

## ... With A Passion For Feeding The Hungry



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**Millions of children face malnourishment, lack of education** Nearly 10 million children under the age of 5 die each year from "preventable causes" according to UNICEF's Executive Director Carol Bellamy. Speaking at an international conference in Islamabad, Pakistan, Bellamy added more than 170 million children worldwide are malnourished and three out of 10 children ages 5 to 9 never have the chance to go to school.

**Cautious Open Door Policy Will Serve U.S./Mexico Better** Soon after the attacks of 9/11, some of the Class B and all of the Class C border crossings into the U.S. were closed. This has resulted in unfortunate devastation of small villages on the Mexican side of the Texas-Mexican border. Two examples affect the work of your District 5840 Hunger Plus Committee: Boquillas del Carmen and San Vicente are no longer accessible from the U.S. side of the Rio Grande. The local economy for these two villages was based on entertaining and serving short-term tourists from the U.S. Without tourists, there is no work and the populations are being forced to relocate. Or starve. In addition, the nearest grocery store and source of gasoline are now more than 150 miles from Boquillas rather than the quarter mile hike across the river. With no way to make a living or secure supplies, residents of Boquillas and San Vicente would likely starve without the support of your District Hunger Plus Committee. 10,000 pounds of flour, beans, corn meal and canned tomato sauce and cooking oil have already been delivered to the villages stored in local church facilities and doled out to villages.

**Water to Nicaraguan Villages** A project is underway to construct and install a water well and pump for the km Carretera Vieja a Leon region in Nicaragua. This will benefit the community of Los Andes, people who have never had water, allowing at least 40 families including 150 children to get drinking water. There is a strong need of clean drinking water in this and surrounding areas. Buying water is very expensive and the people of this area have to catch water in barrels. With a good well, fresh water can be supplied each day to the people of the area.

**Fruits of Labor in Poland** The Dom Dziecka Orphanage in Morag, Poland is a welfare institution, the purpose of which is taking charge (accommodation and board as well as education) of orphans and abandoned children. The ages of the children are from 3 to 18 years. In October 2000 volunteers from the Rotary Club of Olsztyn and the children of the orphanage planted, with the assistance of Hunger Plus, Inc., 3,000 fruit trees (plum, apricot, cherries, apple, peach and walnut). We are now working on providing a 100 sq. meter (approx. 3,500 sq. foot) capacity warehouse with cooling equipment to store the fruit from the orchards. The orphanage will directly benefit from the warehouse and by storing the fruit, there will also be enough fruit to supply all similar institutions (including those for the elderly) in the county to which the town of Morag belongs.

**UN: Population of world's hungry on the rise** The annual report of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations estimates the population of the chronically hungry as 852 million worldwide, meaning the rate at which people go hungry has not changed much since the adoption of the Millennium Development Goals, which seek a 50% reduction in hunger by 2015. Lynn Brown, who chaired the report committee, told reporters, "The number of hungry people remains intolerably high, progress in reaching them unconscionably slow and the costs in ruined lives and wasted resources incalculably large."

**4th Annual Crop Against Hunger** Kimber Academy and Scrip-Scraps, Hooper, Utah, held the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Crop Against Hunger, one huge scrap booking party to raise funds to help the desperate and starving people of our world. 100% of all profits from the event were donated to Hunger Plus and it was a great success!