

## After Walls of Water, Hope in Half a Dozen Countries

*An Indian child eats food distributed by a volunteer organization after a tsunami hit the South Indian city of Madras.*  
Reuters/Babu courtesy www.alertnet.org



“I have come into the deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me... Yet God’s steadfast love is good.”—Psalm 69:2b, 16

**UMCOR is assisting survivors of tidal waves set off by a powerful 9.0 earthquake. Tens of thousands died. About 5 million people lack basic essentials.**

Half a dozen countries in South Asia and Southeastern Asia will receive United Methodist aid. Gifts will help feed and shelter 50,000 families in India alone. In addition to India, United Methodist gifts will be at work in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives.

- **Coordinated response is most effective.** UMCOR will work through its international faith-based partners to provide food, clean water, and shelter. Its partners Action by Churches Together and Churches Auxiliary for Social Action already have relief workers at hard hit locations.
- **Sanitation and fresh water have been compromised.** So aid workers will restore sanitation facilities and provide fresh water to families.
- **Food supplies have been cut off.** Disaster workers are distributing food to the most vulnerable.

**UMCOR is delivering “love in action” on behalf of United Methodists.**

Here are some ways you can continue to be there.

- \$12.00** Provide a health kit for a child.
- \$100.00** Underwrite relief items such as cooking utensils, sleeping mats, blankets, and tarps for a family.
- \$1,000.00** Invest in long-term reconstruction—buy roofing, shingles, and other building materials to restore a family’s house.

As is its practice in all projects UMCOR seeks to work with key partners such as local religious leaders. This ensures a holistic and integrated response, true to Christ’s mandate to serve heart, mind, spirit, and body. Please consider a generous gift.

### How to Give

Your contributions to **South Asia Emergency, UMCOR Advance #274305** will help continue to deliver relief to affected areas. Write the # and name of the project on your offering envelope and in the memo line of your check.

- By Offering** For local church and Annual Conference credit, put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday.
- By Check** Make your check to **UMCOR** and send to UMCOR, 475 Riverside Dr., Room 330, New York, NY 10115.
- By Credit Card** Call toll-free (800) 554-8583

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