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Dear Friends of Eco Foundation:

This is our annual status report for 2003 and a fund-raising appeal for 2004.

Thanks to your past support, Eco Foundation is now entering its sixth year of its existence!

I want to briefly report to you our major activities during the past year.

1. Major active projects (or continuing to support) this year are –
 - a. \$9,000 to the corpus fund for the creation of Eco Foundation's Smt. vemuri Sitaramamma and Sri Vemuri Somesawarao Memorial Scholarship Awards. This money is deposited with Sri Vidya Vikas Trust of Hyderabad and the interest earned will be used to support college bound students
 - b. As an experiment, we have taken up the project of pledging to finance the entire educational costs (tuition, books and some minor expenses) of three high school / college age children from Tuni and Visakhapatnam. At this time it is costing us \$80 to support each student for one year. If you wish, you can “adopt” a child and see through his/her educational progress. We will provide you with periodical updates on your student’s progress.
 - c. Working with the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad, on the use of Information Technology in mosquito control.
2. Our major fund-raising activities include:
 - a. Solicitation of contributions from mail campaigns like this.
 - b. Proceeds from the sale of the book, English-Telugu and Telugu-English Dictionary and Thesaurus compiled by Prof. Rao Vemuri. If you have not yet purchased a copy, please order one from us. It is only \$30.00. We will pay the postage on pre-paid orders if the delivery address is in the 48 contiguous United States.

- c. Proceeds from the sale of the book, jIvanadi (The Living River) by Prof. Rao Vemuri. This book, written in lucid Telugu, answers most of the questions you ever wanted to ask about blood. This 116-page book is offered at \$5/.
- d. Proceeds from the “Donate Your Car” campaign. Think of it like this. Our cars pollute our air. We will compensate for this by planting trees and restoring forests. If you have an old clunker of car, in any condition, please donate it to Eco Foundation. The procedure is very simple. You just send me e-mail and I will ask you for some information about you and the location of the car for pickup. Then we will take care of the rest of the paperwork with no hassle for you. We will give you a receipt for your income tax purposes. (This program is only valid in the U. S.)

Wish you all happy holidays and a prosperous new year!

Sincerely,

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