

To feed the hungry and help them become self-reliant

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Radio Tarahumara is an Internet radio project based entirely on Open Source software that has been created to explore ways of promoting Raramuri culture and enhancing the communications network in the Sierra Tarahumara for the benefit of the Tarahumara. It is proposed that an Internet-based communications solution can help deliver many improvements in the fields of education, medicine, agricultural research and emergency communications amongst the indigenous populations of the State of Chihuahua. Radio Tarahumara is a pilot project designed to develop a methodology for planning, funding, deploying and supporting Internet-based broadcast initiatives from the ground up. Radio Tarahumara is a project of Radio Free Network supported by Rotary International, Creation Care International, Hunger Plus and others. Radio Free Network is a loosely-organized collective of musicians, artists, writers and technologists, who collaborate to organize, establish and support community-based online broadcast initiatives. To find out more about Radio Tarahumara, visit their website at <http://www.radiotarahumara.com>. To find out more about the Radio Free Network, their website can be found at <http://www.radiofreenetwork.ca>

Use science to fight poverty. Science must play a crucial role in South Africa's effort to meet the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, the country's science and technology minister told reporters Monday. "We need to be a nation of scientists not only because we are competing with other nations, but more importantly so that we can fight enemies such as poverty, infectious diseases like HIV/Aids, malaria or tuberculosis and lifestyle-related illnesses such as malnutrition, obesity and diabetes," Mosibudi Mangena said. Mail&Guardian Online (South Africa) (8/28)

A 40-foot container of supplies (sawmill, water drilling rig, 15 tons of food, 4 tons of textbooks, medical beds, radio towers, etc. have been delivered to Sudan. This fall, we will be building three more radio stations in Ezo, Kaya, and El Obeid, Sudan. We will be building an FM transmitter plan in Bali, Indonesia and we are considering an additional 200 FM stations in Indonesia. We just put a new radio station on the air in Kigali, Rwanda which is reaching 85% of the country. We also put in a 300-foot radio tower in Kisumu, Kenya and will be building a shortwave station in Uganda that will reach much of East Africa. Submitted by Kelly Coleman, Blessings for Obedience <http://blessingsforobedience.homestead.com/HOME.html>

Chronic hunger – measured by the proportion of people lacking the food needed to meet their daily needs – has declined in the developing world. But progress overall is not fast enough to reduce the number of people going hungry, which increased between 1995-1997 and 2001-2003. An estimated 824 million people in the developing world were affected by chronic hunger in 2003. In 1990, more than 1.2 billion people – 28 percent of the developing world's population – lived in extreme poverty. By 2002, the proportion decreased to 19 percent. *The Millennium Development Goals Report 2006* United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs DESA – June 2006 <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2006/MDGReport2006.pdf>

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