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Typhoon Haiyan

Stronger bonds and building faith



The Salvation Army Philippine Relief Team

On November 8, 2013 Typhoon Haiyan devastated vast portions of Southeast Asia, particularly the Philippines. More than 6,190 lives were lost; families displaced, with the storm officially recorded as the strongest typhoon for its wind speed.

The Salvation Army began responding immediately, offering what they could, sharing prayer and words of hope, being a compassionate presence. Since then the international Salvation Army has provided additional support. Over a quarter of million meals were served, 4,000 received immediate medical care, and 8,200 families were provided with food relief consisting of rice, noodles and canned goods. Three thousand families have received roofing supplies and an additional 5,000 have received vegetable seeds and agricultural tools to restart their farms again. The ability to respond quickly, and to work through the logistical challenges such a disaster creates, is made easier because of the Salvation Army has been present in the Philippines since the early 1930's.

There is much more to be done. The Salvation Army has focused its efforts in Tacloban, and will now move into providing support as those in the communities re-build their lives. An international team will provide additional support as community assessments continue. Manjita Biswas, a member of the World Missions team, will be joining in the assessment process in the Philippines at the beginning of February.

We are grateful for the generosity of our many donors – more than \$500,000 has been donated. For more information of the response of the international Salvation Army, please visit www.salvationarmy.org. Updates of the specific response your donations have supported, please visit the World Missions website at www.saworldmissions.ca.



2014 Spotlight on Liberia & Sierra Leone

A personal message from World Missions Director
Major Gillian Brown

In this newsletter we take the opportunity to highlight the response of the World Missions office to two different natural disasters.

This month marks the fourth anniversary since the earthquake in Haiti.



Shared in this issue are stories of our achievements four years later.

The typhoon in the Philippines is the most recent international disaster.

February also marks the start of the Self Denial/ Partners in Mission campaign in the Salvation Army calendar.

This fundraising campaign provides the necessary funds to ensure that the Salvation Army maintains a presence in countries around the world. The difference this makes has been seen in many ways – most notably highlighted in this issue of our newsletter in the ability of the Salvation Army to respond when disaster strikes. The campaign also provides us with an opportunity to highlight our partner countries and share their stories.

May these stories and those of support for children through our sponsorship program and providing dignity and hope to families and communities through the Gifts of Hope campaign warm your hearts these winter days.

Major Gillian Brown

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PARTNERS IN MISSION

A view from here: A personal story from Major Anne Venables

Months after my return from Africa, there are many images that continue to come to my mind.

The countries of Liberia and Sierra Leone have endured years of civil war and evidence of the conflict is everywhere. Abandoned buildings, riddled with bullet holes remain, ten years after the war ended. And everyone we met had a story about how the war affected them. Many lost homes, friends or family members and their lives were changed forever. And yet in the midst of the poverty and destruction, there is a beautiful spirit of hope!

One memory which stands out came at the Kakata School. The classrooms were full of eager children, neatly dressed in their grey and white uniforms and I was impressed by their attention to their teachers. Outside the buildings, sitting on some nearby steps was a little boy – about 5 or 6 years old. Chris just sat there quietly, watching us and watching one of the local women prepare milk for the students. This little boy walked an hour to school each morning because he really wants to go to school, but his family cannot afford to pay the small fee that the school requires. Chris is one of hundreds of children who long to attend school. The Partners in Mission campaign is an opportunity for you and I to hear the stories and challenges of our Partner Territories and to consider ways in which we can help Chris and all the thousands like him in countries like Liberia and Sierra Leone. The Sponsorship program and community projects our territory supports are two opportunities we have to make a difference. There's a saying in Liberia "A problem shared is a problem easily solved." How true that is when it comes to Partners in Mission!

A partnership implies involvement and commitment from both parties. Our end of the partnership is clear – we are rich in material resources. What role do our partner territories play in this relationship? The answer became abundantly clear to me during my visit – they can teach us so much about living by faith. They live the words of Philippians 4:12-13, *"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of contentment in every situation, whether it be a full stomach or hunger, plenty or want; for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power"* (The Living Bible). We can learn from the faith and trust of Salvationists in our partner territories. We can learn from the simple lifestyle that relies more on community and family, and less on possessions. We can learn to be joyful in all circumstances. Our partner territories live by faith, that they will receive the support they need to accomplish their mission - and our gifts, through Partners in Mission, help them to do just that.

- Major Anne Venables

*The full story can be found in the February issue of the
Salvationist magazine.*



Sponsorship donations focus on early stages of children's education.

South Asia Zone



The Integrated Children's Centre in Savar, Bangladesh, has provided quality, inclusive education for over 350 underprivileged children. The teachers are committed to ensuring that every child has the support they require to succeed, no matter their family situation. The school boasts a 100% graduation statistic, with all children gaining the skills and exam results they require to move into the next school level.

The Integrated Children's Centre provides a residential setting for 42 children = 16 visually impaired boys and 26 girls - for whom a residential setting ensures that they learn important life skills, as well as healthy meals and loving support, care that their families would provide if they were able. In countries such as Bangladesh, it is not easy for visually impaired individuals to achieve success. The staff at the school are extremely proud of all their students, but take special pride to share that four of their students were able to move on from the Salvation Army school to study at university.

FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & FOOD

Latin America North Zone



On May 13, 2013, children of Josselyn community in El Salvador received a great gift, the gift of fellowship at meal times. The dining room will provide a place for children to gather, socialize and enjoy their lunch in a safe environment. The mothers expressed their gratitude to God, the sponsorship donors and the members of The Salvation Army who showed their support through this project and who support childhood development.

As they listened to the creative message of the Territorial Commander, Colonel Tito Paredes, they gave glory and honour to God and thanked him for this dream. come true in their community.



If you would like to Sponsor a Salvation Army project internationally, please contact us at **416-422-6224**, email world_missions@can.salvationarmy.org or visit our website www.saworldmissions.ca. Your monthly donation will help children, families & communities dreams come true!

Thank you for your continuous support of the work of The Salvation Army World Missions department. We would not be able to do what we do without you!

A special delivery....



for thankful boys in Angul!

India Zone

A special thank you; Joytown School

Kenya East Zone



"Meet our kids from Joytown Primary & Secondary School. We are focussing on a child named Janet. Janet is a bright cheerful girl who enjoys therapy. She has a condition called Arthrogyryposis Multiplex Congenita which simply means her joints are stiff and her feet are deformed, forming what is often known as club feet. She had orthopedic surgery on May 17, 2012 on both her feet. She had to struggle with plaster on both feet for 2 months after which time she was fitted with assistive braces. The surgery successfully corrected her club feet but she will need further surgery to correct her right foot.

Thank you for your sponsorship donations to Joytown Primary & Secondary School.

HAITI: STORIES OF HOPE AND PROGRESS

Four years of rebuilding

Four years after a 7.1 magnitude earthquake ripped through Haiti on January 12, 2010, The Salvation Army continues to work with impacted communities, giving Haitians the tools they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.

While the catastrophe was lethal, collapsing hundreds of communities into dusty heaps and killing an estimated 250,000 people, the will of the Haitians to survive is inspiring.

"It was a sunny day. I was at home when, late in the afternoon, the ground under my feet suddenly started to shake," says 29-year-old Jean-Charles. "In seconds, the wall of my house tumbled down and clouds of dust filled the air. I thought it was the end of the world."

While Jean-Charles lost everything, he is happy because he, his wife and son, took refuge under a kitchen table and emerged from the debris relatively unscathed. Others weren't so fortunate.

Today, life is better for Jean-Charles. As one of 560 benefactors of The Salvation Army's vocational training program he has received his certificate in mechanical auto repair.

From brake-system and body repair to diagnosing and repairing complicated car electrical systems, Jean-Charles looks forward to each day with a renewed hope and confidence that enables him to support his family.

"We are living a better life," says Jean-Charles. "The Salvation Army made me feel like I really mattered and for that, I will be forever grateful."

In March 2012, The Salvation Army, which has been working in Haiti since 1950, expanded its earthquake redevelopment services by launching a five-year, \$3.6-million Integrated Family Support Project (IFSP). The incredible generosity of our donors made it possible for the project to be funded entirely by The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory. The project includes four components— permanent housing, vocational training, livelihood support and agricultural support.



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