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Dear Friends,

In her closing comments at the recent **Micronutrient Forum**, held in Istanbul, Turkey from April 16-18th, Dr. Meera Shekar of the **World Bank**, noted that the data on positive impact of micronutrient interventions is '*so strong that failure to take action is an ethical dilemma.*' She urged a redoubling of efforts to attain universal salt iodization and Vitamin A supplementation to children under 5 years of age. **Vitamin Angels' Operation 20/20** program is taking an active role in the effort to eradicate Vitamin A deficiency on the planet by the symbolic year 2020.

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## Healthy Babies

Pat Havener, R.N., who is the medical director for our Honduras Children's Multivitamin Program, recently sent us the above photo of a healthy baby that was just born in a small village in rural Honduras. The community, a collection of small shacks, next to the dump outside of Macuelizo in Northwestern Honduras, has been receiving supplements from **Vitamin Angels** for the past year. Pat reports that for the first time, the babies being born in this village are healthy and vital! As Pat notes, 'Healthy babies being born in the most extreme poverty really is our hope for the future.'

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## Vitamin Angels at the village level!

Do you want to get a good idea of how **Vitamin Angels'** programs look at the village level? Contact us at ([info@VitaminAngels.com](mailto:info@VitaminAngels.com)) and ask for one or more of our DVD's; Operation 20/20, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Asia, or Mississippi. We will happily put drop them in the mail to you.

We thank all of our supporters who make this work possible!

*Thanks to everyone who supported our work this month: our amazing BOD, Tom Aarts, Barclay Hope, Yvon Bastien, Bill Sechrest, Elliott Balbert and Jeff Markel; Jeff Hilton and everyone at IMG; our new great Executive Assistant to the President Ada Lauren; Amy Summers and everyone at Pitch; and Ernest and all of our friends at Rainbow Bridge.*

Congratulations to InterHealth, Vitaquest International, Xango, Twinlabs, Purity Products, Nordic Naturals, Arizona Nutritional Supplements, and Lonza for partnering with us on Celebration of Angels: Thursday, September 27, 2007 at Expo East. If you are interested in participating in a Corporate Sponsorship, please contact [Megan@VitaminAngels.org](mailto:Megan@VitaminAngels.org).

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## Wants & Needs

We are in need of **financial contributions** to help support our work. From the recent **World Bank** book '**Repositioning Nutrition as Central To Development**', it is clear that our need for vitamin supplements is greater than ever before. We need *planned production* of children's chewable vitamins (multiples), adult multiples, prenatsals, and fish oil capsules. Please contact us at: 805 564 8400 or [info@VitaminAngels.com](mailto:info@VitaminAngels.com) to arrange for a financial contribution or a product donation.

*Thanks to our donors this month: Earthrise, Jarrow, Nutriforce, Vitaquest, Tishcon, Pharmachem, Rainbow Light, and Nordic Naturals.*

As always, **please forward this newsletter to all of your friends and colleagues.** We spend no money on advertising so we rely on you, our friends, to help get the word out and get people to our site ([www.vitaminangel.org](http://www.vitaminangel.org)) so they can see the scope of what we are accomplishing and make needed contributions. **Your support and encouragement make all of the difference in the world!**

Best,

Howard B. Schiffer

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## Product Distribution Report - 4/1/2006 - 4/30/2007

### India

Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson our campaign in India is in its forth year and is now reaching 1 million nursing mothers and children with vitamin A and deworming tablets – both the vitamin A and the deworming are given two times per year.

### Tibet

In this program we work closely with Dr. Nancy Harris who is the founder of Terma. We've been distributing up to 2 million children's multiples per month.

### Philippines

We are doing a deworming program in partnership with Save The Children reaching 250,000 kids per year. This program began in the first quarter of 2006 and is now slated to run through the last quarter of 2007.

### Honduras

This program is sponsored by Sight & Life (DSM), UNFI, Anabolic Laboratories, United Flavors, Domino Foods, George Washington University, Pan American Health Organization and Medpharm. This program is reaching 55,000 children per year for three years. Our in-country partners are Cristo Salva, Ministry of Health and PAHO. We are distributing children's multivitamins and antiparasitics (the multivitamins are given daily and the antiparasitics are given twice a year).

### **Dominican Republic**

The DR program is slated to be a three year campaign to reach 55,000 children per year. We are distributing multivitamins daily and antiparasitics two times per year. Our program partners are Direct Relief International, who will handle all to-country shipping and Batey Relief International, who will handle all in-country distribution.

### **Mississippi**

Ruleville Mississippi is a very poor rural district in the Mississippi Delta. With the support of Univera and their Serve First Program, we are now reaching 2,000 children with a daily nutrition supplement; Ageless Essentials.

### **Uganda**

**Vitamin Angels** has been funneling antiparasitics into the Africa Renewal Ministries in Uganda, Africa. An assessment from the government of Uganda has revealed that over 31% of the children in Uganda suffer from acute malnutrition. This organization provides the children with tuition, school supplies, shoes, nutritious meals and medical care.

### **Bethania Hospital**

The healthcare system in Pakistan is experiencing what the World Health Organization calls a double burden, one in which infectious diseases and nutritional deficiencies are widespread. The Bethania Hospital was formed in 1964 as a nongovernmental charitable hospital, located northeastern Pakistan. **Vitamin Angels** donated prenatal supplements.

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