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Greetings and Happy Spring to you.

This month's pot-luck and break-the-fast supper will again be at the home of Winnie and Denny's, 60 Forest St. Providence. 6:30 p.m We thank Bernard Beaudreau who works out of Oxfam's main office in Boston, for showing slides of his recent trip to Ethiopia and surrounding countries. It was encouraging to see Oxfam America's recovery and development projects. At this months' supper we hope to have William Smith show slides of his work in India-also funded by Oxfam. Join us on Thursday,April18.

AN ARTIST FOR OXFAM

Joan Von Glahn, a Providence artist, has donated designed and hand-coloured bookmarkers which are available at the office of Dr. Rybeck, Chiropractor, 329 Wickenden St. Prov. $1, proceeds for Oxfam. To buy these in bulk or to offer another distribution point contact us.

TO MAKE USE OF THE BOOKMARKERS

We suggest the reading of the following two books which are available at Dorrwar Bookstore Hope St. Providence.

FOOD FIRST- Beyong the Myth of Scarcity by Frances Moore Lappe and Joseph Collins.
This book dispels the many hunger myths and suggests what one can do.

NICARAGUA: UNDER SIEGE

This is a pictoral account of what has and is happening to the Nicaraguan people.

SHOE SHINE

In the park by the fountain
water spurts from metal breasts
of the Indian mother- sculpture
nursing her country with water- milk,
"my many children of poverty."
A gap of teeth flashes from
a dirty face smaller than its grin,
"Shoe shine is its own society, Boss."
Ragged clothes, bare feet tough
as the blade of a hoe, little eyes
glittering like black marbles,
intent on the world of his wooden box--
bottle of black to paint rubber edges
that fight the cobblestones every day,
brushes, cans of polish, flannel rags
to burnish brilliant surfaces of boots--
poverty requires accurate equipment
no dreams left except
"the Super-Dooper Special":
bright leather conquering thick dust.

James Schevill

from Fire of Eyes, A Guatemalan Sequence
Copper Beech Press, Box 1852
Brown University
Providence, R.I. 02912

LITTLE BUDDY

Afflicted with leukemia and with a few years to live, Little Buddy's dying wish is to get into the "Guiness Book of Records" as having received the most post-cards. To help Buddy turn a dream into a reality, mail a postcard to: Little Buddy, P.O. Box 76, Paisley Renfrewshire, Scotland.

CARING AND SHARING

Recently, Marie Palladino and students of Roger Williams Middle School, Providence, raised $460 for Oxfam to help with African relief. The seeds of caring and sharing are sprouting.

OXFAM PLANS A BENEFIT

On April 29th Oxfam will be raising money for the famine stricken people of East Africa. That night, at the Dyerville Mil 610 Manton Ave. Providence, Roxi Nathanson of East Providence's The Arboretum, Guy Abelson of Seekonk's Cafe in the Barn, Grac Kohn of Providence's Hurricane, and Michael Moskwa of Michael's Catering&Gourmet in Providence w combine their talents, staffs, supplies and labour to host one the biggest benefits seen in thi area in years. 600 guests are expected to attend the $50 per person party which has a goal of $30,000. Oxfam will forward the proceeds for immediate food and medical relief and assistance in some of the long-range problems of irrigation and poor agricultural techniques. The Dyerville Mill has been donated for the occasion. There will be wine, champagne and hors d'oeuvre and music by Wendy Klein, Deborah Flateman, Rod Fournier, and Paul Mason. Tickets may be purchased at any one of the host restaurants or by calling 336-6330.