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*R~lertKirby is trekking in ~oming. This is a reprint of an earlier column.* 

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•On Tuesday, my wife drove a thoroughly embittered Me down to LDS Welfare Square and dropped me off. With severa! other ward fools I trudged inside and --felt the heavens part.

In a building clearly marked "DAIRY" there were no cows. The entire facility avoided even the verY appearance of cow. The closest 1 saw were cheese and milk.

Pleasedthlj.t. God was back in his heaven, I spent the next four hoUrs gla!lly loading pallets with 50-pound bags of Atmit.

At<u>mit</u> sounds like the name of a Book of Mormon lawyer, but~iactuallY the Ethiopian wordfor "porridge." Or so they said. It could have been Inuitfor "rat poison" for all we knew.

Being a journalist, I made them prove it. During, a break we cooked up so:tn-A-it and tried it. The first tastewas OK, the second ratller less so. Third bordered on awful, and forth - well, there wasn't OI, le.

Atmitcpn~ists of oat flour, SUgar,powdel.'edmilk and vitamins: It is an acquired taste, ahnost certainly acquired through starvation and not through a steady diet ofRostess products.

The porridge is being sent to'Africa to bring starving children and the elderly back from the brink of death. Sofar gone are some of them that they can only stomach a few tablespoons of Atmit per day. We <u>bagged-andloaaed</u> ---18,000pounds of Atmit in four hours. All the while I could not shake the image of my granddaughter starving, nor tl\$ hope that, if she were; s\$eone else would also set a~defearand indifference to load Atmitforher.

: Sometimes it takes a brush with cows to relllind us that

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