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African American Author "David Harris" Donates Sales of Books to Help Feed Hungry Kids, Bring Healing to Hurting Women

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WASHINGTON, DC -- What if you gave your most precious gift to a friend, knowing she in turn would do the same for two more friends, and so on? Imagine the possibilities! Each 1 Reach Many Ministries (E1RMM) is trying to do what one friend would do for another, and hoping its pass-the-goodness-along philosophy will generate \$150,000 in food for thousands of hungry children, and provide healing help for many others around the globe.

The idea is simple, but the potential results are astounding. Here's how it works: Participants contribute by purchasing award-winning author L. David Harris' latest book, *Know Peace Within: A Life in Transition*. The proceeds will help fund three worthy organizations – and the lives of thousands will be made better simply by purchasing a book.

"Years ago I remember thinking how incredible it would be if the principles of exponential growth could be used to make peoples' lives better," Harris explained. "If we invest our time and energies leading souls to enlightenment, each of those souls will do the same. This is why we say that each one reaches many."

Harris' E1RMM's \$150,000 Project is designed so that a portion of the revenue generated through the sale of his new book will go to three worthy organizations: World Vision, the Fistula Foundation, and Amazing Facts. Each organization will receive a check for \$50,000.00 towards carrying on their work.

"Many children will have food, water, and clothing because of this project," Harris said. "Women who suffer with fistulas, the devastating aftermath of obstructed labor, will have their health and their dignity restored. And the important ministry work being carried out in India and other parts of the world will get a financial boost through E1RMM's efforts."

Doing good work for goodness' sake is not a new idea, explained Harris. "Not only did Jesus teach the gospel. He also shared food with those who were hungry, and provided physical healing to those who were ailing. E1RMM is simply following in His footsteps."

The three organizations that will benefit did not contact E1RMM for assistance. Harris says it is simply his ministry's way of trying to make a valuable impact on our society.

"Our goal is to sell 100,000 books within the next six to twelve months in order to assist these organizations," Harris said. "This is just the beginning of the very long arm of philanthropic work we hope to achieve through E1RMM."

In addition to the \$150,000 Project, Harris has launched another initiative, called the Open Book Project, to inspire people to revisit the books of Daniel and Revelation. "E1RMM's Open Book Project encourages people everywhere – especially leaders – to study, pray over, meditate on, and even memorize the books of Daniel and Revelation along with their regular Bible study regimen," Harris said. "These two books contain some of the most powerful prophecies, and in them we find specific truths that help us to understand Christ's character more fully, as well as develop the tools to have a vibrant relationship with him."

Harris is a passionate author who believes that writing is part of his reason for being, so it's not surprising that *Know Peace Within: A Life in Transition* has a way of captivating its readers. A story that transcends age, gender, and socio-economic boundaries, *Know Peace Within* recounts the journey of an ordinary man struggling to find his way in a troubled world. The writer's quest to know himself through God is an inspiration to readers during these tremendously tumultuous times.

"*Know Peace Within* is one of those rare books that comes along and changes the lives of literally everyone who picks it up," said Dave Bohon, a Christian media expert and vice president of WDC Media. "Believers and seekers alike will be challenged and encouraged to connect with God's mercy – something we all need in these times of great stress and uncertainty."

In addition to being an author, Harris is a local church elder and Bible teacher at the Community Praise Center Church in Alexandria, VA. Though the majority of his experience has been in adult ministries, in the absence of a full-time youth pastor Harris has worked as an interim youth ministries coordinator at the Praise Center since July 2005. "It has been a joy and privilege, as well as a great learning and sharing experience, to have had this opportunity to work with youth," explained Harris. "This was uncharted territory for me. I had to have faith."

Harris wishes someone had spent this kind of time with him when he was a youth, and feels it would have given him a real head start in life. "It has been invaluable for me to have had the chance to do for youth what I wish had been done for me – to have had someone guide me and light the way a little."

Harris hopes the media and mega-church ministries will be inspired to get behind the \$150,000.00 Project. If one friend buying a book can motivate two more to do the same consider, posits Harris, the affect that one hundred ministries purchasing one thousand books would have on E1RMM's ability to make a difference in the world.

"Love is most readily seen when people's daily needs are being met," explained Harris. "As this and other projects like it become successful, more people will be in a position to receive not only food, clothing, and shelter; they will be receptive to God's love and will look forward to living in a world without sickness, pain, or privation."

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