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Dear Sponsors and Donors:

I am just returning from visiting my kids! O what joy! What delight! I keep saying that there should be a law against any person having so much fun and enjoyment. I absolutely love spending time with these kids – once joyless but now jubilant!

Christmas is the story of giving... for God so loved the world that He gave... and so along those lines, let me tell you a story...personal, but relevant. It was October 1976. I was in seminary and took leave to visit India. When I returned to my home church in Kolkata, Dr. Mark Buntain was in a major fund drive with the congregation to purchase a building for rehabilitating drug addicts in that city. Our young people were experimenting with semi-poisonous snakes. They would put the snake in a basket, blow smoke into it to agitate the snake and then stick their tongues through a small hole to get bitten by the snake. Just to get a high...a kick. Pastor exhorted the congregation to give sacrificially since it was some of their own young people who were caught in this vicious lifestyle.

A spirit of sacrifice and generosity descended upon the congregation. People walked up to deposit wrist watches, jewelry, clothes and cash. One blind man gave the only possession he had – a mandolin. It was auctioned off for a large amount and the winning bidder gave it back to the blind man. One woman brought \$5.00 to Pastor. She said that she had been saving that money all year long to buy her husband a pair of slacks for Christmas. (That family lived under a stairway of a nearby building). If she had done so, it would have been the first time in 18 years of married life that she could have afforded to do so, but she put it in for the building.

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LINKING RESOURCES WITH HURTING PEOPLE

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In that congregation was a smart young lady who had grown up in the church. After college, she was working as a School Teacher. But she was still single. Her family was under pressure to arrange for her marriage as quick as possible. It was the custom. The week earlier, a visiting evangelist had told her to “seek first His Kingdom and everything will be added to you...” She did not want to marry a stranger, but social customs were hard to resist. When the call was given for help with the purchase of the building, she had a handsome amount in mind that she would give from her savings. Because she was living at home, she was saving up her entire salary.

When she walked up to the bank teller to withdraw the amount the Spirit of God challenged her. She thought: “Lord, I wonder what it feels like, just once, to give it all to you? I may never do this again, but just once... what would it feel like to give it all.... You know my struggles... and Lord, as a token of my trust and surrender to you, I am going to give it all....” And with that, she emptied her savings and checking, and came and gave that money to Pastor Buntain.

God is no man's debtor.

I saw that girl again after 5 years and we both had drastically changed. She looked beautiful. We dated for two weeks, I proposed to her and a month later, on January 3, 1977, we got married. That girl is my wife Joy! At the wedding reception, Pastor Buntain said to her: “Joy, wasn't it worth it to give your all to the Lord?”. I said, “Yep...she got me!”...Well, not really, but you know what I mean... That was 34 years ago and we are still going as strong as ever in our love for each other and for His Kingdom. (BTW... the building for the drug addicts was purchased!)

I pray that you will have a beautiful Christmas season. Maybe for someone reading this letter, the key to see Heaven open is “for once....to give it all to Him...”.

On behalf of our 2400+ kids and lepers and staff, Joy and I wish you a very merry Christmas season and a happy new year. Thank you for being His Hand extended to these darling tribal kids. I leave for India on our wedding anniversary. May His Kingdom come...

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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Will You Be Our Ambassador?

If Dr. Rahman has never been to your church to speak or its been a long time since you've had a chance to hear him, let your pastor know that you would like to have him come share in a service or for a missions convention. You can request written information to pass along to your pastor, but the best introduction is your personal recommendation or introduction. Due to the miracle of frequent flyer miles, he's able to cover his own expenses, and his services are always highly regarded.

From time to time, our sponsors ask about the best method for paying monthly sponsorship fees.

We understand how easy it is to overlook a little white envelope over the course of a busy month, and that is why we recommend an automatic payment option. No matter what life throws at you, an automatic payment ensures uninterrupted support of your sponsored child.

For your convenience, please choose one of these three automatic payment methods:

1. Paypal from our website: All of your information is private (we never see it), and you are in charge of continuing or discontinuing your payments. Paypal alerts you when there is an issue with your credit card, and we are not privy to the details of your financial business. A finance charge of \$0.96 is applied for each \$30 sponsorship donation processed.

2. Recurring credit card payment: You provide us with your credit card number, and we create a recurring payment through our bank. If for some reason your card does not go through during a particular month, we'll stop the recurrence and write you to ask if you're still interested in the automatic sponsorship plan. A finance charge of \$0.90 is applied for each \$30 sponsorship donation processed.

3. Electronic bank checks: This is our favorite automatic method! Most banks now offer a free bill pay feature. Just as you might pay your monthly mortgage or electric bill through your bank account, you can create a sponsorship "payment" to be deducted on the same day each month. The bank then automatically transfers your payment to GNI. No finance fees are charged to you or GNI, and you no longer have to worry about writing a check and searching for that little white envelope each month.

4. Checks in the Mail: Of course, we are happy to receive 'live' checks in the mail and love to read the notes you sometimes send with them, but if you would like an automatic option with no additional charges, please consider the electronic bank check plan.

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