



"If I could feel your pain ...  
would I continue to let you suffer?"

On April 7, 2005, District 5510 Rotarians and Hunger Plus Director Barb Feder departed Phoenix for Mexico City, Mexico. Over two days they provided approximately 36 tons of rice and beans purchased from Compania Arroceria Cavadonga S.A. de C.V., a major food packer in Mexico City. The food was distributed to 8 villages of the Sierra Norte, feeding about 3,000 families for one month. For additional information on this trip, please see our website at [www.hungerplus.org/success\\_stories.htm](http://www.hungerplus.org/success_stories.htm)

Thousands of Indonesians living in Sumatra and its adjacent islands perished or lost loved ones and property as a result of a series of major disasters that have brought them much destruction and devastation. The burden of providing immediate communications to the affected areas to aid in disaster relief and distribution fell to our friends at Blessings for Obedience Ministry. Many radio stations were destroyed by the earthquakes and tsunami, and the government has asked for help in rebuilding their stations. With \$13,000 in donated funds provided by Hunger Plus, Inc., our partners have built relief and recovery FM stations on *Nias Island*, an area that was hit hard twice in recent months by major earthquakes. The funds contributed to Hunger Plus specifically designated for tsunami relief efforts will build a 300-watt replacement FM station in *Nias* and one other that will be built in East Timor. These stations will reach the entire island with a 300-watt signal. These radio stations are a crucial element in the rebuilding, relief and recovery effort that is taking place on *Nias Island*.

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ETHIOPIA: UNICEF says malnutrition serious in some places. Ethiopia is facing serious malnutrition in 25 hot spots around the country and is in dire need of funding to avert deaths, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said on Friday. UNICEF said they need US \$40 million to help support tens of thousands of children under a "child survival" package to provide food, water and vaccinations. "Children will needlessly die without more funding," said Ambassador Andrei Dapkiunas, team leader of the UNICEF Executive Board, which was visiting the country to witness the potentially looming crisis. "The main problem is the critical lack of resources." [www.IRINNews.org](http://www.IRINNews.org) (4/25/05)

UNICEF Chief calls for more attention to children's health in Africa: On her first trip aboard as the new head of UNICEF, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman said rich countries need to do more to prevent the spread of AIDS/HIV among children. Speaking at the first leg of a tour of southern Africa in the Kingdom of Swaziland, Veneman said she hopes "to highlight the difficulties in these countries because of HIV/AIDS" and added governments around the globe should make children's health in Africa a higher priority. (AlertNet.org/Reuters (5/24)

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