

HUNGER PLUS INC.

To Feed The Hungry and Help Them Become Self-Reliant

NOVEMBER 2005

www.hungerplus.org

Hunger Plus, Inc.

Officers:

J. B. Roberts, Chairman
hungersupport@texasonline.net

Wayne Merrill, President
wayne@bapmem.com

John Germany, Sr. Vice President
jgermany@consolidated.net

Marvin Ludwig, Secretary
marvinludwig@voyager.net

Ted Holder, Treasurer
ttholder@door.net

Directors:

Jack Blane
rotarianjb@aol.com

Michael Diamond
mike656747@aol.com

Donald Ferguson
donsferguson@aol.com

Norris Lineweaver
nlineweaver@indymca.org

Karen Heim Teichman
Teichman@ptd.net

Kelly Wike
Kelly.wike.bvkb@statefarm.com

Associate Directors:

Kelly Brock
John Brodbeck
Barbara Feder
Bill Grimes
Louis Marciano

Contact Us:

P.O. Box 337 • Plainview,
Texas • USA 79072
Phone: 1-806-293-4413
Fax: 1-806-293-7444
www.hungerplus.org

Listen to the Starving There are among more than 850 million chronically hungry people worldwide. Hunger and poverty are inextricably linked: hunger is not only the most obvious manifestation of poverty, but also one of its principle causes. There is a vicious spiral at work that condemns millions and millions of our fellow citizens to short, stunted, unfulfilled lives. The economic cost of doing nothing about hunger is tremendous: if hunger persists at current levels, every year it will cause deaths and disability in developing countries with the related loss of productivity amounting to a staggering \$50 billion. The human cost is appalling too; every year without progress costs five million children their lives. **Jacques Diouf** is director general of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. (9/13/2005)
To read this entire writing, please go to www.hungerplus.org/humanitarian_needs.htm

Niger's hunger problems expected to continue next year As the world Food Programme hopes to deliver its final round of food aid to Niger over the next couple of weeks, aid workers warn that the West African country may face a similar food shortage crisis next year. While Niger is one of the 18 poor nations benefiting from the World Bank debt cancellations, no long-term strategy is in place to resolve once and for all the country's food problems. *Financial Times* (9/30)

U.S. must lead UN on poverty A key United Nations goal of relieving poverty around the globe has been overshadowed by the Katrina disaster, the oil-for-food scandal and squabbling over internal reforms, but the U.S. can and must lead the way for progress to be made, according to a New York Times analysis. White House officials claim the U.S. is already working to be a leader on global development issues. *The New York Times* (9/14)

International donors have contributed a record \$11 billion to the Indian Ocean tsunami relief effort, the United Nations said. This is the "most generous and most immediately funded international emergency relief effort ever". *AlertNet.org* (9/23)

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

⇒ **Between 2000 and 2001, poverty rose to 11.7% of the population, or 32.9 million people, up from 11.3% and 31.6 million.** U.S. Census Bureau, *Poverty in the United States 2001*.
⇒ **The 2001 median household income in the US was \$42,228, representing a 2.2 percent decline in real income from its 2000 level of \$43,162.** U.S. Census Bureau, *Money Income in the US: 2001*.
⇒ **In 2001, the number of Americans who were food insecure, or hungry or at risk of hunger, was 33.6 million, a rise over 2000, when 33.2 million Americans were food insecure. The number of individuals who are suffering from hunger rose from 8.5 million in 2000 to 9 million in 2001.** USDA's Economic Research Service, *Household Food Security in the United States, 2001*.
⇒ **The number of food insecure households with children has also risen since 2000 by 10,000 to 6.18 million.** USDA's Economic Research Service, *Household Food Security in the United States, 2001*.