

# Tsunami Relief Report



Since December 26, Canadians have responded with great generosity to help tsunami survivors in Indonesia and India. With your gifts to Partners International you have offered hope to thousands of families whose lives were devastated by the tsunami. So far, Canadians have given almost \$220,000 to Partners International's tsunami relief project.

## You Have Helped Thousands of Families

Over the past eight weeks, your gifts have:

- ✓ Provided clothes, emergency rations and blankets to 9,000 people in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.
- ✓ Provided water, rice, generators and pumps to eleven of the hardest-hit communities located on the northeast coast of Aceh.
- ✓ Enabled a medical team to treat more than 2,000 tsunami survivors in villages and refugee camps along Aceh's west coast, including the islands of Banyak, Simeulue, and Nias, as well as mainland Aceh.
- ✓ Provided rice, clothes, cooking vessels, mats and other basic household items to more than 500 families in south India.



Mother and child at relief distribution site in Aceh.



Rev. Grover Crosby, a Canadian staff member, among debris in a south Indian village.

## Partnership Multiplies Your Investment

Your gifts are still working for tsunami survivors because your donation empowers our local partners in Indonesia and India. We have been working with these committed leaders for many years. Our response to the tsunami crisis is an extension of these longstanding partnerships.

In fact, the tsunami crisis has proven our partnerships to be exceptionally effective. These three-fold partnerships provide a dynamic way to maximize global resources and clearly demonstrate Christ's love to the world.

The impact of these partnerships began with our partners in Canada who—before they even knew our plans for relief work—began sending in funds, trusting us to use their gifts wisely. That trust is based on years of effective ministry done according to strict standards of accountability.



Our local partners survey damage to a fishing village in Tamil Nadu.

Second, our indigenous partner ministries—because they were already there—immediately collected goods and funds locally to take to people in need, and did it in the name of Christ.

Finally, Partners International quickly directed the funds, training, and counsel needed by our indigenous partners to develop and implement short-term and long-term responses to the tsunami tragedy.

Thank you for propelling these partnerships and reaching out with love to our global neighbours.

## It's Too Soon to Stop Helping Survivors

Although the tsunami tragedy no longer leads newscasts, the work of rebuilding has just begun. The tsunami washed away fishing boats and nets, destroying the livelihoods of coastal fishermen in hundreds of villages in south India. One of these villages is Maramady No. 5 Colachal, sitting at the southern tip of Tamil Nadu. Partners International in Canada has adopted this entire village as a focus for our rebuilding efforts in India.

Through our local partner, Bible Faith Mission, we will provide fishing boats and nets to the village's 120 families who have lost everything. A second phase of rebuilding will include building new concrete homes with clean water and reliable electricity as well as private latrines that ensure adequate sanitation. Our local partners will also minister comfort and spiritual guidance to residents coping with their great loss.

Our partners in Indonesia have also identified several communities where they can provide clean water, build new homes and launch micro-enterprise programs. In addition, Partners International has agreed to assist with rebuilding a church on the island of Nias that was destroyed by the tsunami.



This destroyed church is among our rebuilding projects in Indonesia.

## Let's Stand Together

Before the tsunamis, our indigenous partners were already ministering in word and deed to their neighbours. After the relief agencies are gone, our local partners will still be there. They are looking to Partners International for advice, expertise, and the funds to multiply their ministry impact. As you stand with us in partnership, we will stand with them.



*Helping you share  
your resources with  
global neighbours in need.*



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