

Cyclone Phailin Hits India

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It is not unusual for us to receive reports from Reverend Thomas of cyclones that cause damage to homes and church properties in the network of orphanages and churches supported for over twenty-five years by Global Outreach. Cyclone Phailin that hit the Bay of Bengal and Andra Pradesh, where most of the Feed My People properties are located, was the largest storm to hit India in fourteen years. In addition to the 13 hours of terror Phailin brought before it was downgraded to a category one hurricane, the torrential rains have continued for almost two weeks since the initial storm. This has added to the suffering and hindered relief efforts to more than 500,000 people who are now homeless and living in relief camps.

As soon as they were able to visit the churches, Reverend Thomas sent pictures and reports of the following three properties that were damaged and in need of help to rebuild.

Krishan District, Vuyuru Village. Pastor Jaya Raju has been working here for twenty two years. This building, constructed fifteen years ago, was heavily damaged during the night as the orphans slept. Reverend Thomas is requesting \$5,000 to rebuild a concrete building that will be better able to withstand storms and provide protection for the orphans that live there.



Anglakuduru Village. This church was built in 1998 with help from Global Outreach. It is a well established church with an effective evangelistic outreach to this community of poor from the untouchable caste. \$2,000 is needed to repair the roof and walls damaged by the storm. Pastor Moses leads this congregation.

Kativaram Village. Located only three miles from the headquarters church in Tenali, Reverend Thomas says this congregation is made up of very poor people yet very rich in faith. They are also from an untouchable caste who survive by collecting waste from the streets and gathering food from the trash heaps. When they become Christians and leave idol worship behind, they are excommunicated and have a very difficult life.

This church needs a new roof at a cost of \$700.

If you would like to help any of these churches, please designate your gift for India.



Gifts for Orphans in Congo



The new school term began in Congo on September 2nd. As we reported in last month's newsletter, it was a busy time with the expense and work of opening Mango Tree School with four primary classes at Congo for Christ. The orphans had to wait to receive some of the school clothes and supplies they needed for the year. We are so thankful to share these pictures of our happy orphans as they proudly display their new school uniforms, shoes, and book bags. Some of the children had been sent home from school until we were able to send the money for the school shoes. These precious children truly appreciate everything that is given to them.



Another area of need for the children has been their mattresses. They were in such terrible condition and really needed replacing but once again we did not have the funds to buy new ones. We are thankful to report that a generous gift was received which enabled us to send the funds to purchase a new mattress for each child. In July the mission team from National Community Church took plastic zippered covers which will help keep the new mattresses in good shape. The team also purchased new sheets and blankets for the children. At the present time, the children sleep on the floor on the new mattresses. With your help, we hope to purchase metal bunk beds in the future.



Items Needed for Orphans in Congo

Plans are underway for another mission team to visit Congo for Christ next summer. When a mission team visits they are able to take a limited amount of supplies for the needs of the orphans. All items may be sent to Global Outreach or dropped off at: 2120 Ewin Dr., Prescott, Arizona.

- *shoes in good condition: sneakers, sandals, soccer
- *boys: denim pants or shorts, shirts, underwear
- *girls: skirts, blouses, bras (no pants)
- *deflated balls: soccer, volleyball, basketball
- *children's vitamins, pain medication
- *toothbrushes

Many thanks to each of you for your prayers and support! Bill and Renee Reed