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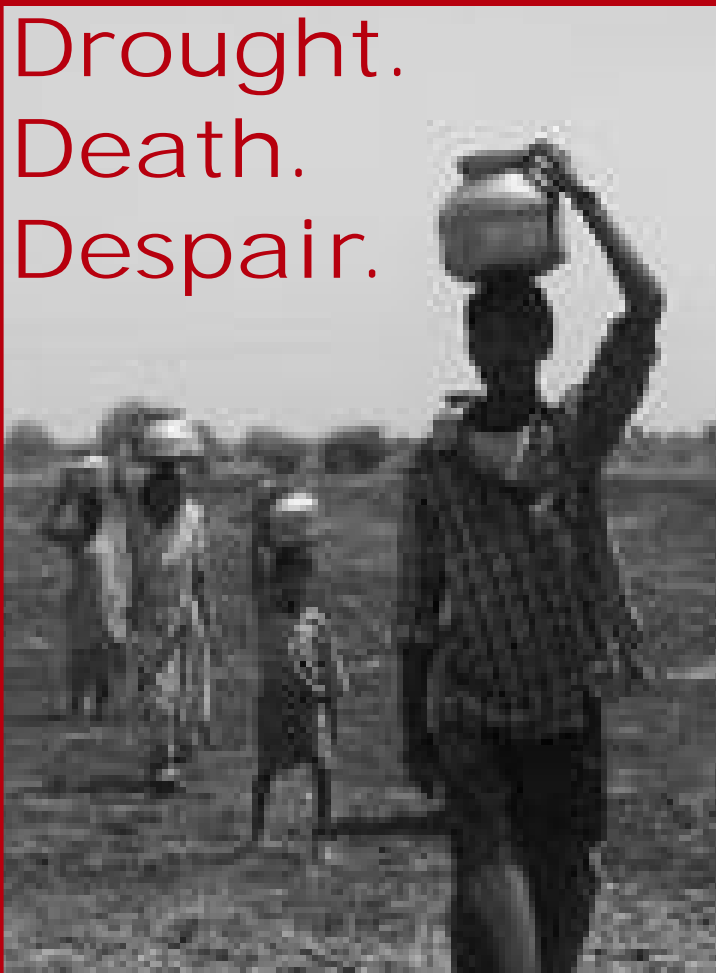
word & deed

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EMERGENCY EDITION

Leprosy victims, others desperate for DROUGHT RELIEF

Drought.
Death.
Despair.



These peasants spend their entire morning looking for water.

We must do something NOW!

Vadala Leprosy Hospital in South India is taking drastic measures to save its patients and neighbors from starvation and death.

They need your help to lay pipes and deepen bore wells.

People walk miles for a small jug of water.

Village pumps have gone dry.

"Our bore well works for two hours every other day. Each person has less than one minute to get water for two days.

"Fights break out.

"No water means no crops. No crops mean no money. No money means starvation.

"I used to take care of goats. They died."

People look to the hospital for hope.

ALM looks to YOU.

Vadala hospital serves four villages – a population of 8,780.

Most people are farmers.

Many with leprosy can hardly eke out life in a good year.

Now the three-year drought has destroyed their farms.

Please send your gift today.

URGENT FUNDS NEEDED NOW!

SOUTH INDIA: " WE'RE CURING PEOPLE OF LEPROSY, THEN SENDING THEM HOME TO DIE FROM STARVATION. "

SPECIAL ALERT! **FROM VADALA HOSPITAL**

We left the leprosy hospital and set off to get a look at the drought's havoc firsthand.

Empty vessels sat outside Babubai Bhoge's house.

"My husband left me and I am alone to take care of our little son," she said. "A tanker comes to the village every alternate day. I have to fight for water...a battle I always lose. I have no cattle, no land, no work, no income, and above all no water.

"I plead with you to help."

We send you Babubai Bhoge's plea and we add our own.

PLEASE HELP.

Suman, 48, told us the drought is devastating her life. She used to work, but now there is no source of work for anyone. No crops. No farms. A person without water, she says, is helpless.



The farmers of this agricultural village no longer worry about their crops. They worry about survival.



Please send an emergency gift so Vadala Leprosy Hospital can dig wells for patients and neighbors.

Some will die.

Please help Vadala Hospital get water to its patients and neighbors. Emergency gift will drill 12 bore wells with hand pumps, lay 1500 meters of pipe, provide emergency grain and food stocks, and continue to treat leprosy-maimed farmers.

Please send an emergency gift today.

The cure for leprosy isn't cure enough for lives at the edge of death and disaster.

Use the back of this page to indicate your emergency gift.
Return the entire page with your gift. Thank you!

SPECIAL ALERT

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

This is only the second time since I've been president I've used the Word & Deed to tell you about a crisis that is breaking the hearts of millions!

Many people in South India are without water. Their crops and their livelihood are gone.

Cattle are dead.

They are terrified and desperate.

With your help, ALM-assisted Vadala leprosy hospital will dig emergency bore wells, lay pipes, distribute emergency grain, and continue its ministry to people with leprosy. They need \$50,000 right now!



Empty water jugs lie upon barren soil. Please send a rescue gift today so our leprosy hospital can take emergency measures to keep its patients and their families alive!

gift to rescue leprosy sufferers and their neighbors from this devastating **KILLER DROUGHT.**

Use the enclosed envelope and mail your gift today. Thank you.

Christopher J. Doyle
president

This is URGENT!

Children will die without water ... **children you cured of leprosy.**

Imagine curing a child of this ravaging disease, only to have her succumb to starvation.

This is unthinkable.

PLEASE...will you send an emergency **INDIA CRISIS**

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THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN ARE SUFFERING IN THIS DROUGHT.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR EMERGENCY RESCUE GIFT NOW.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE FORM

CUT OR TEAR THIS PAGE OFF.
Return it in the enclosed envelope
with your **EMERGENCY GIFT**

YES!

I want to help families with leprosy!



Count me in! I want to make an impact NOW .
USE my gift to **RUSH DROUGHT RELIEF**
to Vadala Leprosy Hospihal.



Use my gift immediately to rescue leprosy-
affected kids from starvation. Enclosed is:

*Thank you! Please make your tax-deductible check payable to American
Leprosy Missions and mail it with this reply form to ALM, 1 ALM Way,
Greenville, SC 29601. To give a gift using your credit card, please call 1-800-
543-3135 or visit www.leprosy.org.*

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Little Junmone might never have received treatment in her remote village if it hadn't been for ALM friends. Pray for her complete healing. And keep this child and all children in South India in your prayers as their families, farms and cattle succumb to the killer drought that has ravaged their land for three years. Please send an emergency gift today for leprosy care and drought relief. Help rescue kids like Junmone. Thank you.

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