

China: Sichuan Earthquake Update

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Dear friend,

Regular visitors of our website will know that FTH responded immediately to the earthquake in the Chinese Province of Sichuan on May 12th. A terrible disaster that killed 87,406 people including 11,000 children while they were at school. 374,176 people were injured and the collapsed infrastructure forced 1½ million to relocate.

FTH Hong Kong Director Armanda da Roza and a team of 27 people from Hong Kong Churches, including 11 doctors, rushed into the disaster area with all the medical supplies they could physically carry on the plane.

They worked with local churches to distribute food, water, temporary shelters and other relief items such as umbrellas, crutches and walkers for the elderly. They supported tent schools with resources and manpower. They visited people in hospitals and comforted survivors who still live in the streets because they are afraid their home will collapse on them overnight.

What you might not know, is that the Sichuan Earthquake survivors still need our help.

There is still an urgent need to provide food, water, hygiene kits and more. Armanda is asking us not to forget her people, not to give up on them, to continue supporting the survivors of the earthquake.

Especially now that the region has suffered another earthquake just a few days ago. On August 30th an earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale killed 38 more people. Survivors endured another 439 aftershocks, one registering 5.7 on the same scale.

It is important to continue ministering to broken people, many who have lost the only truly valuable treasure in their life – their one and only child. If we abandon them now, it will add sorrows to their already fragile spirits. We need your help to continue. *We must.*

A gift from you will take just a moment, but it will have an eternal impact. We will feed survivors, we will clothe and house them, but your gift empowers local churches to continue sharing the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. They will continue to keep this door of opportunity open, building relationships that will lead to fruitful evangelism.

We don't know how long these doors will remain open, so please let us hear from you quickly.

Voice for the Hungry,

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