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AFTER THE DESTRUCTIVE MIGHTY WAVES OF THE DEVASTATING TSUNAMI, ...IN THE NAME OF JESUS, NEW WAVES OF LOVE FOR THE SURVIVED!

Yes, I am an orphan now... this is the first day of my life without mother and I am serving the Lord in the area of the tsunami!

Yesterday was a very hard day as I was hit with the news of the death of my mother! While I thank God for giving her a long life, *she was going to be 97 in November*, at the same time, It was hard for me to receive the news while I am so far in a remote part of India. Now she is with the Lord and I am here as result of mighty waves of love and trust given to us to bring help to the devastated fishermen's community in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. I am here to distribute boats and nets to the victims of the tsunami while the houses are still under constructions and will be ready in a few weeks.



The signs of the terrible loss are all over these places. People are trying to repair their totally dismantled old boats.

They need help. The cry for more boats is very load. I could use at least 30 more boats to meet the need of the worst afflicted cases. These people have nothing and they need a helping hand so that they can start rebuilding from zero.

Children need a home and a place to go to school, the nearest school is 20 minutes away by car; not a chance for them to go there, too far and beside, they would not have the money to attend school, they would not even have the needed clothes and shoes.

What a devastation! what a misery! No one should live like this! No electricity, no water, no sure system, no stores of any kind, no doctors, no pharmacy. You wonder how they can live. I wonder if the government of India does really know that these people exists. It bothers me when I see how the various levels of governments try to beautify the areas around the airports, to give the



impression of a better India, but the reality is that the real population is not in the big cities, but all over the forgotten rural area with zero assistance of any kind.

I think of the judge I met on the Train to Darjeeling during my last trip, I recall how he confirmed to me that it is true; only 20% of the Indian population has access to the law, whether it be for assistance, education and protection.

Yesterday, while on the other side of the world, the funeral of my mother was being conducted, I was also dealing with the misery of two widowed ladies, both of them very poor and with many children. Their presence still hurts my heart. So shy and so worthless, they did not even dare to accept the invitation to sit down while talking with me, I had to insist to have them sit down. They came for help; alas, how painful, one I accepted to help and the other I had to say NO. Why? Only one reason, *not enough money to help them all!*

I am sure that if my mother had been there, she would have cried and begged me to do something for her. This thought was with me all trough the night and this morning I sent for her and I took another step of faith to assist her in her misery, I know that God, the comforter of the widow and father of the fatherless, would want me to do so. ***I have to enlarge my vision and do a bit more believing that this is the reason why He let me be here.***



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Pictures description:
 1) boats' distributions, 2) nets' distribution
 3) houses under construction.