His hands - in a heavenly partnership - will feed the multitudes.

Jesus has the same expectation for us today -- that we will do our best, and let God do the rest.

It doesn't take much to be part of the answer; we can do something to take away hunger, for as little as \$6! For the cost of **1** Thai take-away, you can take away hunger for **100** Thai street children! For the cost of **1** Indian take-away, you can take away hunger for **100** abandoned Indian children! For the cost of **1** burger, you can provide **100** hot and nutritious meals for hungry children across the world!

It sounds miraculous, but it is made possible through a team effort: partner ministries donating food free of charge - distributed by strong, established indigenous ministries we know and trust. We simply need to ensure the transportation costs are covered and then large shipping containers are filled with 275,000 meals and shared with those who need it most.

We appreciate *every* single donation you send to help feed the hungry, but we're asking you to consider becoming part of the team effort by making a regular commitment as a **Take-Away Hunger** supporter. For the cost of your weekly take-away meal you can send 100 meals straight to starving children. In fact over the course of a year, that weekly support will actually provide **5200 meals!**

