

From Randy & Sharon English

*"...As many may now be aware, a devastating earthquake and tsunami has struck in the Pacific Islands near the countries of American Samoa and Samoa. Today, media sources across the nation showed picture after picture of the destruction left behind. Other nations have also been affected. The situation in American Samoa is not good. People have died and many have been injured. Some are missing. Officials and loved ones are diligently working to find people, hoping and praying that they've not been washed out to sea. The total amount of deaths is yet to be known. Entire villages have been destroyed. Homes have either been completely destroyed or are so badly damaged that they cannot be repaired. Some homes have been washed out to sea. The earthquake and tsunami that struck in the near region of our country has left behind death, injury, and destruction to an extent that we have never witnessed during our 20 years of living and working as missionaries in the Pacific Islands. With each passing hour more is being revealed to show that the loss of life, injury, and destruction of property is increasing. Our radio station, **KULA 95.1 FM**, has continued to broadcast in the territory 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.....even during the earthquake and tsunami! This is indeed a great blessing and a way that the churches of Christ are on the front lines of serving already, in addition to members distributing food and water. In addition to the comfort of God's Word being proclaimed through our daily Bible programming, we are running special programming to further assist residents throughout the territory that have been displaced by the disaster, including information from the Red Cross, FEMA, and area government agencies.*

With the help of members of the churches of Christ, over the next few weeks we will be working to replace essential things needed to sustain good health and enable people to once again labor daily to help provide for themselves a productive level of living. Additionally, for those that have lost loved ones and suffered great injury both physical and mental, we will labor together with local members to provide them with a compassionate hand and extend to them the comfort that comes only from knowing our Great God of Comfort. This we do all to His glory, which we have witnessed many times over since we first began living and laboring in this region in 1989.

*Brethren, we believe that serving to meet the needs that will exist in the "2nd phase" of recovery will be the most useful and productive way that we can help people return to living their normal productive lives. Still, there are many immediate needs that we must help with right now. To do this, we urgently need your help in providing relief funds. With these funds, we will purchase items that are most urgently needed, and then personally see that they are placed into use. Contributions should be sent to the following address: **Forest Park church of Christ, P.O. Box 1405, Forest Park, GA 30298. Please memo funds to be used for the "Samoa Relief Fund"**. Thank you for helping. We also thank you for your fervent prayers for the people of the Pacific*

as we work to serve others in this time of need, all to the glory of God.”

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