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Dear Friend,

A story:

*Aji, an old lady, short and stooped with a stick, limps resolutely past a bull standing in a field making her way to the Meher Free Dispensary. The doors will not open until the next morning, but she will not chance making her journey in the morning, fearing she may be too late to receive the care she needs. She wants to make sure she is ahead in line since most days one has to contend with 150 others clamoring for the same attention. Aji has made her way over from Vambori, 4 miles away and will rely on the kindness of a farm in the area to put her up for the night. Aji has packed her millet bread and is happy she will be ahead in line at the **Meher Free Dispensary**, her only option for **free medical attention** in her poor and drought-prone area of the world - Ahmednagar, India.*

**The Meher Free Dispensary provides free medical care to poor villagers of all ages in Ahmednagar, India, including:**

- doctor visits, consultations, referrals, lab work and medication
- treatment of acute and chronic illnesses such as diabetes, epilepsy, various infections
- pre-natal and post-natal care and other services
- education and counseling of the health risks associated with such regional challenges as poor nutrition and lack of sanitation
- reimbursement to needy patients for referred examinations, treatments, and surgeries at area health care specialists and hospitals

A small group of Oregonians, many of whom have visited the clinic in India, are planning a fundraiser on behalf of the Meher Fund, Inc., a non-profit charitable [501 (c) (3)] organization dedicated to supporting the Meher Free Dispensary. The Meher Free Dispensary is often the villagers' only option for medical attention. We are asking for your help in continuing this vital service to families in need.

**A Fundraiser for the Meher Free Dispensary will be held  
on Friday, August 19, 2011 from 7:00-9:00pm  
at BodyVox Dance Center, 1201 NW 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland, OR 97209**

We hope you will join us at BodyVox Dance Center in Portland to learn first hand about the Meher Fund, participate in a silent auction, enjoy a "taste of India" generously donated by the Bombay Cricket Club Restaurant, wine by Silver Falls Vineyards, and gourmet desserts.

It costs the Meher Free Dispensary an average of \$4.50 per patient including doctor, labs, and medications. The dispensary treats approximately 150 patients per day. Learn more about Meher Free Dispensary at [www.meherfund.org](http://www.meherfund.org). Please help us support the Meher Free Dispensary by joining us at this special event so that it can continue its service to the families most in need.

Yours gratefully,