

New Website Offerings

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There was only one website offering in November so I thought I would share it with you in its entirety.

JESUS AMONG THE REFUGEES

I was looking at a special on Africa the other night and etched upon my heart are scenes that I will never forget. The endless line of refugees waiting for a crumb of bread . . . the empty eyes of a father cradling his dying child . . . the shallow graves dotting the landscape .

Famine stalks the land like a hungry lion in search of his prey. The rhythmic cadence of death doesn't miss a beat.

What a human tragedy. What an indictment against those of us who fare "sumptuously every day" and worry about "bigger barns." Our insipid brand of Christianity condemns us.

Shallow faith testifies to our emptiness. Our **READY ANSWERS TO RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS** mentality is not feeding the hungry . . . clothing the naked . . . or reaching the lost. True, our corral may be secure and our brand noticeable, but what real changes are we affecting in our world? What real difference are we making? If the church ceased to exist today would the hungry, naked, and lost mourn its passing tomorrow?

While we are consumed by the various issues and traditions that plague our fellowship, Jesus is standing at a feeding station waiting for a crumb of bread. One day He is going to come back and ask each of us one fatal question: WHERE WERE YOU WHILE I STOOD IN LINE IN AFRICA . . . SHIVERED IN THE COLD IN NEW YORK . . . WANDERED THROUGH THE STREETS OF CALCUTTA . . . LIVED IN A CARDBOARD BOX IN MEXICO?

And we are going to answer: “We were sitting on our cushioned pews, in our air conditioned huts, studying from our King James Bibles, attacking every other denomination, keeping our women silent, our sons sober and our daughters at home.”

And Jesus is going to say: “Depart from me. For I was sick . . . in prison . . . naked . . . lonely . . . and you never ministered to me.”