

MSP

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A Feel-Good Story

Thoughts on Starvation

“Like sleep, death by starvation happens so quietly, so inexorably, one does not even sense it happening. And all for lack of a handful of rice at each meal. In this world of plenty, a tiny baby, who does not yet understand the mystery of the world, is allowed to cry and cry and finally fall asleep without the milk she needs to survive. The next day she may not have the strength to continue living.”



Lucky recipient of our community rice program.



Nobel Peace Prize
Winner
Muhammad Yunus

So if you suddenly find yourself with the power to save a community from hunger, what do you do?

Go shopping for Rice



*So many lives
affected in ways
we can't imagine*

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Tons of Rice

DECEMBER TO MARCH

14 elderly saved from the indignity of begging and starving (2kg rice/week)

40 abled body adults given jobs for rice

300 children fed with special emphasis on reaching those toddlers that are not yet in school.

Is this not the best \$5000 spent?

Sam always has something interesting to say:

“People work hard but if you depend on the land, then the months from November to April are always going to be difficult. Most people do not have land to grow enough rice to feed the family for the year, yet rice bought in March is twice the price of rice bought after the harvest in May. Before Lova Soa and the feeding programme there were perhaps two deaths per year caused by malnutrition in Ambatoharanana and others in the surrounding villages. I haven't heard about any child deaths since the beginning of Lovasoa and the feeding problem. It makes sure the children have enough reserves to fight off infections. The village chief recently told me that children no longer look listless or like a bag of bones as they used to before harvest.”

Sam Beeton and his wife Violette work on the MSP committee in Madagascar. They have been instrumental in getting the school established and the board in Canada relies on their assessment of the needs of the local community.