



CLWR is working with Church World Service to deliver humanitarian aid to Japan earthquake and tsunami victims

CLWR is partnering with Church World Service (CWS) to support the relief effort in Japan after an 9.0-magnitude earthquake and tsunami struck the northeast coast on March 11, causing widespread damage. As of March 16, 11,521 people have been confirmed dead or missing with fear of thousands more unaccounted for, and more than 460,000 people are living in evacuation sites. Reports on March 21 estimate the death toll will rise to over 18,000.



A family walks past rubble after the earthquake and tsunami in Minamisanriku City.

“Church World Service is mandated to work in Japan and is well-equipped to take on the role of providing relief to victims of the earthquake and tsunami,” says Robert Granke, executive director of CLWR. “Our partnership with CWS will make a real impact on addressing this horrible disaster.”

Photo: REUTERS, courtesy www.alertnet.org

CWS is providing emergency relief to 25,000 people now living at 100 evacuation sites in Japan’s northeast area. They are focusing on sites where basic needs of food, water, sanitation, electricity and fuel are not being met, and their response will include ready-to-eat food and sanitation kits including napkins and soap to fill significant sanitation and hygiene gaps. Visit www.churchworldservice.org for updates on the work we are supporting through CWS.

Donations to the appeal may be made through CLWR in the following ways:

1. Online at www.clwr.org/donate. In the process of completing the form, you will come to a pull-down menu that allows you to designate a specific project. Choose Japan Earthquake.
2. By calling our toll-free number: 1.800.661.2597 or locally at 204.694.5602.
3. By sending a cheque made payable to CLWR to CLWR, 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6. Please indicate in your correspondence that you wish to contribute to the 2011 Japan Earthquake Appeal.
4. Through your congregation by designating the donation to “CLWR 2011 Japan Earthquake.”

Also in this issue:

- World Water Day is on March 22. Learn more about how you can recognize the day.
- Happy 65th Anniversary CLWR!

Celebrate World Water Day—March 22, 2011

Access to safe water is an integral part of most community development projects being undertaken by CLWR in India, Mozambique, and Zambia. From 2008-2013, 156 communities will benefit from programming designed to provide more ready sources of clean water, as well as improved sanitation and hygiene practices.

Looking to help? Consider raising funds for CLWR safe water projects at your church or school. You can:

- have congregation members tithe their water bills
- make a “wishing well” for spare change
- “dig a well with dollars”

PHOTO GALLERY: View a photo gallery of CLWR’s work for safe water at <http://on.fb.me/CLWRsafewater>. (And while you’re there, become a CLWR Facebook fan!)



Photo: Elaine Peters

RESOURCE: Learn more about CLWR’s work for safe water access at http://bit.ly/clwr_water.



Learn more about UN Water’s World Water Day at www.worldwaterday2011.org.



Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church school students, near Karaikal/Pondicherry.
Photo: Sue Edison-Swift/ELCA

Happy 65th Anniversary, Canadian Lutheran World Relief!

CLWR turned 65 years old on March 14, 2011. Thank you for all your support over the years!

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