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Attention News Editors:

Changing Lives is the goal of mission to Kenya and Tanzania

Public invited to support program of direct assistance

TORONTO, May 16 /CNW/ - Improving the lives of people living in serviced villages in Kenya and Tanzania is the goal of the "Changing Lives Group" Mission that will take place from June 8 to 24, 2006. The Mission will visit Maseno, Kenya and Musama, Tanzania and other villages. The Changing Lives Group is an all volunteer effort made up of 25 dedicated volunteers from the Canadian Coptic Centre who have made both the financial and personal commitment to travel abroad and deliver assistance to the greatest need.

The group has identified realistic and achievable goals. What makes the Mission unique is the focus that will be placed on person-to-person and the direct delivery of services in what are some of Kenya and Tanzania's neediest communities. The work of the Mission will include providing assistance to young people in getting started with their education, volunteering in orphanages and hospitals and organizing activities. The group will also be bringing over 1000 lbs of medical supplies to deliver to the communities where they will be working.

The Mission brings with it a renewed sense of hope for families in difficult circumstances. The community development work planned during the Mission sends the message that Canada has not forgotten those that live in harsh conditions.

The public is invited to directly participate in this important mission by donating supplies or making a contribution toward the cost of medical and other relief supplies. All materials and monies raised will be dedicated to providing direct service and relief to those in the villages that were visited. All of the costs related to travel, etc. are being paid by the volunteers themselves.

Missions such as the one being undertaken in Kenya and Tanzania by the "Changing Lives Group" are needed. Direct delivery of aid has long been the best means of delivering assistance to remote and under-served communities. While government-to-government support has meant great relief in many countries, it is not always guaranteed that assistance has reached those in greatest need. The "Changing Lives Group" understands that a visit to a country cannot change the way of life for millions - how the Mission will change the lives of several hundred people and remind them they are not alone.

The group is well prepared to help families that are in dire circumstances. It is not uncommon for families of 5 or 6 to live in small huts, where the life of the eldest child quickly becomes more like that of a parent - caring for their siblings because a parent has died from AIDS or war. Many children live in areas where the nearest source of clean water is a two-hour walk. The goal of the group is to try and temper these harsh living conditions by providing medical and school supplies.

spending time with those most in need.

In advance of the Mission, the Changing Lives Group has embarked on a fundraising drive to purchase as many supplies for distribution as possible. Members of the public are particularly encouraged to donate materials such as school supplies for children, t-shirts in all sizes, and small toys or souvenirs that will bring a smile to a young child's face. The best way to donate materials is to contact: Sandra Sorial at 416-402-0959

Monetary donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Donations in support of the Mission can be made to the Canadian Coptic Centre (please refer to 'Africa Fund' in the memo). A tax-deductible receipt will be provided. The Canadian Coptic Centre is located at 1245 Eglinton Avenue West, Mississauga, Ontario, L5V 2M4.

The Changing Lives Group Mission to Kenya and Tanzania is taking place under the auspices of the Canadian Coptic Centre.

The origin of The Coptic Orthodox Church was established in Alexandria during the first century. Its founder, the Evangelist St. Mark was the first of an unbroken papal line. H.H. Pope Shenouda the 117th patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church began preaching his message and during his short stay in Alexandria touched hearts, and thus ushered in the dawn of Christian faith in Egypt. There are now more than 150 Coptic Orthodox Churches in North America.

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