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First recipients of a "Save the Family" life package

On December 26, 2004, a 9.0 Richter-scale earthquake triggered a massive tsunami that rushed ashore over much of south Asia, leaving more than 225,000 dead. In addition to the overwhelming loss of life, hundreds of thousands of people were displaced and left in devastated villages and towns with little resources to help themselves.

HOPE worldwide, one of the first non-governmental organizations to reach the hardest-hit areas, was able to participate in relief efforts from the earliest stages. HOPE worldwide is committed to continuing to assist the survivors of the tsunami with rehabilitation and rebuilding efforts for the long-term and is diligently working in Indonesia, India, Thailand and Sri Lanka to provide help and healing to those left behind by the tsunami.

Within the first few days, thousands of individuals, churches and corporations donated through the HOPE worldwide Disaster Relief Fund, enabling our established programs in the devastated regions to take immediate action to help bury bodies, clear debris, establish medical clinics and meet the various needs of the victims.

In India, HOPE foundation (the Indian affiliate of HOPE worldwide) staff and volunteers began the tiresome task of recovering and burying bodies, setting up medical clinics, building shelters and toilet facilities, counseling survivors and providing food for those that had been displaced in the southern coastal region of India. In addition to these efforts, HOPE worldwide partnered with an organization on a progressive recovery effort for Indian coastal fishermen and their families called "Save The Family." The program, which is jointly sponsored by HOPE worldwide and IMGE Emergency Relief Fund, provides a fisherman's family with a boat and motor, fishing nets, a thatched hut, kitchen supplies and two months worth of food for \$5,500. At this time, more than 60 boats have been provided to the fishermen and many more are in the process of being constructed. This work has garnered international media attention and has been featured by CNN and The Times (London), among others. To read more about a family that has been impacted by the "Save The Family" program, please see the sidebar on page 2.

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NEWS ON THE WEB

Golf Classic May 16

Nias Earthquake

HOPE worldwide - Jamaica

Field Diaries From Tsunami Workers

Centers of HOPE worldwide open in Philippines & India

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Stories of Hope



Murugan and his family on the boat donated by IMGE Emergency Relief Fund in partnership with HOPE foundation

Save The Family: Murugan's Story

On Dec. 26, 2004, a local fisherman named Murugan was returning from a day's work at sea. Without warning, the tsunami rushed to shore, determined to destroy everything in its path. Murugan shouted at the top of his voice for his wife, daughter and mother to run to higher ground. While he was running, a huge catamaran hit Murugan's leg, leaving him badly wounded. He managed to get up and quickly grab his three-year-old daughter and flee the village. Murugan and his family were taken to the local hospital to have his wounds treated. After being released, Murugan returned to his house, but all that he could find was rubble and debris. Everything he had worked so hard to earn had been destroyed, including his house, clothing, and TV. In addition to losing his house, Murugan also lost his boat, engine and nets - the very supplies that allowed him to provide an income for his family. Relief teams supplied Murugan's family immediate needs but his concern for their future continued to weigh on his mind.

HOPE foundation (the Indian affiliate of HOPE worldwide), in partnership with IMGE Emergency Relief Fund, reached out to Murugan through the "Save The Family" Life Starter Kit. A Life Starter Kit includes a thatched hut, basic cookware and provisions for two months, as well as a boat, motor and net. Through these supplies, Murugan is now able to fish again and provide for his family. Murugan's family is grateful for the opportunity to start a new life and realize their dreams for a better tomorrow.

Giving Information

Your cash gift to HOPE worldwide is tax-deductible and may be eligible for matching funds from your employer. Check your company's policies to see if your gift qualifies.

For your convenience, you may donate online. You may also make a donation through your employer's **United Way** giving program or **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC# 1415)**.



Similar efforts have been created in Indonesia by our HOPE worldwide staff. HOPE worldwide - Indonesia was asked to join an envoy sent by the President of Indonesia, allowing the team to accompany government officials on some of the initial survey trips into Aceh Province, Medan and the island of Nias. The government has asked for HOPE worldwide to focus its rehabilitation efforts on the island of Nias. Nias, located within 300 miles of the epicenter of the tsunami earthquake, is an impoverished island off the coast of Aceh Province. HOPE worldwide - Indonesia plans to restore the health and education infrastructure throughout the island, and recently opened the first Center of HOPE worldwide clinic in the Sirombu sub-district in Nias. Six staff members are on the ground providing health and educational assistance that includes a medical clinic, malaria control, emergency education, nutritional supplements, psychosocial support, and water filtering.



One of the boats provided by the "Save The Family" program.

Without the help of sponsors and partners, current efforts would not be possible and longer-term plans would also not be feasible. HOPE worldwide is committed to continuing to focus on sustainable programs according to the needs of the tsunami victims in these areas. HOPE worldwide is excited to announce the creation of several programs for families and individuals to volunteer to aid the devastated regions in south Asia through the HOPE worldwide Tsunami Survivor Volunteer Corps. For more information about the HOPE worldwide Volunteer Corps, see the back cover of this newsletter.



Volunteer Dr. Kevin Raymer assists Tsunami victims in India.

A Note of Thanks from The Gempels

Dear Friends of HOPE worldwide:

Thank you for your generous support for HOPE worldwide's disaster relief program aiding the tsunami victims in south Asia. Your partnership made it possible for HOPE worldwide to be one of the first aid organizations on the scene and is still making a noticeable difference in this region.

As you may know, the two of us personally visited some of the areas directly affected by this unprecedented disaster. We were amazed by the progress that has already been made and humbled by what still needs to be done. We are very proud of our staff in India, Thailand and Indonesia and the ways that they have selflessly committed to helping the people in these areas.

The mission of all of HOPE worldwide's programs is to provide the poor and vulnerable with a "Compassionate Continuum of Care" - not only meeting the critical needs after a disaster but also assisting the victims as they rebuild their lives. HOPE

worldwide looks forward to continuing our service to the people of Indonesia, India, and Thailand. Your support means so much to the organization's efforts to rebuild lives and restore hope.

HOPE worldwide is moving forward by developing sustainable Centers of HOPE worldwide in cities devastated by the tsunami. Building on a firm foundation of faith, experience and proven strengths, these centers will meet the needs of their local communities for this and future generations. They will also provide a secure environment for volunteers who wish to serve.

Your ongoing financial partnership is of vital importance in continuing the work. You can give or learn more about HOPE worldwide's Centers of HOPE at www.hopeworldwide.org. When you donate, please be sure to ask for a copy of the "Tsunami Relief DVD."

We will strive to keep you

informed through newsletters and the Web site of the progress in the regions affected by the tsunami as well as the recent earthquake in Nias. Again, thank you for your financial sacrifice and support of this very important work.

Sincerely,



Reasons to hope...

- Charity Navigator has given HOPE worldwide a four-star rating.
- The government of Moscow has named HOPE worldwide the number one charity in Moscow for the past four years.
- HOPE worldwide annually reaches more than 15,000 AIDS-affected children across Africa.
- In 2004 your unrestricted gift was leveraged more than 10:1 and given to the needy.



Did You Know...

...in under-developed countries:

- \$25 can feed 25 destitute seniors
- \$150 can house and care for an orphan for one month
- \$500 can train and fund a nurse for one month
- \$1,000 can train and fund a doctor for one month
- \$250,000 can build a Center of HOPE worldwide



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Child Sponsorship Program Begins June 1



HOPE for Kids
A program of HOPE worldwide

HOPE *worldwide* is excited to announce a new opportunity to sponsor children's programs under the familiar name, "HOPE for Kids." This new program will be officially launched on the HOPE *worldwide* Web site June 1, 2005. For just \$30 a month, you will be able to meet the needs of many children by giving them hope for a brighter future.

As part of your sponsorship for HOPE for Kids, you will receive an update every six months about the children in the program you have selected. Some programs offer the additional feature of establishing a "pen pal" relationship with a selected child.

HOPE for Kids is an exciting way to help the children in greatest need around the world. We hope you will take this opportunity to directly impact a child's life. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.hopeworldwide.org or call 610-254-8800.

The HOPE *worldwide* Volunteer Corps provides you, your family and friends with opportunities to serve the needy worldwide.

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Volunteer Calendar

Tsunami Survivor Volunteer Corps 2005:
Baan Nam Khem, Thailand June 25 - July 9
Chennai/Trichy/
Puddupattinam, India July 17 - 30
Nias Island, Indonesia August 6 - 15

Global Summit, D.C. May 14-15
2005 Golf Classic
Gainesville, VA May 16
Benefiting Cambodian Health Care

HOPE Youth Corps / Volunteer Corps 2005:
Philadelphia 1 June 4 - 15
Philadelphia 2 June 15 - 25
Africa June 15 - July 26
Denver June 26 - July 6
Philadelphia 3 July 6 - 16
Chicago July 6 - 16
Dallas July 17 - 27
Jamaica July 17 - 30
India July 17 - 30