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Imagine if you had a way that you could?



Did you ever think to yourself "*What else is there to life?*" Did you ever say to your best friend "*There has to be something else!*" Do you look in the mirror and see a tired face from working hard with eyes sad because the heart is unfulfilled? Do you have a desire to expand your borders, go beyond the comfort zones you have? Did

you ever want to find your purpose? Live that dream that is inside of you? I know I did.

While I was growing up I was fortunate to have some great friends and mentors. We went to church camp every year and dreamed about how we were going to bring food to help the hungry in Africa. I heard stories from my brother as he smuggled bibles in the side panels of a broken down Volkswagen behind the iron curtain. My sister told me many stories as she worked in Children's Ministry her entire adult life. While surfing through my college years (literally!) I started thinking about how we can change the face of poverty through creative ways. Just before my father died last year I began to learn a valuable lesson. In his death it became the cornerstone of my heart: *Service and love are the keys to fulfillment.*

Many of you out there are already serving. You might be like Roxanne who gives food to the homeless under the bridge downtown or Sharon who gave up a nice job in a downtown office to go to Banda Aceh after the tsunami to care for babies. You might be like Edward who was born of wealth and stature in Sierra Leone but now works to help build farms and rebuild his country. Or maybe you are in the military, police or firemen. Maybe you work at an office and you help the elderly or volunteer at your school board. Maybe you help clean up after Tball. Maybe you are just trying to survive school and hold down a job to prepare your self for what is ahead. God bless you keep doing what you are doing.

We Americans have wealth and great resources. We live in a time of technology that is exciting and potentially offers breakthroughs in all sectors including relief. We know that in order to meet the challenge faced everyday by these orphans, widows and displaced we need to take the blinders off of the way we think about relief and charitable giving. It's time to go to the "next level" where serving will become second nature to us - *expressing what we already have inside of us.*

How can we make this happen? How can we join our gifts and skills together for the common good?

- Do you have time or a skill to volunteer, energy or love to give an orphan?
- Is your business doing well giving you the means to donate extra materials?
- Do you have skills that can be taught to a third world man trying to make a living?
- Are you are a doctor or a nurse willing to go outside your current boundaries to see the world and provide care in far away places?

The strength of a chain is in its many lengths. A heavy weight is best supported by many each taking a small piece. Join our team – become one of our links!

Send us a note we would love to hear from you. Tell us what your dream is. Let us know what you can give or how you think you might like to serve.

Sincerely,

Read Taylor
President



"I don't know what your destiny will be but one thing I do know is that the only ones among you who will be happy are those that sought and found how to serve."

... A. Switzer



INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATION



Mission/Vision

We are a faith based humanitarian relief organization dedicated to expanding the reach and impact of humanitarian efforts to those orphans and communities in need worldwide.

Our assistance extends to all people, regardless of beliefs, gender, or ethnicity.

What We Do

RICE brings together three (3) key elements to humanitarian relief and community development:

1. Collective gathering and shared distribution of goods including bulk food, healthcare, education and agricultural supplies to orphans, displaced peoples and the surrounding communities in which they live.
2. Development and implementation of a technology tool **TheGraceExchange.org** which fulfills one of the biggest gaps in relief efforts today with a collaborative cross sector gift to need matching and knowledge data base system. **TheGraceExchange.org** pulls together at one source critical information from a broad spectrum of donors having a range of gifts on the one-side with data and information about requests and needs from interested field personnel and relief organizations of all types and sizes on the other. Humanitarian groups and field personnel to acquire necessary resources previously unknown or inaccessible can leverage the shared information and

knowledge collected and available through TheGraceExchange.org. With this new information benefits in strategic planning can now also be realized.

3. Promotion of long-term community development and sustainability through utilization of business best practices will support the distribution of these resources (e.g. efficiencies of scale, common materials, repeatable construction techniques). RICE, working with its partners, will build and maintain a strategic grid of regional and local warehouses in order to facilitate this distribution. Training is an essential ingredient to these best practices.

TheGraceExchange.org offers a shared eLearning system covering critical issues of logistics, infrastructure development, agriculture technologies etc.



RICE projects and **The Grace Exchange** are true collaborative efforts. We place value in the combined strengths in the lengths of a chain to serve needs of children and the communities they live in. With that in mind RICE will pull together and utilize existing expert organizations, a range of individuals, private foundations, corporate sponsors, and government programs to effect change. The effort is to build bridges and tools that facilitate distribution to those in need.

There is no excuse for poverty..
...Not one

Situation

Existing worldwide poverty problems in certain areas have now just been multiplied with the recent Tsunami. The passion of the people around the world to respond and support as witnessed is also great. In the aftermath of the Tsunami the first questions that arose were on where, what, how, and who was doing what. Further into the response the questions shifted to "how can we cross borders (political, denominational, etc) to assist and get the right supplies to all the areas that need it. Historically the approach and good intentions to these problems has been isolated and vertical in its response. Mainly due to a lack of communication tools and practices this is also true of the important learned information and knowledge. We believe that great inefficiencies and redundancies of errors exist in these old methods.

Community

There is a better solution. Information and details from the field about their needs and information from those that want to give can now have a direct impact on the strategies and decisions guiding the distribution of resources. Exposure to a wider spectrum of donors with critical materials and finances is necessary to effect real lasting change at the field level. Exposure to a wealth of information about responses, success and failures of various projects etc can help to improve the systems and distribution methods across many organizations. Collaborative facilitating organizations like RICE and tools like ***TheGraceExchange.org*** can help save lives and build better communities faster and at reduced cost, which ultimately means greater reach. We also believe that other disasters will continue to befall the same regions. That is why we are preparing through our warehouse grid the ability to respond to distribution needs for both long term and crisis response should such another disaster occur again.



Goals 2005

Our 2005 program is balanced with capital focused on the following objectives:

1 Support a total of four (4) orphanages and community development projects in Thailand and West Africa and exploring Russia

2 Identify locations and initial construction requirements and specs for a startup of warehouses in two (2) strategic locations which support additional projects and RICE projects in these same areas.

3 Have *TheGraceExchange.org* built and tested with an initial community of users.

In 2005 we want to both effect "one life at a time" and build an infrastructure of change ultimately effecting many lives with far reaching benefits across many organizations to even more children.

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We Believe....



The need for humanitarian relief and development is large and complex. Today an experienced but underutilized resource of talented, committed field staff exists within relief and missions organizations worldwide. America and the International community have the compassion, products, tools and talent to make an impact if only we can find a way to bring these great resources to these great needs.

Photo
www.sons-of-thunder.org

RICE with your partnering is building the bridges of distribution for food, healthcare, education, and community development. We serve by providing resources and collaboration, and developing the technology tools to expand the reach of relief efforts around the world. We equip those field staff to do what they can do best. We believe in these principles:

- That we can and should care for the impoverished children and communities in which they live.
- We must modify our tactics if we hope to change the landscape of poverty
- We must work together in collaboration using technology to extend our horizon becoming more efficient in the management of these resources.

We would like to talk to you about working together to accomplish great things.



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