

### WHO WOULD YOU HELP FIRST?

For a moral reason, I don't think anyone would be reluctant to donate to needy people, but where or who should we donate to? Do we donate to the needy in those well-developed countries like ours or to the people who are unable to afford medical fees or even the basic needs like food and clean water? Also, will you donate your money to those local charitable organizations or those international organizations like ORBIS to help the really poor people? I think all the answers are in your mind.

However, some people will say that we should help ourselves first. Also they will say that they do not know how the money will be used. They want to have better supervision of their money. No matter what the people say, they are just excuses for not donating money to other countries. We are much luckier and our government is rich enough to afford our medical services. Sometimes we have some free treatments as well. For those poor people, some of the taxes paid by the rich people will be distributed to them to solve their financial problems. Hence donating to local charitable organizations is not as necessary as to the other poor countries like Cambodia or Africa. Nowadays, at least no one has died of hunger in Hong Kong. However, for those poor countries near ours, their governments are too poor to provide them with even the basic needs like food and clean water, let alone medical services! There are many miserable children living with a lot of fatal problems every day and every night. Hence, who should you help first?

Another excuse for some people not to donate to other countries is that they do not know how their money will be used and they think it is not safe enough to donate to those international charitable organizations. It is not a factor for us to worry about. These organizations like ORBIS and Oxfam are famous world wide. Perhaps their supervision is better than that of the local ones.

If we analyze deeper and we are more aware, we will realize that we are all just one component of the world. Everyone has an effect on each other; everyone has his place and no one can live on his/her own. Thus, the poor affects the rich people or many countries as well. For example, those leading industrial countries need the cheaper labor from those developing countries as well. No one can walk away from this reality and those

products from the rich countries need markets too. Therefore, donating to and helping people from other developing countries or funding beyond the local boundary are not just beneficial to you but they are related to something more practical as well. Act now and give our money and support to places far away.