

HUNGER FOR CHANGE

Environment for Life

The 2009 Sharing Way Annual Project

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Dear Pastor or Missions Coordinator,

We live in contradictory times. Most people in the Western world still enjoy unprecedented affluence. At the same time over a billion people are hungry. Their vulnerability is increased by the sweeping environmental and social transformations that are affecting the whole world.

Unless we make significant changes in the way we relate to the environment and in our patterns of consumption, we will witness increasing levels of desperation and violence caused by the uneven distribution of food, water and wealth.

The Sharing Way, CBM's relief and development department, works to restore the environment and bring food security to thousands of vulnerable people. This year, The Sharing Way Annual Project focuses on the environment and the effects of climate change in Bolivia, India, Kenya and Rwanda.

Even as we take stock of the damage done to the earth as a result of the never-ending cycle of expansion, consumption and exploitation, an alternative world is emerging – one of sustainability, adaptation, responsibility and community.

You can do your part to build resilience, encourage adaptation and restore God's creation. At the most fundamental level, you have the opportunity to give hope to families who are located within the bottom billion of the world's population. The enclosed **Hunger for Change: Environment for Life** appeal backgrounder, bulletin insert and poster will assist you as you promote The Sharing Way Annual Project and engage your community in the issues of hunger and environmental degradation. Please visit www.cbmin.org for more in-depth information on climate change and its effect on the environment. You will also find supplementary material, such as an FAQ sheet and fundraising ideas for the whole church.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing communications@cbmin.org.

We need your church's support. By raising much-needed funds, your church becomes a lifeline in projects that help families work toward self-sufficiency. Make a commitment to the poor by standing in solidarity with those who need it most – a powerful witness of the hope we all share in Christ.

Blessings,



Gordon King
Director of The Sharing Way

