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Weaving the nets of broken lives ...



On December 26, 2004 a terrible tsunami struck the southeastern coast of India, killing more than 10,000 people (besides Andaman and Nicobar Islands) and directly affecting more than 300,000 people, especially in coastal Tamil Nadu. People lost their livelihoods, their homes, their possessions, and their confidence. A huge amount of relief poured into the area, which has helped people in the short term. But many have taken their small relief payments and squandered

them, and laziness and despair are real issues in these communities, especially as the media has now left, and many NGOs are already beginning to leave.

HOPE *foundation* (an affiliate of HOPE *worldwide*) whose mission is as simple as its name: to bring hope to a hurting world. We treat the sick, feed the hungry, house the homeless, comfort the downcast, educate the poor and provide loving homes for the abandoned. Our work is produced by faith, prompted by love and inspired by hope.

HOPE *foundation* has been active in a number of coastal communities attempting to work with the government and local people to meet needs. We have focused on medical care, helping children, and psycho-social support. In some cases we have built temporary shelters and toilet blocks. In partnership with IMGE-ERF, we have started a "SAVE THE FAMILY" programme, which restores livelihoods to fishing families. For this effort we have chosen the villages of Pudupattinam, Oyyalikuppam and Ganapathychettikulam.

We chose these due to their need, as well as the potential to really make a difference there, and also the cooperative nature of the local District Collector.

Relief Work

The HOPE *foundation* tsunami disaster relief work in Cuddalore, India has concluded, and HOPE *foundation* workers are now focusing their efforts on the harder-hit districts of Kancheepuram and Nagapattinam. Below is a summary of the services provided by HOPE *foundation* to the villagers in the Cuddalore District:

Medical Care:



In Cuddalore, HOPE *foundation* workers were able to help more than 5,100 people through medical camps dispensing medicines and treating bruises, aches and common ailments, such as cough and cold.

Food and Supplies:



Restoring lives at the seashore ...

Sankar's story:



Sankar (one of the beneficiary) says, since his forefathers his family has been in the fishing trade and is very familiar with how to catch various types of fish. On the morning of the tsunami for some reason he did not go for fishing, which was very fortunate for the thirty people he helped pull out of the sea, being a very good swimmer. Though the tidal waves left nothing for him personally other than sad memories.



A couple of month's back his community organized a mass marriage ceremony, where he himself got married to a girl. Now they are living together, looking forward to a great life ahead. The entire community appreciates his service to his people.

He now lives happily with his wife, mother, his sister and her son. He has got a boat donated by EXPLORE. He is very happy that now he can support his family.

HOPE *foundation* staff distributed 3,000 food packets, donated in part by a local hotel. Through the local village council, the HOPE *foundation* team was able to distribute mats, bed sheets, rice and other essential items to villagers in need.

Counseling:

The victims needed to discuss their fears and concerns following the tsunami. HOPE *foundation* staff met with the villagers to teach them how to respond to future earthquakes in order to restore their confidence and security.

Health and Hygiene:

Our staff taught the women of the village how to prepare and dispense oral re-hydration salts (ORS) powder for the children. We also administered cholera and measles vaccinations, as well as provided vitamin "A" to approximately 100 children.

Rehabilitation

Cultural Celebration



The second phase began with a three day long celebration the Pudupattinam & Oyyalikuppam communities, to help the tsunami victims to come out of the traumatized past. HOPE *foundation's* staff enthused the villagers to come out of their trauma through sports and games. By afternoon, the whole village was celebrating. The community feasted on sumptuous lunches for two succeeding days. The Vrindhavana Preservation Society, U.S. sponsored the event.

Primary Health Clinic



HOPE *foundation* recognized that the villages are short of easily accessible, quality medical care. It was proposed to continue the Primary Health Clinic as a permanent solution. The Kansas City Church of Christ and the Vrindavan Preservation Society agreed to



sponsor the Clinic. Since being made permanent, the Clinic has gone on to benefit over 3000 patients.

Sanitation and Hygiene



The Tsunami had left a lot of rubble behind on the coasts. HOPE *foundation* arranged for the beach to be cleaned up and leveled. We removed the standing damaged structures. Finally all the remaining debris were removed from the site. In order to foster a sense of hygiene among the villagers of Pudupattinam, HOPE *foundation* set up rubbish bins at different points. HOPE's



sanitation team still functions there to maintain a culture of cleanliness. In addition, a

block of toilets is being constructed near the beach to improve general sanitation, again in anticipation of the future Wilh. Hamm GmbH and Company Center of HOPE.

Planting of Trees:



With the help of volunteers HOPE *foundation* staff has planted 200 coconut sapplings along the village coast line. This is meant to protect the villages from hostile environmental conditions, soil erosion, cyclone and consequent damage to property etc.

Education



In response to the request of the community the HOPE *foundation* Pre- primary English School was started on 31st of January 2005. Over 50 students have been enrolled in the school. This school will be absorbed into the future Wilh. Hamm GmbH and Company Center of HOPE in the future.

Back to our boats...

There is a vibrant and effective partnership between HOPE worldwide and IMGE-ERF. About 50 sets of boats, nets and motors have been delivered (in conjunction with our partner IMGE-ERF- Save The Family program), with more than 35 new boats from other partners.

SAVE THE FAMILY

HOPE foundation and IMGE Emergency Relief Fund (IMGEERF) unveiled the "Save the Family"

Programme. Begun by U.S. businessman, Andrew J. Krieger, the IMGEERF is an India-based, tsunami-relief organization.

The "Save the Family" programme provides afflicted families with a Life Starter Kit that includes a thatched roof hut, basic cookware, provisions for two months, a boat, a motor, and fishing nets. The kit is designed to provide families the means to quickly rebuild their lives and their livelihoods. In the village of Pudupattinam, about 80 kilometres from Madras, Balaraman, Murugan and Annadurai were the first three fishermen to receive these kits. With great joy, they put out to sea on "Pongal," the Tamil New Year. "Now we are not so scared. Our confidence has slowly returned and we will resume fishing." Annadurai told the reporter from TVNZ. CNN told the story of another fisherman, Arul Das. Das said, "Whenever I came to the shore I used to cry. I would look at the sea and wonder when my life would be normal again."

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On the first day Das put out to sea, his excitement was evident because, he knows his little village, once crushed by the uncertainty of the future, now has reason to hope (CNN, January 17, 2005).

Life Starter Kit:



A new thatched roof hut



Preparing the motor for the new boat



The kit contains basic cookware and provisions



Preparing fishing nets

Tharangambadi boat distribution details:

Today as a result of our relief efforts and with the help of several noble hearted donors we have been able to help as many as possible families to own these boats. People who have received the boats they have developed an identity and self-esteem among their own communities where they used to be laborers.

No.	Donors	Beneficiaries Name
1	Oklahoma City ICC	Mr. Subramaniam
2	Save The Family 17	Mr. Anjapan
3	Save The Family 18	Mr. Sela Durai
4	Save The Family 19	Mr. Subramaniam
5	Save The Family 20	Mr. Balaya
6	American Emabssy School 1	Mr. Narayanan
7	American Emabssy School 2	Mr. Selvaraj
8	American Emabssy School 3	Mr. Ramesh
9	UUCMC 1	Mr. Pan chanadhan
10	UUCMC 2	Mr. Anjapan
11	Sara Lou	Mr. Thamarai Selvam
12	Momo	Mr. Khannathasan
13	Explore-1	Mr. Annand
14	Explore-2	Mr. Sangar
15	Explore-3	Mr. Ramu
16	Explore-4	Mr. Santhanam
17	Explore-5	Mr. Sounderaj
18	Solvang Rotary-1	Mr. Sri Rangam
19	Solvang Rotary-2	Mr. Sudermurthy
20	American Emabssy School-4	Mr. Rajendran
21	Hilo Church of Christ	Mr. Khannathasan
22	Montgomery County Coc-1	Mr. Rajamanikam
23	Montgomery County Coc-2	Mr. Kanakapilai
24	New Jersey Students	Mr. Gunasekaran
25	Project Management Institute	Mr. Balamurugan
26	Marshall Frankel Foundation	Mr. Balu
27	Deutsche Bank	Mr. Sangar
28	Save the family -21	Mr. Velayudham
29	Save the family -22	Mr. Sevamani
30	Save the family -23	Mr. Murugavel
31	Save the family -24	Mr. Arumugam
32	Singapore Central Christian Church	Mr. Aya Durai
33	Habitat for Humanity	Mr. Vectrivel
34	UUCMC 3	Mr. Viaji

Incredible scenes of jubilation

As the villagers began to put behind them the tsunami tragedy and build again for the future



Preparing for the long run...

Reconstruction

HOPE foundation stepped in to carry out an immediate relief efforts and gradually established several community sustainable development activities such as tuition center, non formal education center with mid day meals for the children of the victims, counseling and guidance. The culmination and integration of all these programmes is encompassed by the Wilhelm Hamm 'Centre of HOPE', envisages a bundle of community development programmes for the village. This centre will provide holistic service to the development of children from the age of three till they are shaped up to be a self relying, confident, contributing citizen of the nation. The center would provide the children with quality education and medical support - including vaccination etc, till they reach sixth standard. On completing this, they will get after school tuition while training in

government schools, and later be trained in skills for jobs, like learning about computers in the Centre. Upon qualifying, they can either avail Micro Credit facilities, again from the Centre to set up business or take a job through our placement services. HOPE foundation has aggressively pursued programmes on all fronts knowing that the Wilh. Hamm GmbH initiative will serve the community in the long run. HOPE foundation and Wilh. Hamm GmbH are committed to ensure bright future for the children irrespective of any social or family background. All the above ventures which were utopian when conceived could see the light of the day only because of the valuable support received from all our patrons, especially Wilhelm Hamm GmbH and company, led in a visionary way by Mr. Sushil Talwar in India. We salute the spirit and look forward to make many more dreams come true with your help. A very big "THANK YOU" to you all.

Highlights:

- Through Save the family programme and from individual donors, more than 85 boats have been distributed to the tsunami victims in Tarangambadi, Pudupattinam.
- HOPE foundation in partnership with Wilhelm Hamm establishing the Centre of HOPE, which is getting ready to provide a long term help to these people.

Annand (one of the beneficiary, who has got a boat from us) says "We have started our lives all over again! I am happy to see my daughter studying in HOPE foundation school and planning to send my son there in a few months time.

Right: HOPE foundation's English medium school in Tarangambadi. >>>

