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Indonesia Radio Project/Proposal After suffering through two catastrophic earthquakes and devastating tsunami, 'target' low power FM radio stations have greatly aided in the relief and recovery efforts on behalf of the people of Indonesia. Contributions to Blessings for Obedience have allowed completion of an FM radio station for Nias Island, Sumatra. This is one of two stations that have been constructed on Nias. Nias was hard hit by two earthquakes that struck in December and May, both of which registered nearly 9 points on the Richter scale. Hunger Plus has aided Blessings For Obedience in donating radio equipment for stations in Kupong, Sorong, Dalimantan and very soon, Sulawesi. Funds are needed to build a plant in Bali, Indonesia where 300-watt FM transmitters can be built, as well as an immediate need for funds to build the new Sulawesi FM Station. For more information: www.hungerplus.org/success_stories.htm or contact Kelly Coleman, President Blessings For Obedience at Kelly@bfoministry.org

Former Hunger Plus, Inc. president Bob Kuck led a team of volunteers to Mexico in July to initiate new projects with the Tarahumara Indians. Improved soil management, water management, infant nutrition, and communications were primary objectives of the trip. The team included experts in each field who conducted research in anticipation of setting up new and properly documented projects. Dr Ray Weil (University of Maryland) studied crops and soils. Mr. Tony Howard (Bowling Green State University) videotaped field work and recommendations. Ms. Ruth Mendum (Penn State University) shared her knowledge of plants and seeds while Mr. Brian Sanderson (Quebec) focused attention on the development of a new internet radio station that can make shared communications between the outside world and remote Tarahumara communities possible. Mr. Arturo Gutierrez (Powerflour Action Network) visited Tarahumara hospitals in anticipation of distributing Powerflour to communities where mothers currently have no access to infant formula. Long time Hunger Plus, Inc. partner Lic. Eloisa Robledo Guerrero and her staff guided the team, sharing their hospitality, knowledge and understanding. Bob reports that crops in the Sierra Madre are suffering from the absence of rainfall, and that there may be food shortages among tribal members this winter. Food shipments to Tarahumara communities were the first projects undertaken by Hunger Plus, Inc. and it appears that our help may be needed again.

There is a growing concern that food stamp funding will be cut because of the congressional budget resolution passed in April. Any cut to this program would be devastating for those in need of food assistance. The proposed cut would force about 300,000 low-income parents and children from the Food Stamp Program. **Key Points:** *More than one in six children (13 million) live in households in the United States that struggle to put food on the table. *The national nutrition programs are the fastest, most direct way to prevent hunger. *More than fifty percent of Food Stamp beneficiaries are children. Virtually all of the rest are seniors, disabled or those making the transition from welfare to work. *The USDA recently reported that the food stamp payment error rate, which tracks overpayments and underpayments in food stamp benefits, have declined by more than one-third in the last five years to an all time record low of 5.88 percent. Very few people intentionally try to defraud national nutrition programs. Urge your senators and representatives to cosponsor the Hunger-Free Communities Act of 2005 (S. 1120 in the Senate, H.R. 2717 in the House) and to oppose cutting funding or compromising the entitlement status of the Food Stamp Program.

Tons of Food to Mexican Villages! Atla (3,500 tons), Mamiquetla (3,500 tons), Atlaltongo (3,860 tons), Xolotla (4,860 tons), Pahuatlan (4,080 tons), Tlalcruz (1,240 tons), Acalapa (1,980 tons), Tlacuilotepec (4,000 tons), Santa Maria (1,880 tons), Cuauneutla (4,200 tons), Xoyatla (2,800 tons).



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