



SPECIAL REPORT: UNREST AND HUNGER RAVAGE SRI LANKA

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BRINGING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS FEEDING CHILDREN IN THE SLUMS OF SRI LANKA

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:17-18

Dear WME Partners and Supporters,

OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS, AS WELL AS NEWS REPORTS FROM ASIA, HAVE SPOTLIGHTED THE FACT THAT SRI LANKA'S ECONOMY IS DESCENDING INTO CHAOS. The inflation rate is now the highest in the world! Adding to the turmoil, the Sri Lanka currency, the rupee, has been devalued to its lowest point in decades. Let's examine the reasons.

COVID HIT THIS NATION HARD CAUSING A SHUTDOWN LASTING MORE THAN A YEAR. THAT HAS DRIVEN FOOD PRICES UP WHILE SUPPLIES HAVE DRAMATICALLY FALLEN. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE COST OF TEA HAS QUADRUPLED SINCE OCTOBER. A NATIONWIDE DROUGHT HAS ALSO RUINED CROPS. EACH DAY PEOPLE BEGIN LINING UP BEFORE SUNRISE HOPING TO BE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO PURCHASE BREAD, MILK, SUGAR, RICE, AND OTHER NEEDED ITEMS. EXCEPT FOR THOSE NEAR THE FRONT OF THE LINES, STORES USUALLY RUN OUT OF STOCKS BEFORE NEEDY PEOPLE CAN GET INSIDE THE BUILDINGS. SO, IT'S HARDLY SURPRISING THAT ONE QUARTER OF THE NATION'S POPULATION IS CURRENTLY LIVING ON ONE MEAL A DAY.

Fuel shortages have also crippled the nation causing the price of gas and diesel to double. Hospitals are short of staff, supplies, and money, and have had to suspend all but emergency procedures. The unexpected droughts have depleted reservoirs. As the nation gets most of its power from hydroelectricity, the country can now only supply electricity to homes and businesses for fourteen hours a day. The remaining ten hours are spent in darkness. It's little wonder that people are frantic, despair is commonplace, and suicides are on the rise.



A child standing outside his home in the slum where we are feeding children.



The homes back up to this stagnant and polluted canal. The water coupled to poverty makes life miserable.



Location of the slum feeding programs

For common people there is little hope and little help. But even in the face of overwhelming odds, we are determined to do something. And with God's help we will!

The area we have chosen for our relief effort is not a place that many will visit. The crime rate is high so there is danger on every corner. **YET, WE FEEL CALLED TO GO TO THE DARK PLACES WHERE THE LIGHT OF HOPE RARELY SHINES.** We go there because we know that Christ would also seek out the most desperate people

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providing them with both food and love.

We have identified over 500 families in the slum areas of Obeysekarapura and Bandaranayakapura, located in the Rajagiriya region, who have been devastated by the current Covid crisis. These are drug infested communities where most men are addicts and the women have been compelled to go to work to support their families. Because of their jobs, these mothers have had no choice but to leave their children at home in vulnerable and unsafe situations. **TO HELP THESE POOR FAMILIES, WE ARE CREATING A FEEDING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH. NOT ONLY ARE WE USING THIS OUTREACH TO MEET PHYSICAL NEEDS, BUT ALSO AS A VEHICLE TO SPREAD THE LOVE OF JESUS AND SHARE THE MESSAGE OF HOPE IN THESE TRYING TIMES.**



This is her home. It's made from materials others have thrown away.

To the right, we have listed things we need as we try to bring light into the darkness. We hope that you will join us in saving lives and providing compassion to those who have nowhere else to turn. And if you are unable to be involved through giving, please take a moment to pray for Sri Lanka.

| URGENT NEEDS | SUGGESTED GIFT |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Children's Bibles | \$10.00 each |
| Feeding Program | \$18.00 each |
| Child Sponsorship | \$35.00 monthly |
| Native Missionary Sponsorship | \$40.00 monthly |
| School Supplies | Gift of any amount |

These children are like so many we see in developing nations. Until sponsored, children like these live on the edge between life and death. **This month we are issuing an urgent plea for sponsors to support children.**



To view some of their photos go to www.wme.org. To sponsor a child who is in great need right now, call us at 1-800-501-2851 or fill out and mail in the form below. **The cost is just \$35 a month**, and that small amount can help provide a child with food, clothing, medical care, an education and, for some, a place in a WME Children's Home.

Will you step forward and become a Gospel partner? **For \$40 a month** you can provide a **Native Missionary** the support needed to reach his or her people with the message of salvation and God's grace. To begin sponsorship, call 1-800-501-2851 or fill out the Native Missionary line on the reply form found on this page.



Please send us your email address: _____@_____

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