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MOZAMBIQUE DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE

In the three weeks since Heidi Baker's team in Mozambique relayed the terrible news of the flooding we have made real progress in helping the refugees.

Two teams of disaster relief workers have returned to Canada, providing us with first-hand reports of the situation.

Food: Iris has been able to distribute emergency food to some of the refugees – government interference, impassable roads, and water have kept aid from reaching some pockets of people. Because the crops were destroyed, aid will be required for quite some time yet, until the refugees are able to return home and replant. Together with other organizations, Be A HERO has helped arrange and pay for 4 containers of food to be shipped. The government changes their minds almost daily about whether to allow these containers in duty-free. We trust that when they arrive in port they will be allowed through unhampered.

Floods: The waters have dropped an astonishing 10 feet in the last week, but there are still people marooned on small islands created by the flood water. Men are standing in water up to their waists, creating a human chain across the rivers to pass bags of rice hand over hand to the trapped people. The rains are somewhat easing – although it has still been raining every day, it is not torrential downpours, and it is not continuous. The Relief Effort Coordinator has requested a boat...

Water: The terrible irony of flooding is that there is an abundance of water, but it is all contaminated. Be A HERO has purchased and shipped four pallets of a product called PUR. PUR was developed by Proctor & Gamble in response to the infamous tsunami. It removes 99.99% of the contaminants, bacteria, viruses, and protozoa that threaten the lives of the refugees through cholera, dysentery, guardia and other water-borne diarrheal diseases. (We consider this “orphan prevention”) This amazing product will provide safe water at a cost of 2¢ per person per day, OR \$2.00 per person for 100 days. At \$11,000.00 per pallet, we hope to ship several more pallets in the coming weeks as it will be several months before a safe water supply can be established.

Medical: There is virtually no medical aid reaching the sick and wounded in the camps. Two doctors were part of our first team in, and they worked almost around the clock with very limited supplies, right in the field. The good news is that “Dr. Jesus” also came – one of the team relayed this story: “We arrived at the camp, and when the news spread that a doctor had come people started lining up for care. Hundreds of people lined up. The doctor looked

at the multitudes, and said “You guys had better start praying for these people. I can’t possibly see them all, and I don’t have any where near enough supplies”. The rest of the team starting going down the line, praying and God started healing. Deaf ears were opened, the blind received their sight, sickness disappeared. It was just like the book of Acts!”

Doctors and nurses are still urgently needed – anyone with medical skills is most welcome.

Shelter: The people have started to build themselves huts out of branches, but these will not keep them dry. We would like to start providing plastic sheeting for roofing.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the relief efforts – to date we have sent over \$85,000.00 USD for food and water purification. It’s a drop in the bucket compared to the need, but will be a blessing to those we have been able to assist. If you would like to make a contribution, it is expected that aid will be required for close to a year as the crops will need to be replanted, and homes rebuilt.