



# Feed my Lambs

... the words of Jesus

## “What You May Not Know...”



Dear Friends,

What you may not know, is that in June of 2008, my wife Renee’ was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. She underwent surgery and then began an intense regimen of chemotherapy and then painful radiation. Her prognosis is excellent and she is now more than halfway finished with the treatment.

But then in October of 2008, I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. I had surgery to remove the prostate in November, and I am on the road to a full recovery. Please accept our thanks for your prayers.

This double challenge made it difficult for us to conduct any fundraising campaign at the end of the year, normally the most productive time of the year. So we especially need your help now to keep feeding hungry orphans.

Please answer this call for help. Don’t let our medical challenges keep the orphans from receiving food. Thank you,

*Gary*  
Gary VanDyke  
CEO & Founder

## \$15 Buys ONE Dinner Out

### ... or Will Feed ONE Orphan For ONE Month

Now I have to admit, going out to eat at a restaurant is a lot of fun. (Just look at that delicious picture of roast beef .) There is nothing wrong with it and I encourage you to go out as often as you can.



With friends, or family, or even alone, Americans like eating out. Four out of five consumers agree that going out to a restaurant is a better way to use their leisure time than cooking and cleaning up, according to statistics from the National Restaurant Association.

### THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

The average annual cost for food purchased away from home in 2005 was \$1,054 per person. On average, each American eats out 4.2 times each and every week.

We like to eat out so much that the National Restaurant Association expects restaurant and food-service sales to increase 5.2 percent to \$399 billion this year.

There are more than 945,000 restaurants in the US alone. I guess that means that Americans go out to eat quite often. I know that I really enjoy dinner out at a restaurant.

### REALITY CHECK

But let’s put it into proper perspective. It is going to cost at least \$15 to go out to dinner. But what is the real value of that mere \$15?

When I go out to eat at a restaurant, I’m sure it’s going to be a great meal that I will really enjoy. But the fact is, that \$15 only buys me ONE meal.

How about we take another \$15, and use it to provide ONE orphan a nutritious meal every single day for the whole month? Thirty meals every month for the cost of buying just one entrée here in the USA.

I am not asking you to stop going out to eat, just put it into proper perspective. Invite ONE orphan to join you and your family. Feed and pray for that orphan at every meal. In doing so, you will feed them every single day.

### AN INVITATION

Many families already have made a pledge to feed ONE orphan every month. If you have not, right now make a pledge of \$15 per month to feed ONE orphan. Make your pledge by visiting [www.FoodforOrphans.org](http://www.FoodforOrphans.org) or call 888-219-0779.

*Thank you!*



Dominican Republic orphans abandoned by their prostitute mothers.

# BREAKING NEWS: Fire Destroys Myanmar Orphanage

## One Tragedy, Followed by Another, Followed by Another

The 68 orphans living in the Ko Tha Hpyu Boys Home in the delta region of Myanmar (Burma) had already suffered more than their share of catastrophes. First it was the giant tsunami in 2004, and then came the deadly Cyclone Nargis in 2008. That's the one that changed their lives forever, and turned these 68 into orphans.

According to news reports, the death toll from the cyclone is over 100,000 with a total of 2.5 million affected by its devastation. But to those 68, losing their mom and dad was the worst thing that could ever happen to them. The government rounded up as many orphans as they could find and distributed them around to the existing orphanages. It didn't matter that these orphanages were already at their capacity, they just had to double up and make do. But that also meant that the expenses for the orphanages doubled.

## The Fire

Then one morning just a few weeks ago, after the orphans had left to go to school, as one of the caregivers was preparing lunch, a horrible fire swept through the kitchen. Because these houses are constructed of bamboo and thatch, the fire quickly spread out of control. Soon, the fire had not only consumed the orphanage, but it had swept through the head caregiver's home

and then continued on until it destroyed all 4 bamboo houses of the orphanage staff. Burned to the ground.

There were no injuries; however, everything was totally destroyed. Their homes, their clothes, their supplies, their books, their shoes, their beds, their food ... everything. I cannot imagine what it would be like to have a cyclone take my home, my friends, my mother and father, and maybe a brother and sister ... and then to lose everything I owned all over again.

## What is Needed

Efforts are underway to rebuild the orphanage and homes for the staff, but we need your help in replacing the clothes, shoes, beds, linens, dishes, furniture, books, kitchen utensils and supplies that these innocent orphans have to have to survive. These orphans need everything.

68 orphans need you to make a pledge of monthly support that will be directed to this emergency. We need \$75,000 to replace the property that these orphans and staff have lost. Let's not make them suffer any more. Please make a generous donation to help these orphans recover. Don't put it off; these orphans shouldn't have to wait any longer for our help. Please give what you can, it's up to us to step up and defend and protect these orphans ... because we care.



## 570,000 Meals Shipped

In our last newsletter, we told about the over one-half million nutritious pre-packaged meals that were donated to Food for Orphans by *Kids Against Hunger*.

We split the donation up into two separate shipments, one to the Central African Republic and the other to the Dominican Republic.

We are happy to report that both

shipments are underway. The first has already arrived in Africa and the other is due to arrive in the Dominican Republic any day now.

We want to say "Thank You" to all who made sacrificial gifts to assist in getting these meals shipped.

And a special "Thank You" to *Kids Against Hunger* for not only this large donation, but for all the work they do on behalf of children around the world.



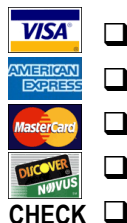
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Please check one:

### ONE-TIME

- \$ 25 = 50 meals
- \$ 50 = 100 meals
- \$ 100 = 200 meals
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### MONTHLY

- \$ 15 feeds ONE orphan
- \$ 30 feeds TWO orphans
- \$ 60 feeds FOUR orphans
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You can make online donations at [www.FoodforOrphans.org](http://www.FoodforOrphans.org).

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