



Gereja Kristen Indonesia (GKI)
The Indonesian Christian Church



GKI Humanitarian



Update Field Report West Sumatra Earthquake
From GKI Humanitarian of GKI Synod

As we all have already known, the large quakes shook West Sumatra two times. The first is at on September 30, 2009 at 17.18 hours at 7,6 Richter Scale and the second at 17.38 hours at 6,2 Richter Scale. Between the two there were many following smaller quakes. The city of Padang and the hinterland as far as Mentawai Islands and villages in Mt. Kerinci in District of Jambi were devastated by the quake. Many lives were lost in the disaster, especially in the large building as Ambacang Hotel where hundreds people were staying and training. Only a few of them were saved from the hotel ruins. And also in the building of Gama School where hundreds of student were studying in their class rooms could not escape from the collapsing school building. Although the city of Padang only

extremely shattered about 20 percent, but the victims reached more than 800 died. The huge pile up of building debris blocked the way of search and rescue (SAR) specialists to help victims under the piles, although the SAR come from Indonesian Zeni Army, Japan and Korean specialists. After 4-5 days it was too late then to evacuate the alive victims from the debris. Evacuators only found dead bodies mingled in detritus. In addition of the deads, thousands people lost their house. Public building like mosque, church, school, hotel , office, shop-house were damage.

In days after the quake, all flights from Jakarta to Padang were fully booked. A big crowd relatives of Padang population wanted to get to Padang in a hurry to see their families. GKI Humanitarian with the help of Batavia Air and Sriwijaya Air, get our way to Padang.

Advance Team

On October 4, 2009 four volunteers lead by Mr. Yusak Ismanto went to Padang to prepare posko (command post) and accomodation for following bigger teams. They arrived at Padang under heavy rain and entered the darkness of Padang city because electricity were gone impacted by quake. Without any hotel available, the team passed the night in the house of a generous taxi driver for free, who knew the team needed help in helping Padang. The next day, contact with our church partner resulting an available GKI Humanitarian posko in Gereja Kristen Setia Indonesia at the address Jalan Niaga Dalam 267A Padang. This posko is located in Pecinan, Chinatown in Padang.

On October 5, 2009 head of GKI Humanitarian, Rev. Kuntadi Sumadikarya (also moderator of GKI West Java Synod) briefs the first team of volunteers who will go to Padang on the next day, October 6, 2009.

The First GKI Humanitarian Team

On October 6, 2009 with a free of charge flight available from Batavia Air the first team arrived at Padang. This team consists of 17 medical doctors, paramedics and other volunteers. These medics and volunteers come from the Indonesia Christian University Hospital, GKI Palsigunung Jakarta, GKI Sutopo Tangerang GKI Bekasi Timur Jakarta. Almost at midnight the team arrived in Padang. Mr. Irianto the team leader gave sms to Jakarta: "We've landed safely. Thank you Lord!" GKI Humanitarian reported at once to Satkorlak Penanggulangan Bencana (Government Coordination Unit for Tackling Disaster) to make the present of our team legal and coordinated. They proceed to the prepared accomodation in Wisma Kano Juo in Jalan Paus – Padang. Immediately the team gathered for praying, devoting in theological reflection on the love of God to suffered people and briefing on tomorrow operation. Reflective and evaluative gathering every night is an imperative in GKI Humanitarian services.

GKI Humanitarian went along the edge of Padang, where many victims remain untouched by any assistance, either medical or food. In these areas people got illnesses on eyes, cough in throat, influenza in nose, diarrhea, and they also got starvation and thirstiness. No medics or volunteers in the areas, they're indeed left behind although we know so many volunteers and aids available in the city. These are principles of GKI Humanitarian, that is not to compete with other agencies and always seeking empty slots which in need but untouched.

On October 7, 2009 GKI Humanitarian "go around medics" found and helped the untouched people in villages in the Padang outskirts. We called this policy picking up the ball instead of awaiting the ball. Areas where we worked are Perum Melati Arenatama Selaras, Tabek Batu Air Pacah, Sungai Lareh, Koto Tengah Padang (206 patients) and Village of Lolo in sub-subdistrict Gunung Sarik subdistrict Nangalo (91 patients) and Pasar Ancang in subdistrict Kuranji (230 patients). In one day only, the medical team was helping 527 patients. We have spent much medicine for patients, more than what we have brought from Jakarta. We have to buy more needed medicine in Padang on high price, three times than usual price. We found many patients who need hospitalization, but they're afraid of hospital high fee. We ushered them to the District Hospital M. Jamil where they got help even surgery operation for free.

On October 8, 2009 GKI Humanitarian served Skep village sub-district Mata Air in South Padang (241 patients). GKI Humanitarian began to enjoy warm interaction with Padang people, who even knew we are Christians but also knew that we come to help people without care about ethnic, religion, gender or social status differences. For Your Information, West Sumatra, including and especially Padang is known as a province with conservative Muslim population. So we feel the emerging friendly relationship between Muslims and we as Christians is indeed a luxury.

On October 9, 2009 GKI Humanitarian served Banuaran Perum Sekapal village (231 patients) and Parak village Kopi sub-subdistrict Alai Parak Kopi Subdistrict North Padang (219 patients). Continuing GKI Humanitarian assistance to people around Padang resulting with "kissing hands" by people. Our doctors, paramedics and volunteers got hand kissed by people who expressed their gratefulness. Hand kissing is a tradition among Muslims which is given by people to other respected persons, usually older people. But this time they gave hand kissing to GKI Humanitarian team which average younger than them. What a beautiful relation emerged in this non-normal disaster circumstances.

On October 10, 2009 GKI Humanitarian served Bukit Berair village subdistrict Teluk Bayur South Padang (85 patients). Meanwhile GKI Humanitarian based on GKI Kanaan Congregation Post in Jambi reports that they have brought a large amount of sembako (acronym meanings: nine most needed food) to sub-subdistrict Sungai Penuh in Subdistrict Mt. Kerinci District of Jambi which also suffered by the same quake. They also together with PGTI (Communion of Indonesian Chinese Churches) in Jambi brought a large amount of aids to Padang. They reached Sungai Penuh and Padang by land and driving more than 6 hours with love of God despised their tiredness. Praise the Lord!

On October 11, 2009 GKI Humanitarian served Air Manis village South Padang (191 patients). During the service to villages people GKI Humanitarian being interviewed by reporter of Radio Pelita Kasih FM, GKI's Radio in Jakarta. The interview, also to victims of Sumatra earthquake being broadcast directly by RPK-FM 96,3 in Jakarta.

On October 12, 2009 everyday when medical service were served, GKI Humanitarian also distributing food for village people who are in need. That why GKI Humanitarian should buy more food, clothing and underwears, blankets, tents, infant food and milk and other supplies to fulfill the need of untouched people. As we may have known, without electricity all cellular phone run out their

battery power. Our generator sets are available for people to charge their handphones, to make them able to communicate again.

The Second GKI Humanitarian Team

In Jakarta GKI Humanitarian gathered another briefing to Second Team. Evaluate what was being experienced by the first team. We are preparing and packing medicine and other supplies to go with the Second Team until late of the night.

On October 13, 2009 in the late morning the Second Team depart to Padang to replace the First. This Team consists of 25 medical doctors from Faculty of Medicine the Krida Wacana Christian University (owned by GKI West Java Synod) and one reporter from GKI Crisis Center. This time the team flew with discount from Sriwijaya Air. They brought 50 box of medicine and supplies weight 594 kilograms and get free of charge cargo from Sriwijaya Air. The Second Team arrived at noon in Padang and getting to GKI Humanitarian new settlement at Wisma Bakti Bundo Jalan Asahan - Padang, Agus Salim sport complex building. On the evening the First team going back home to Jakarta.

Where GKI Humanitarian Works?

Service areas of GKI Humanitarian as following list:

1. Air Manis village, Subdistrict South Padang.
2. Mata Air village, Subdistrict South Padang.
3. Aiacama village, sub subdustric Auduri, subdistrict North Padang.
4. Bukit Datar village subdistrict South Padang.
5. Bukit Gado-gado village, Subdistrict South Padang.
6. Bukit Air Manis village, Subdistrict South Padang.
7. Bukit Teluk Bayur village, Subdistrict South Padang.
8. Sungai Penuh village, Subdistrict Mt. Kerinci, Province of Jambi
9. Siberut Island, District of Mentawai, Province of West Sumatra

What GKI Humanitarian Distributes?

GKI Humanitarian were distributing food and material aids as notes below:

Aid Material	Units
Rice	13.5 tons
Green Bean	500 kg
Canned Food	1.000 cans
Instant Noodle	28.000 packs
Infant Food	584 box
Mineral Water	4.800 bottles
Tents	130 pieces
Medicine	100 box
Soap	2.880 pieces
Tooth Brush	360 pieces
Tooth Paste	1.008 tubes
Women Sanitary Pad	16.800 pieces
Women Underwear	204 pieces
Blanket	100 pieces
Women Saroong	100 pieces
Eating Plate	1.200 pieces
Drinking Glass	1.200 pieces

Pan	100 pieces
Wok	100 pieces
Generator	10 units
Infant Wear	120 pieces
Telon Oil	132 bottles

Participants

In doing all these services GKI Humanitarian participants come from our networking partners. Although GKI Humanitarian teams consists of only 49 people mostly medical volunteers, but local participant volunteers making GKI Humanitarian teams powered up to 200 people. Thank God!

Cost

Temporarily cost we spent until now is about Rp 500 million, equivalent of A\$ 59,000 or S\$ 75,000 or US\$ 53,000.

May this report is useful for our donors and partners. God bless you all.

Jakarta, October 14, 2009



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