

The Real Tsunami Disaster Continues! by the Children's Hunger Fund

The loss of life is staggering! Over 166,000 people have been killed. More than 1/3 of that number is children. The global death toll has reached 226,000! Villages have been washed away and completely destroyed. Over 617,000 people are still

homeless and millions are left without any source of livelihood ... their lives have been completely uprooted. We have all seen the images on television and heard the tragic stories of children separated from their parents; families not knowing the fate of their loved ones; countless children left orphaned. An unprecedented natural disaster. How will hope be restored when all hope is lost?

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With a disaster of such magnitude, no one person or organization can begin to meet all of the needs. However, we are trying to do as much as we can, for as many children as we can. So can you! In the past few days, we have wired funds to Indonesia to charter the delivery of emergency food shipments and other emergency supplies to some of the regions hardest hit by the tsunami. We have also sent funds to establish a communications network with teams who are on the ground and dispersing relief supplies on our behalf. We are contacting corporations and other entities in an effort to secure food, medicines and other emergency supplies that are so desperately needed.

We are in a great position to make a significant impact in Indonesia because we have had an active presence there since 1998. With a large food distribution network already in place, we have teams ready to mobilize and assist where the needs are the greatest. We have also been contacted by the other churches and non-profit partners in Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Malaysia requesting help.

Our most urgent need is for financial contributions to facilitate the distributions in these countries. In Indonesia, for example, each chartered aircraft from Jakarta to the outlying islands where the needs are the greatest, costs about \$12,000 in US dollars. That does not include any of the expense of acquiring emergency supplies here and getting them to Indonesia. You can begin to understand the significant challenges in reaching children and families in these remote areas.

Will you help us? We need to hear from you today! Your contribution, no matter how large or how small, will make a significant impact in the life of a child in such desperate need.

Please send your gift of \$10, \$100 or \$1,000 to Children's Hunger Fund. You can have great confidence in knowing that we will use it to touch children's lives in a significant way. Thank you for caring at such a critical time!

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