



## 2009 Emergency Appeal Update

*Zimbabwe Food Relief Appeal – A total of \$51, 160.80 was donated (fully dispersed)*

The Buhera District in Zimbabwe is the second poorest in the country. The effects of growing food prices, infertile land, and persistent drought were taking hold of some of the poorest people in Zimbabwe. Estimates by the United Nations indicate that at October 2009, approximately seven million people were relying on food aid for survival, and cholera rates were on the rise.

In partnership with the **Methodist Church in Zimbabwe** and their aid and development arm, the **Methodist Development and Relief Agency (MeDRA)**, we provided 835 families with emergency food. Each family received 500 g of beans, 750 ml of cooking oil, and 10 kg of mealie meal (ground maize). Supplies were purchased from farmers in more fertile areas of Zimbabwe who had a surplus of crops and needed an income. To address the growing prevalence of cholera, we provided soap, installed sanitary toilets, and provided education on the risks.

*Typhoon Ketsana, Philippines Appeal – A total of \$54, 927.30 was donated (fully dispersed)*

Typhoon Ketsana brought the equivalent of one month's rain in 12 hours, resulting in the worst flooding in the region in more than 40 years. Hundreds lost their lives and thousands lost homes.

In partnership with the **United Church of Christ in the Philippines**, we addressed their immediate need for food and shelter. Seeds and tools were provided to farming communities in order to quickly generate food and income for the future. A long term prevention strategy includes a tree planting program to help prevent landslides in rural areas caused by deforestation.

*Sumatra (Indonesia) Earthquake Appeal – A total of \$39, 111.72 was donated (fully dispersed)*

The 7.3 magnitude earthquake that struck the Padang province of Sumatra, Indonesia killed thousands. Houses fell, and infrastructure and health care services throughout the region were damaged or destroyed.

In partnership with the **Indonesian Christian Church** and the **Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC)**, we distributed 12 tonnes of rice, 500 kg of beans and 4 800 bottles of water. Shelter, blankets and sarongs were also distributed, and health care supplies including medicine (100 boxes), soap (2880 boxes) toothbrushes and toothpaste were also provided. Longer term projects involving clean water and sanitation will ensure the long term health of these communities.

*Samoa Tsunami Appeal – A total of \$349, 161.72 was donated (\$205 000 dispersed to date)*

The 1.7 metre wave that hit Samoa in September last year caused severe damage in low lying island areas and claimed the lives of more than 100 people. Thousands of homes were swept away, livelihoods were left in ruins, and entire communities needed emergency food, water, shelter, and medical attention.

In partnership with the **Methodist Church of Samoa** and the **Congregational Christian Church of Samoa**, the immediate needs of those affected were provided and community centres in three villages for pre-school and community groups to meet are being built. The remaining \$144 161.72 will be used to rebuild infrastructure in affected communities in the coming months.