

PURE RELIGION

Humanitarian Highlights

Over the years the Church, through its ongoing humanitarian efforts, has relieved suffering, fostered self-reliance, and built bridges of understanding and friendship with many of the great and small people of the world. Millions of the world's most needy have been blessed by the donations of life-sustaining food, clothing, critically needed medical supplies, and textbooks. The following represents a sampling of recent Church humanitarian activities and events.

Partnership with America's Promise. America's Promise, an organization chaired by General Colin Powell, serves needy youth in metropolitan areas. They invited the Church to participate in their 1999 initiative. Recently, General Powell recognized Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, the Church's representative, for the Church's contribution of food and clothing and hygiene, school, and newborn kits valued at \$950,000.

Inauguration of Pathway Bakery, India. India's Minister of Social Welfare recently recognized The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for its support and assistance to the Pathway Orphanage. The orphanage helps hundreds of children with mental disabilities. Recently, with the help of LDS Charities, the orphanage established a bakery and instituted a vocational training program that prepares disabled youth for a career in baking. More than 400 people attended the inauguration of the bakery. The event was featured on the evening newscast of a leading television station and in the Madras edition of the *Indian Express*.



Donation for Taiwan Earthquake Relief. Mr. Philip T. Y. Wang and Mr. Anthony C. Y. Ho of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office recently met with Church Public Affairs' representatives in Washington, D.C., to express appreciation for humanitarian assistance provided by the Church after Taiwan's recent earthquake. Officials of the Church were presented with a photograph of the donation presentation and a copy of the 1999 Republic of Taiwan yearbook, which included several paragraphs about the Church in Taiwan. Public Affairs staff noted that participating in the presentation of the humanitarian donation had "opened the doors of the Embassy in D.C. for the Church."

Kosovo Donations. Debbie Berry and Camerie Udall are Church members who worked as social workers in Kosovo with a British nongovernmental organization. Sister Udall was teaching an English class when some of her students asked if she was Muslim. When she responded, "No," they asked if she was Christian, and then they wanted to know the name of her church. She replied, "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Her students remembered the hygiene kits they had received and the small white card in each kit with the name of the Church in English and Albanian. About 15 of her students brought the cards they had saved to the next class and said, "Camerie, this is your church." They learned from Sister Udall how to say the name of the Church in English, and she learned from them how to say it in Albanian.