

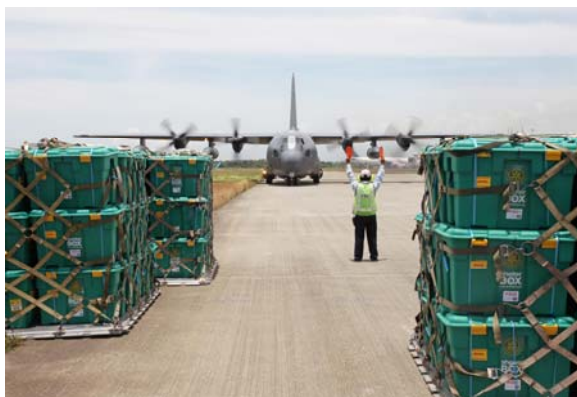
Diary of delivery and hope.

In just twelve days, ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members have assessed and assisted more than 8,000 survivors in the Sumatra area with emergency ShelterBox housing. The following is an excerpt from SRT Mike Greenslade's reports together with his pictorial of events as they support those who have lost everything.

Saturday October 10, 2009. "We received our supplies for a camp we are building in the Agam area (some 4 hours drive north of Padang) where they lost their houses due to a landslide. Free transport was provided and we managed to get 100 ShelterBoxes in but have to wait for Oxfam to complete the sorting of water and sanitation. We will return tomorrow to start our building.

We dropped another 15 ShelterBoxes in Jawi Duku and have organised a drop helicopter (courtesy of US Navy) tomorrow to an isolated village called Padang Alai and will also check out for other remote areas that need our help when up in the Chinook. 177 ShelterBoxes arrived today, a further 360 tomorrow and probably more on the way.

Transportation is not an issue for us as we have the support of free trucks, free choppers (US Navy) and free C130s (Australian/American/Indonesian Air Forces).



Images courtesy of Australian SRT Mike Greenslade

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Sunday October 11, 2009. Busy day today both on the ground and in the air. The RAAF flew in 144 ShelterBoxes and a further 164 were flown in by Garuda paid for by Rotary District 3400 of Jakarta. One SRT team completed an aerial survey in a US Navy Puma helicopter and confirmed the remote village of Hula Banda was in dire need of emergency shelter. We are receiving generous co-operation from USAID and the US Navy who flew 45 ShelterBoxes and a 3 man SRT plus local volunteers to assist us."

Samoan school back to normal thanks to ShelterBox

New Zealand SRT members Owen Smith and Walter Van der Kley distributed 20 ShelterBoxes to families currently living in the Ulutogia Primary School. At the request of Red Cross, this now means the children of the village can return to their school and begin some normality in their lives.

With the assistance of the Rotary Club of Apia members, Owen and Walter assisted families also in the Lepa, Saliapaga and Satitua back areas of Samoa with the distribution of 80 ShelterBoxes so far.

Owen said: "Believe me, the survivors of this disaster and very, very grateful to Rotary and to ShelterBox for their help – they now have a home to start over again."



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Below is a letter just received from ADG Slade in District 9920.

"I am and would like to say how wonderful it has been to work with the ShelterBox gentlemen: Owen from Kerikeri Rotary Club and Walter from Ashburton Rotary Club. They have done the greatest of jobs on the coast considering only two of them with assistance from Apia Rotary members 78 of the best tents have been distributed and installed within a short time after the tsunami. The accompanied components of these kits to catch and purify water plus the tools, mosquito nets and comforting blankets are just the most ideal blessings for the victims. One old man yelled out to me 'thank you for the mosquito net. I was worried the mosquitoes were going to kill me after surviving the tsunami'. ShelterBoxes is the perfect way to help these people get back on their feet.

Last Saturday at the coast Rotary was the only organisation on the road working. Not even Red Cross were there. We had a group of vehicles of ShelterBoxes followed by the Emergency Boxes and distributed the last 40 ShelterBoxes and 50 Emergency Boxes. It was the greatest gifts before White Sunday. Everybody is talking about the Rotary Tents to be the best ones around and everybody wants one.

I am humbly proud to be a Rotarian and we may not be as loud as Red Cross but we are certainly doing a great job going straight to the needy and touching the hearts of the people. To see the tears in their eyes as they hug you and the grateful smiles as they say 'thank you' convinces you Rotary has made the difference in their lives.

'To the world you are just one, to them you are the World'.

THANK YOU ROTARY NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA AND FIJI FROM ALL THE TSUNAMI VICTIMS OF SAMOA. IT HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND CERTAINLY INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF HOW GREAT ROTARY IS."

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ADG District 9920
International Director
ROTARY CLUB OF APIA/SAMOA

Extended tour for Aussie SRT in Philippines

Rotarian and volunteer SRT Peter Pearce has virtually spent the last six weeks in disasters helping those survivors who have lost everything in Manila, the Philippines. Another 197 ShelterBoxes will be delivered to tomorrow and our SRT members will also visit the Botolan region where 310 ShelterBoxes were set up last month. This region has again been hit with extreme weather.



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On 12/10/2009 5:33 PM Norvic Solidum wrote:

Rotarian Peter Pearce
Shelter Box Response Team

Dear Peter,

Please be informed that we have successfully installed, of course with your Team's assistance and eventually awarded to the victims of the flood caused by "Typhoon Ondoy" the initial ten (10) shelter boxes on October 6, 2009, at Topswing Site, Barangay Landayan, San Pedro, Laguna.

We have also installed an additional five (5) Shelter Tents in another evacuation, Cono site also in Barangay Landayan, and eventually awarded them to the typhoon victims evacuated in said area, today October 8, 2009.

Our Tent Installers which your Team trained even extended assistance to RC Cabuyao Circle in installing their Shelter tents in their evacuation areas.

For your ready information and reference, we are attaching herewith the photos of the activities, from site inspection & determination, area preparation, installation & assembly to the eventual awarding and/or turn-over to the beneficiaries.

Therefore, in behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Area 1 Group 1 of Rotary International District 3820 under the leadership of District Governor Chit Lijauco, my sincere appreciation for the help you have extended to our Countrymen.

God Bless you.

In the Service of Rotary,

PP NORVIC D. SOLIDUM
Rotary Club of San Pedro South
Assistant Governor for Area 1 Group 1
RI District 3820, Philippines



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