

THE SOWERS MINISTRY

URGENT NEEDS FOR NEPAL FLOOD VICTIMS

On August 26th, torrential floods swallowed roads, bridges, houses, vehicles, and power plant projects in the border areas of Nepal, and triggered a mudslide that hit a major land crossing with neighboring Tibet. All of this is suspected to be caused by an earthquake that triggered an ice-rock avalanche on the Lheda Khola river, causing the floods. The river runs through both Nepal and Tibet.

The affected areas lie about 50 miles from where we are based and work extensively. We have over 1'400 children across six schools from Rasuwa to Melekhu. With very little network, our teachers and parents are trying to locate children from five of the six schools. In addition, we have churches there and of course all the families of these students. Entire villages have been swept away, and now local authorities are frantically searching for survivors. At present, the death toll has surpassed 900 with over 4'800 persons missing, including the enormous number of tourists unaccounted for. This is not just a breaking story about a devastating flood. This is about people. Our hearts are with every family affected by the catastrophic flash flood.



Our eye witnesses and local team in Malekhu and Rasuwa have reported various stories:

- Some of the school children were on their way to school uphill in the mountain, when the floodwaters approached. This spared them from being in their homes that were washed away.
- Some students have already mentioned that they have not heard from their parents- we suspect that some could have lost parents and are now orphans.
- Some college students were able to run uphill to safety with nothing but the clothes on their backs. While they are safe now, they did lose everything.
- One of our church buildings, the Betraboti church, has been completely swept away, but no believers have been missing as far as we know.
- An elder in our church in Gatlang, Rasuwa stated there are more than 186 missing or dead from Gatlang, Goljung, Dhunche, Chillmi and Safru Besi.
- Half of Haku village is washed away. Ningmo is one of our college students there, and her 34 relatives are missing. Nita Tamang is also in college and missing her sister and 3 small nieces and nephews.

Of course, these reports come with the request for immediate help and resources, which we would like to give to the people in Nepal. Here are the most urgent needs, as well as needs that we would like to rebuild the lives of those who are close to Sowers Nepal. (Sowers Nepal is a registered NGO by TSM USA, equipped and authorized to do humanitarian work by the Nepal government.)



What is urgently requested for immediate action: (all amounts listed in USD)

- 150x 25kg rice bags, each \$16
- 10x propane tanks and stoves, each \$200
- 150x Kitchen utensils set, each \$30
- 50x sets of clothes and shoes for children and college students, each \$30
- 20x beds, each \$100
- 200x blankets, each \$20
- 100x foam mattresses, each \$30
- 100 hygiene sets, each \$5

This will cost approximately \$19'900.

Within the next two months, we also would like to begin following projects:

- Rebuild the Betraboti church, which will cost \$5'000
- Provide backpacks and school supplies for 300 children
- Provide an additional 500 rice bags, as most families are farmers and have lost their crop for the upcoming winter.
- Tools and materials to rebuild at least 10 homes

This will cost approximately \$40'000 but it is a starting point that we would like to target and provide as fast as possible to give into the hands of people who have lost everything. Would you partner with us in answering this immediate need? Thank you for your compassion and generous hearts!

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