

## **FG TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS**

### **Date 7<sup>th</sup> February 2005**

Below is an updated summary of relief activities that FG has conducted to date, planned for future & details of support received from internal & external sources.

This summary will be further updated as & when new activities take place & circulated among team FG & those who support its efforts.

### **Favourite Group Relief Efforts**

#### **29th Dec to 1st Jan (Seethawaka Unit):**

A team of 12 including doctors / translators / expatriate helpers departed from our Seethawaka factory 29th PM and spent the next day at the sea front cities of POTTUVIL\_ ARUGAMBE and KOMARI in the Amparai district in the East.. Set up camp and medicated many victims who had not received any medical attn in 4 days. Many packs of dry rations & 3000 ltrs of drinking water were distributed

Visited KIRINDA and YALA (South) helped people with dry rations / drinking water / clothes / mats / cooking utensils / toys etc and other infant needs. Visited many collection centers and also donated medical supplies to the hospital in TISSAMAHARAMA.

Next stop was the town of HAMBANTHOTA base hospital in the south and donated the chief surgeon many supplies of medicines which they had run short on. Also helped some of the fresh water fisherman from the out skirts of this town since they were indirectly affected by the tsunami.

In addition to staff time, Rs 80,000.00 was contributed from Company funds

#### **31<sup>st</sup> December<sup>04th</sup> through 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – (City Office Team)**

A team of 6 left for the south on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan carrying with them basic ground clearing and breaking equipment, medicine, towels, bed sheets, drinking water, underwear for ladies, men & children, Sanitary napkins, knives & baby milk food.

The team visited 7 camps from Matara to Dikwella in the south that were set up to house those effected & handed over relief material after checking the needs in each place.

The group spent the first night in Galle & the second in Matara & returned on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.

#### **8th and 9th Jan - FG (seethawaka Unit):**

This trip was to Matara & on the way stopped at many villages in towns like KOSGODA / BALAPITIYA/ SEENIGAMA / HIKKADUWA/ GALLE / WELLIGAMA /MIRISSA and spent lots of time counseling the victims in these areas.

Spent the night in Welligama, distributed items to the needy on the same way back to Colombo the next day..

#### **8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – RPL (Real Estate Unit):**

Visited Matara fort in the south with food & medical supplies & distributed them among many of those effected. Stayed overnight in the fort assisting & counseling them.

**13th , 14th ,15th Jan - FGLS (Seethawaka unit):**

Visited the remote village of KOKKILAI in the north on this trip with the assistance of the Special Task Force and Sri Lanka Army. Carried water purification tablets donated by Fletcher School Alumni sheeting for tents, dry rations & drinking water & set up a camp to help those in need.

Rs 105,000.00 was contributed from Company funds & other donations

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2004 – FHL (Hanwella Unit):**

400 BED SHEETS, 300 Mattresses, 400 Pillows, and over Rs 30,000/- worth of medicine were distributed in Tsunami effected areas in Payagala & Beruwala in the south through a relief program organized by Hanwella Police Station

**Assistance to Favourite Group Tsunami victims:**

Favourite Group has committed rehabilitation support of Rs 920,000/- to 15 of its Tsunami effected staff members. The Group will help them rebuild the houses, restart family businesses that were destroyed or replace belongings that were lost due to the crisis.

**Contributions to other's efforts**

- ? Making available a company owned Warehousing facility of 50,000 sq ft for World Food Program (of the UN) for an initially agreed period of up to 3 months. No rent will be charged and the cost will be absorbed.
- ? Sent essential food supplies (rice & dhal) through Mrs. Michelle Mirchandani to be sent to camps in effected areas in the South
- ? Cash contribution to Impakt (expatriate group set up for immediate relief) to buy children's nebulisers to be sent on urgent basis to a medical centre.
- ? Sent 120 bottles each water purification tablets sent by Fletcher School Alumni to camps in the Galle District (in the South) and in Kilinochchi (Northern Tamil area)
- ? Sent 96 bottles of water purification tablet bottles sent by Fletcher School of Alumni to camps in Matara District in the south through the Rotary Club of Colombo 07.
- ? Purchased medicines to the value of Rs 30,000/- and taken direct to devastated areas in the South by the CEO of Texwood Industries ( a Favourite Group Company)
- ? Purchased & handed over children's schooling materials & toys to a group of expats to be taken to Galle in the south.
- ? Arranged a substantial consignment of medical supplies from JFHillebrand of France to the Ministry of Health - Sri Lanka
- ? Sponsoring transportation for a group of 6 doctors who are currently visiting Sri Lanka to help Tsunami effected areas of Seenigama in the south.

**Relief efforts lined up**

**Texwood Industries Ltd (Katunayake Unit)**

Over Rs 130,000/- worth of staff contribution is ready to be spent to build a basic house to a suitable family that is in need of help due to being displaced by the Tsunami

**Favourite Garments Ltd (Ratmalana Unit)**

Over Rs 115,000/- worth of staff contributions will be distributed along with above contributions from the Group among the 15 fellow staff members who got effected by the tsunami crisis.

### Other Relief Programs

#### **Regent Plaza Private Limited (Real Estate Unit) - Medium term assistance:**

Coordinated a medium term sponsorship of a sum of Rs 5,000/- each for an initial period of one year per month for 3 families with small children who lost at least one of their parents. The 3 families were also provided with over Rs 50,000/- worth of immediate initial support to get their lives back on track. A plan to rebuild houses for these three families as well as more are underway with financial support from local & overseas donors.

#### **Seethawaka Industrial Park Manufacturers Association - long-term plan**

Favourite Garments Ltd (Seethawaka Unit) has initiated a major rehabilitation and relocation campaign for the displaced by the Seethawaka Industrial Park Manufacturer's association, of which it's General Manager, Malik Ahamadeen serves as an executive committee member.

Members of SIPMA have already pledged over USD 50,000/- towards construction & maintenance of a child care facility that will be run by a TRUST and over looked by the SIPMA committee. A land to build the facility has been pledged by a nearby temple.

The project has been proposed to the authorities & is pending approval.

### Tsunami Relief Fund Donations to date:

#### **Sri Lankan Rupees**

|                                    |    |            |
|------------------------------------|----|------------|
| Staff Contributions:               | Rs | 620,000.00 |
| Prakash Mirchandani                | Rs | 100,000.00 |
| Regent Plaza Ltd (Group Co.)       | Rs | 50,000.00  |
| Worldwide Resources Ltd (Group Co) | Rs | 50,000.00  |
| Mr. Naresh Uthumchandani           | Rs | 15,000.00  |
| Mrs. Michelle Mirchandani          | Rs | 30,000.00  |

#### **US Dollars:**

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| Mr. Jose Flores (Corona/Grupo Modelo) | USD | 100/-    |
| Wilson Garments Accessories -         | USD | 1,000/-  |
| Stantex Corp. -                       | USD | 500/-    |
| Jim Larkin -                          | USD | 200/-    |
| Favourite Garments Ltd                | USD | 10,000/- |

### Contributions in kind

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| Wickramaratne & co             | - Rice 750kg, Dhal 500kg of Rs 72,500/-                    |
| Sudath Lansakara               | - Various medicine items of Rs 30,000/-                    |
| Jetsun/Laxmnan Joseph De Saram | - emergency supplies to the value of Rs 50,000/-           |
| Dimo & Company                 | - Bottled water & milk food for value of over Rs 150,000/- |
| Waist Management Co Ltd        | - Rice & other dry rations for value of over Rs 30,000/-   |
| <b>Fletcher School Alumni.</b> |  |
| Karla Brom                     | - 400 packs of water purification tablets                  |
| Farri and Bill Cress           | - 159 packs of water purification tablets                  |
| Barbara Geary                  | - 1400 packs of water purification tablets                 |

And our thanks to many individuals who supported our efforts with many other means of support.