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Shalom Acts for Messiah partners,

He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with nobles, and inherit a seat of honor! (1 Samuel 2:8)

I have recently returned from a trip to Africa during which I was able to spend several days with Emily Dwyer and the *Acts for Messiah* ministry. While in Tororo, Uganda, I saw destitute women and children sifting through the ash heaps left behind by garbage fires in a quest for a little charcoal or something of value. Then I saw the young men at *Acts for Messiah*, who had themselves once been among those in the dust, now healthy, strong, educated and spiritually growing young men, disciples of Jesus, future leaders being prepared to transform their culture for Messiah. Your contributions to the ministry of *Acts for Messiah* are literally raising the poor and needy from the dust and the ash heaps. I want to thank you for your generous contributions to this work and I pray that the Almighty will lavish blessing upon you in return.

God has a special place in his heart for the fatherless. In Uganda, you are taking the fatherless and introducing them to their Father in Heaven. I am sure you have read the stories of the children. If not, visit the ministry website at www.actsformessiah.org and get to know your extended family in Uganda. You will be blessed.

As we begin the new civil year of 2008, I want to encourage you give generously to this ministry effort. I can personally vouch for the efficacy of every dollar that goes to *Acts for Messiah*. Nothing is wasted, and everything is conducted with careful integrity and accountability. These are bargain-priced *mitzvah's* (good deeds). When it comes to laying up treasure in heaven, you could have no better investment than the *Acts for Messiah* ministry. That is why my family—the Lancaster family—is committing to contribute to the ministry every month. I hope you will join with us Lancaster's in this worthy effort. Please consider a monthly donation.

Emily will be traveling back to the US for several months this year. She will be available in March, April and May to come and speak to your congregation, small-group or fellowship about how God is using *Acts for Messiah*. If you would like to host her, please contact the ministry at info@actsformessiah.org

Again, thank you. May the Compassionate God of Israel and all mankind smile on you and bless you in everything and with everything.

In the name of His blessed Son Yeshua,

D. Thomas Lancaster