



Global Encounter participants arrive in Jerusalem

The seventeen members of the 2010 Global Encounter have arrived safely in Jerusalem. Today, they visited the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and met with Bishop Munib Younan of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL).

Two members of the Encounter, Tom Brook, Director of Resource Generation at Canadian Lutheran World Relief, and Ian Adnams, Communications Director at Lutheran Church—Canada are writing about their experiences as the trip unfolds. You can find links to their blogs on CLWR's homepage: www.clwr.org.



Dome of the Rock, one of the most famous Islamic sites, can be seen from most of Jerusalem. Photo: I. McKenzie

Participants will be spending ten days visiting the West Bank cities of Jerusalem (East), Bethlehem and Beit Jala and will have an opportunity to interact with CLWR partners in the region: the ELCJHL and the Lutheran World Federation. Their return trip will include a three-day visit to Geneva and the international head offices of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches.

South East Asia appeal approaches \$17,000

In late September, parts of several countries in South East Asia, including the Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia, were severely damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes. Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) issued an emergency appeal for funds to assist people affected by these natural disasters. As of the first week in January, \$16,857 has been received.

While CLWR has no presence of its own in this region of the world, our partner, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) does. Hence, donations received by CLWR have been forwarded to the LWF to assist them in delivering emergency relief and restoration aid to the region.

As restoration efforts will continue for months to come, donations are still being accepted by CLWR. To read more about relief and restoration efforts in the aftermath of these disasters, please visit the website of Action by Churches Together (ACT) International. Both CLWR and the LWF are members of ACT. The web address is www.act-intl.org.

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