



"Those Who Help the Poor Honor God"  
Proverbs 14:31

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Dear Friends,

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Just recently I returned from being in Indonesia for 16 days assessing the damage and brokenness in the lives of families and communities. This catastrophe received media coverage for days; however, now it has melted into a memory of the past. It will take years to recover from this historic calamity. These photos are taken of Banda Aceh where downtown and business



bomb was dropped on that city. It is estimated that 34% of the population died with many refugees going to Medan, a major city of the province of North Sumatra. Below is "tent city" where the refugees now stay.

areas are completely demolished. First the earthquake rattled the town sandwiching many buildings and then 20 minutes later the tsunami waves tumbled in. The situation is indescribable. I would have to agree with a friend who stated that it can only be compared to Hiroshima after the



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It took us over nine hours to travel across the island of Sumatra through cocoa groves and rubber plantations and an additional twelve hours by ferry to Nias Island. Villages on Nias Island had been destroyed with many in need of basic supplies and fishing boats to provide for their families.

All had been swept away. On the other side everything was intact with the children from Nias Island greeting us and so excited to have visitors. We were fortunate to establish contact and provide those in need with food.



The next day we left on a cargo boat for Aech Island loaded with 400 boxes of noodles and a 2205 lbs. of rice. It took us nine hours arriving at 11 at night. The next day



we had to leave for another island to register with the police and explain why

we were on the islands. It has been essential to coordinate distribution with credible individuals, organizations and the government.

We are planning to continue our outreach long term to the victims of the Tsunami in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. 20 container shipments are in the process of going to these countries. *Giving Children Hope* will assist in rebuilding fishing boats, providing livestock (goats and sheep) and developing life sustaining jobs. Aid such as medical supplies, hygiene items and water treatment items will be sent and distributed by our partners on the field. Your financial support in this major effort will turn a memory into hope and a better life for the future.



Please consider *Giving Children Hope* as an organization you can trust in the lives of so many who are trying to find meaning in their shattered lives.

In God's love,

John Ditty, President

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