NAPS NEWSLETTER





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Below: The NAPS Troops standing before the train in which over 3,000 victims lost their

lives while attempting to escape the tsunami.

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Mission Statement

The National Association for the Prevention of Starvation (NAPS) is a non-profit, volunteer relief organization founded in 1978 and registered in the state of Alabama in 1993. Its mission is to eliminate hunger, poverty, and disease, and to improve education and food security among suffering people, both nationally and internationally, regardless of race, religion or nationality. The organization provides humanitarian aid and educational support in the areas of: emergency relief, skilled volunteers, healthcare professionals, agricultural technology, and social and spiritual comfort. NAPS operates independently of all governmental, institutional, or political influences.

Tsunami Relief Mission: What A Difference Love Makes

Sonja comforting a little girl who lost her entire family in the disaster.

In response to the tsunami that crippled the country of Sri Lanka, the NAPS crew left for Sri Lanka on January 24, 2005. While there, the group was able to bring comfort, hope, and love to the natives through skits, song, and motivational talks; build 5 homes; train 27 Sri Lankan USAID volunteers; visit 4 villages to clear debris and return personal belongings to survivors; take active role in first wedding since the tsunami; and witness the first birth since the tsunami. "Evangelizing wasn't allowed," stated

Dr. Anthony Paul, the NAPS president, "but whenever questions arose about our faith, we answered them. I watched as NAPS witnessed without using a Bible, but simply with hugs, smiles, and willing hands." Dr. Paul stayed with the group for a month in Sri Lanka before returning to Alabama. The group is now working in Karnataka, India. *More details on next page*.



NAPS has built five homes for the tsunami victims.



"The Million-Dollar Photo": Love changes things--the children are smiling again.

NAPS Alumnus of the Year: Andrew Dean Griffiths

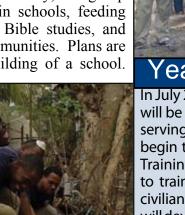


Dean was born second of 3 sons to Jamaica natives George and Eleanor Griffiths on December 7, 1984 in Manhattan, NY. He recently graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Biology from Oakwood College in Spring 2004, and was accepted into Loma Linda University Medical School on scholarship. He deferred his matriculation into LLU and has taken this year to work with NAPS with the Year of Dedication Team. "This Year of Dedication has been a great blessing to me," says Andrew. "During the year I have learned many valuable lessons that will last a lifetime while laboring for God--lessons that are not learned in the class-Andrew is currently room." serving in India, where he is ministering in music with his cello and binding the wounds of the hurt and injured. He did the same in Sri Lanka for a month helping victims of the tsunami.

UPCOMING MISSIONS

India Mission 2005

Keep this mission in your constant prayers. A team of 25 NAPS members (along with a dentist) will be going to Karnataka, India, to join the Year of Dedication crew in ministering to the African-Indians people, building a school, and working in 5 villages. Presently, the group is teaching English in schools, feeding children, conducting Bible studies, and visiting different communities. Plans are underway for the building of a school.



Clearing debris to make way for new homes.

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Year of Dedication II

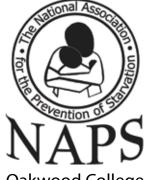
In July 2005, a second group of students will be dedicating a year of their lives to serving others. The Y.O.D. 2 crew will begin their year by completing a NAPS Training Center, which will be used to train fellow Oakwood students and civilians for missionary work. Then they will devote their time doing motivational talks at schools, hospital visits, juvenile detentioncenter programs, and spreading the Gospelthrough literature evangelism as well. As humble servants of the Lord, they desire to replicate the Y.O.D. I group's success and mission of "No Soul Left Behind."



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Reports from Zambia



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Your donations have helped to sponsor three bikes for the new NAPS branch in Kalongola, Zambia, to continue spreading the gospel in the Western province. They recently baptized 77 new souls. Praise the Lord!



The NAPS AIDS Prevention Training Center is now complete! The Choma AIDS Task Force, the Choma General Hospital, and COMESA are teaming with NAPS Zambia to provide services to the people. Support is still needed to fully furnish the new facility.