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JAVA EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL

An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.9 hit the Indonesian Island of Java on Saturday 27th May. The death toll of that disaster stands today at 5,427. 10,000 people lay injured with head wounds and broken bones outside in the streets, reports indicate that perhaps 30-40% of these injured are children.

These injured survivors are competing for medical attention from a health system not designed for such a disaster. One local hospital with a 150-bed capacity, is trying to cope with 1150 casualties. With no other options, they are forced to wait outside battling the elements under makeshift tarpaulins from the heavy, and near constant rainfall. Under these conditions, there are grave concerns that the death toll may soon increase dramatically.

Entire villages are flattened; constant after-shocks create panic and fear among the survivors. Most people have given up hope of finding people alive, and resigned to simply find the bodies of family members to perform the proper burial rituals.

Working with a local partner organization, so instrumental and critical to our previous Tsunami relief efforts, we are distributing aid and ministering to the broken spirits of the survivors throughout the region.

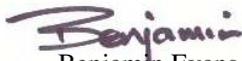
Three local teams were dispatched immediately into the disaster: intercessors, pastors, and a medical team with an ambulance, doctor and paramedics. Each team brought as much aid, as they could physically carry. A fourth team traveled by truck bringing enough emergency rations to feed 1000 families.

Families are receiving food packs containing rice, noodles, oil, soap, clothing, baby formula, and children's toys and whatever medical aid they can provide. But most importantly, they are providing prayer, counseling and sharing the Gospel to every single person.

FTH Australia has already sent enough funds to buy another 5000 food packs, but these rations will last only a matter of days. We need your help to sustain the survivors longer.

Please, I urge you to pray for Indonesia. Seek the Lord about whether to give financially, and as you are led, to give generously to the Java Earthquake Appeal.

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