



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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Marta Detsyk and her 3 children fled Ukraine to Poland to escape bombs and bullets in their hometown. With the rise of humanitarian crises and natural disasters, our World of Good Emergency Response Fund helps your congregation meet critical and urgent needs.

EXTEND GOD'S LOVE WHEN IT'S NEEDED MOST

For over 75 years, Lutheran World Relief has been a light in the darkness for millions of our neighbors in need around the world. Through the generosity of congregations like yours, Lutherans continue to draw on God's strength, responding to God's call to be the Body of Christ in the world, reaching further, staying longer, standing faithfully alongside our neighbors in need.

Sadly, dangerous tropical storms, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and other life-threatening disasters are on the rise. Tragically, so too are conflicts like the war in Ukraine and the refugee crisis in Syria. And it's our poorest neighbors who suffer the most.

"I WAS TREMBLING."

Onella Michel, age 6 (right), looked out at the ruins of her school in Chambellan, Haiti. When the 7.2 magnitude earthquake shook the country in August of 2021, Onella was saved by the quick action of her mother, who grabbed her and ran to the street as soon as the shaking began.

The incredible and swift compassion of congregations like yours rushed more than 4,000 water purification tablets, 1,000 tarps for temporary shelter and LWR Quilts, Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits to neighbors like Onella and her family in the immediate days following the earthquake.

And because Lutherans responded so generously, we also repaired damaged health clinics and replenished critical medical supplies for our neighbors in Haiti.

YOUR CONGREGATION CAN DO A WORLD OF GOOD

Gifts to our **WORLD OF GOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND** rush lifesaving aid to our neighbors when they need it most, relieving their suffering and helping them recover from devastation.

Because of Lutheran World Relief's staff and partners around the world, your congregation's love can be on the ground immediately in times of conflict and disaster.



The kindness of Lutherans rushed care to our neighbors in Haiti, like Onella Michel, immediately following the earthquake in August of 2021. (Allison Shelley for LWR)

YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER

In recent years, our World of Good Fund has been used to respond to 32 emergencies in more than 20 countries, including:

- back-to-back hurricanes in Honduras
- flooding in South Sudan
- COVID-19 outbreaks throughout Africa
- conflict in Yemen

These are just a few of the places we were able to rush emergency care when it was needed most. Unfortunately, with the rise of both natural disasters and refugee crises around the world, the need for this emergency fund continues to grow.

Thank you for being a congregation that extends God's love when it's needed most!

This is why your love is needed now to support our World of Good Emergency Response Fund — so we can be ready to respond to the next crisis and your congregation can know that your love is helping our neighbors when it's needed most.

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Give online at [LWR.ORG/CONGREGATIONS](https://lwr.org/congregations) and write **World of Good** in the comments section
- Mail a check to: Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. Please write **World of Good** in the memo.

BACK-TO-BACK HURRICANES



Ernesto Lemus woke to the sound of water rushing through his home at 4am. (Gregg Brekke for LWR)

When Hurricanes Eta and Iota hit Central America in 2020, Ernesto Lemus and his family watched their home fill with water and their belongings wash away.

“We knew the storm was coming,” Ernesto shared, “but it got here earlier than we expected. I pray a lot that another hurricane won’t come.”

With support from congregations like yours, we were able to provide immediate assistance for Ernesto’s family and so many others in need.

IS YOUR CONGREGATION INTERESTED IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF?

We would love to be in conversation with you. Please reach out at any time throughout the year.

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Until your love reaches every neighbor.



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