



To feed the hungry and help them become self-sufficient

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... WITH A PASSION FOR FEEDING THE HUNGRY

The 2004 Atlantic Hurricane Season has been one of the busiest and most destructive in history. While late in starting, there have now been 12 named storms thus far this season. These devastating storms have resulted in 18 federal disaster declarations covering 11 states and Puerto Rico. http://www.fema.gov/press/2004/hurricane_season.shtm The head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today (9/26/04) that President Bush has ordered the release of all necessary federal disaster aid resources for Florida, lashed for an unprecedented fourth time by a hurricane in last six weeks. <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=14241>

As of September 21, U.S. Agency For International Development and Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance has conducted three airlifts of emergency relief supplies from Miami to the Bahamas, carrying 4,000 blankets, more than 2,300 hygiene kits, 4,800 jerry cans, 200 rolls of plastic sheeting, 9 water bladders, and 1 high-capacity water purification unit. For more information see check the U.S.A.I.D. website at: http://www.usaid.gov/environment/hurricane/docs/car_hurricane_fs05_092404.pdf

- *Hunger is more **deadly** than AIDS, malaria and TB combined*
- *Every **four seconds**, someone, somewhere, dies of hunger*
- *24,000 people will die of hunger **today**; 18,000 of them will be **children***
- *Each day over **840 million** people go to bed hungry.*

I am deeply impressed by what Rotary International has accomplished with regard to polio, so I am thrilled that Rotary has expressed interest in expanding what it is doing to reduce hunger in the world. In my view, the main constraint to progress against hunger is weak political will – in most developing countries and in the United States and other industrialized countries, too. I would hope that Rotarians around the world could help strengthen political commitment to tackling the problem of hunger. David Beckmann, President-Bread for the World www.bread.org

This years Rotary Zone Institute for Zones 25 and 26 is now over and by all accounts was a success. There are 29 Rotary Districts in both Zones and all were represented by DGE's and almost all sitting Governors. One of the highlights was an Expo Saturday morning that featured booths with all types of Rotary Projects. All in attendance went to all of the booths and Hunger Plus was there and was 'manned' by DGE Ted Holder (Treasurer of Hunger Plus) and spouse Tammie. Almost all Rotarians that passed the booth were familiar with Hunger Plus and had or were doing projects. Many were also doing fund raising projects. Hunger Plus is well known around the Rotary world of Zones 25 and 26. PDG Barbara Feder, Hunger Plus Board of Director, was the person in charge of the Expo and she deserves a big pat on the back for her work there.

*Hunger Plus, Inc. is a not-for-profit relief agency that provides food and related supplies for emergency use and for longer term projects to improve food security. Our mission is: **"To Feed the Hungry and Help Them Become Self-Reliant."** We partner with individual, NGOs, government agencies, church and civic groups. Projects in self-reliance focus on food preservation, agriculture, water, health, education, housing and technology.*

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