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Update from Randy English
Tutuila Island, American Samoa

Dear friends,

What a wonderful week we have been blessed with here in American Samoa! God has continued to open doors for us in meeting new people, telling them about the goodness of God, and providing for the needs of those who were directly affected by the tsunami that struck American Samoa and Samoa. Thank you for taking a moment to share in this update with us.....



1st Phase Relief Efforts in Western District Followed By Eastern District

This week we have been preparing for another distribution that will get underway today. In American Samoa, the Leone church of Christ has continued to focus relief efforts in the Western District of Tutuila Island, soon completing our 1st phase of **relief efforts** to those areas. However, before we complete the 1st phase of relief efforts among the villages in the Western District (and move on to the 2nd phase of **recovery efforts** in this area) we will be distributing some much needed medical supplies such as Tylenol for adults & children, cough syrup, triple antibiotic, and bandages. Next up will be to focus 1st phase relief efforts among some of the villages in the Eastern District of our island. More on this later.

**Relief Items Purchased for distribution to 100 Families
American Samoa**

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>ITEMS</u>
879.20	Aveina	Rice, Sugar, Tea, Mackerel 24 bags of apples
69.60	Aveina	Plates, trays, mugs, spoons, Samoa bags, Lava lava, bowls(lg. sm)
731.59	Tutuila Store	Utensils, hammers, saws
1521.75	Forsgrens	Woks, Kettles
1057.50	KS Mart	Mugs, Trays
151.87	Tutuila Store	Snacks
38.94	Cost U Less	Machetes
232.78	CBT	Machetes
23.35	CBT	Machetes
251.52	Ace	Machetes
85.97	KT Mart	Rope
168.72	Forsgrens	Rope, Hammers
390.38	KS Mart	Fry pans
25.00	CBT	Plastic Spoons
246.27	Cost U Less	Tea & snacks for children
1207.15	Aveina	Rice, Sugar, Mackerel
200.82	Ace	Hammers
40.00	Peter/Tagifano	Gas
800.00	Island Choice	Water
<u>8,122.41</u>		

1st Phase Relief Efforts in the Nation of Samoa

Adjoining near to our island is the country of Samoa. Just less than one hour away by airplane, or 8 hours by ship, is Upolu Island. Its south shores were also hit very hard. This week we worked with the leadership of congregations on that island to get a solid update on (a) the exact items that are most needed at this time, and (b) which of those items are most readily available there in Samoa, and finally (c) which of those items would need to be purchased here in American Samoa, if possible. This coming week, two of the local brothers here in American Samoa will travel together with me to Samoa to work in carrying out this distribution together with members of the local churches of Christ on Upolu Island. More later on this wonderful opportunity!



2nd Phase Recovery Efforts

After living here for a number of years, we've personally experience disasters and took note of the "phases" of relief and recovery efforts. We are confident that the American Samoa government is working hard, together with FEMA, to help in ways that they can. Still, there are of "gaps" that exist....needs that are very important, but that generally are not met by government responders. This is why we began planning from the very beginning of this disaster to determine how we could best serve together with other members of the churches of Christ in a "1st phase of relief", and as importantly a "2nd phase of recovery". This has greatly helped us to serve more effectively, that is, knowing our limitations and yet working with our strengths. For example, the Leone church of Christ has manpower...and is putting it to work in relief efforts. Secondly, churches there in the USA, as well as New Zealand and the Marshall Islands, have helped to provide funds and supplies. In fact, many of the items needed for the 2nd phase of recovery efforts are being obtained, organized, and shipped to us as we write this update. While some of these same type of items are being used in 1st phase relief efforts (those items that we've been able to purchase here), a much larger quantity is needed for the 2nd phase of recovery efforts. We are expecting that these supplies will arrive by ship in mid December, and we truly

believe that the distribution of these items will grant us even more opportunity to be build new relationships that will glorify God.

Thank you for your continued prayers. Thank you for giving to provide relief, and for sending us to this region of the world to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Christ we live and serve,

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