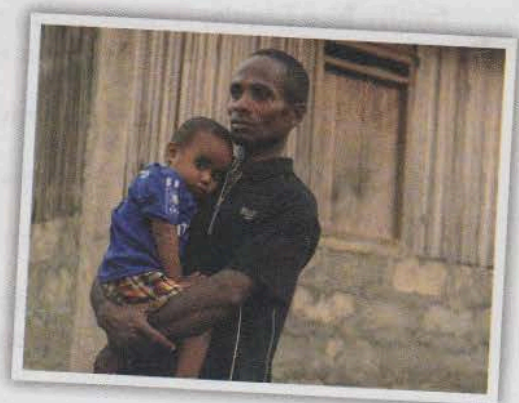


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Please help feed a hungry family like Lino's today.

Dear Pamela,

Imagine living in a place where if your crops fail ... you can't eat. You can't feed your family. You can't earn an income. You can't survive.

As a hardworking rice farmer, Lino's livelihood depends on the weather. But in Timor-Leste, one of the world's poorest countries, the weather is cruel and unpredictable.

Not too long ago, torrential rains hit Lino's community for 10 days and 10 nights. Like a fast-moving river, the floods destroyed his family's rice field. Lino's harvest was swept away – and with it, his family's main source of food and income.

After months of backbreaking work, the flood was a catastrophe. "We could not save our plants from the field," said Lino. "The floods came down like a river and took them away."

**Lino was devastated. How would he feed his three hungry children? How would his family survive?**

These are the frightening crises that poor families like Lino's face every day. A drought, a flood, or an outbreak of violence can make them lose everything and put them on the brink of survival. They need our help before it's too late.

**And that's where you come in! You'll be pleased to learn that Mercy Corps has created a life-changing solution for families like Lino's who live in poverty: a fish pond.**

This may sound like an unusual way to save lives. But a fish pond stocked full of tilapia is a simple, yet extraordinary and cost-effective way to provide protein-rich food and steady income to families in Timor-Leste and around the world.

**Your gift of \$20 or more today to Mercy Corps can have a powerful impact. You can help provide a fish pond full of tilapia and other life-changing solutions to a**

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**family like Lino's.** Tilapia is often called a "miracle fish" because they cost just 15 cents each and reproduce quickly. Here's an example of the incredible difference you can make:

- Your gift of \$20 can provide enough fish to feed 25 families
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- Your gift of \$40 can provide enough fish to feed 55 families

These hardy fish are an important resource for families living in poverty and they are practically indestructible. They eat almost anything! They thrive in small, freshwater ponds – and they are a crucial source of protein for severely malnourished families.

With a fish pond, a family can raise up to 500 tilapia. That's enough for a family to have plenty of food and also earn additional income when they sell it at the market. So whether tilapia is used to feed a family or is sold, it provides people with a solution to poverty and hunger.

It's heart wrenching that many people like Lino and his children are still living without enough to eat. They go to work and school hungry. They turn out the lights at night hungry. They live from crisis to crisis – not knowing when, or if, there will be food on the table.


**Today, you can help save kids and families from the terrible pain of hunger.**

Mercy Corps provided Lino with his own fish pond, which he is now using to raise hundreds of tilapia. He has enough fish to provide fresh, nutritious meals for his family and earn an income by selling the extra fish to people in his community.

Your past gifts to Mercy Corps helped make this possible! **But there are more families like Lino's who don't have enough to eat. Today, they are looking to you for help.**

Right now, in Timor-Leste and around the world, it's matter of life and death. Please give more vulnerable children and families solutions as simple as a miracle fish pond. Thank you so much for your kindness.

Warm regards,



Dan O'Neill  
Founder

P.S. Pamela, so many hungry children and families like Lino's urgently need food, income and support. When you help provide solutions like a fish pond, you make a lifesaving difference. Please give generously to Mercy Corps today to help a family like Lino's survive.

P.P.S. Like the ancient Chinese proverb says: *Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach him to fish and he eats for a lifetime.* To remind you of the powerful impact you have on families like Lino's, please accept the enclosed keepsake and the important message it contains.

## Hungry Families Need Your Help

**Yes!** I want to help hungry families like Lino's by giving them life-changing solutions like a fish pond. I have enclosed my special gift of:

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### Pamela, with your gift today, you can change lives.

Every day, families around the world struggle to survive. But you can change all that. By providing families with fish ponds and other innovative solutions, they can earn an income, feed their families – and change their lives.

#### Here's what your compassionate gift can accomplish.

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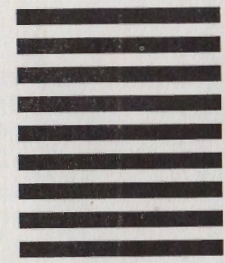
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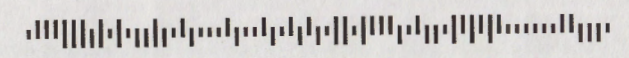


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# You can help families survive today



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Around the world, children and families are struggling to survive the toughest challenges imaginable — like natural disaster, war, and agonizing hunger.

Right now, there are poor farmers in Timor-Leste and Syrian refugees who are struggling to feed their families. They urgently need help.

**Please give generously to Mercy Corps today. You can help save hungry families in Timor-Leste, Syria and beyond by giving them lifesaving solutions like emergency food or the gift of a fish pond.**

Your kindness means so much to families in need around the world. Thank you.



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