

SPECIAL REPORTS



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Gregg Brakke for LWR

Thanks to the generous and prompt response from loyal Lutheran World Relief donors, our teams on the ground were able to provide urgently needed disaster relief supplies. And, as always, we will remain to help families rebuild, long after other organizations have left.

Your Love Is Helping Families Devastated by Hurricanes Eta and Iota

People living in dire poverty in Honduras were already suffering the economic hardship caused by COVID-19 when Hurricanes Eta and Iota struck within weeks of each other.

So many families lost everything. But thanks to your support, we were able to get to families quickly with food packs, hygiene supplies and COVID-19 Defense Kits, which include face masks. In some places, Lutheran World Relief was the only organization there to provide help.

Suffering the economic impacts of COVID-19 and then back-to-back hurricanes has taken a major toll on people in communities that were completely washed away.

But the families you helped us reach were extremely grateful for the food baskets that will last

the average family one to two months and are full of essential items, like rice, beans, sugar and milk.

So many of the families were living in shelters or makeshift homes because they've lost everything and have nowhere to go. Mothers were especially comforted to be able to care for their babies after receiving Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits.

In many places, the roads were barely passable, but we made it through to provide assistance with God's help.

That's how we came upon Maria, a 23-year-old who has one child

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A MESSAGE FROM DANIEL



Vaccines for COVID-19 are making their way across wealthier nations, but for poorer countries like Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq,

India and Peru, vaccines aren't arriving as fast.

And getting the vaccines to people across rural areas in these countries is a major challenge. Your continued support will help ensure vaccines reach the most difficult-to-access communities so all God's children are safe from COVID-19 and we can end this pandemic.

Because the simple truth is no one is safe until everyone is safe.

Thank you for your ongoing love and support.

God bless you,

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO

Called to Love Our Neighbors

Happy are those who consider the poor; the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.



— Psalm 41:1 NRSV



Because of you, Elsa Marina Amaya (holding her 6-month-old daughter, Rosa Linda) was relieved to receive some much-needed supplies.

Your love is helping families continued ...

and is pregnant with a second. She's lived her whole life here, but the hurricanes destroyed her house and all her possessions. She and her husband, who lost his job due to the hurricanes' devastation, live in a tent. And when your compassion and love reached them, it was the first distribution of relief supplies they had received.

In many of the areas struck by Hurricanes Eta and Iota, very few organizations had responded with help — but with you by our side, we were there.

Your compassion is helping people restore their lives and homes so they have a safe place to live again. Thank you, and God bless you. ■

You Are Saving Babies from Starvation and Death



In South Sudan, severe drought and a deadly civil war have left children, women and men on the brink of famine. Nearly every household has someone in dire need.

But your love is bringing critical aid to the most vulnerable: infants, new mothers and young children who are so severely malnourished, they are at risk of starvation. Many of these children are also suffering from malaria and other diseases.

Your compassion helped set up three emergency treatment centers in extremely poor areas where there are no other medical facilities. These medical clinics provide children and mothers nursing infants with 24-hour care until they regain their health. Families are also taught how to keep themselves safe from COVID-19.

The clinics provide lifesaving outpatient monitoring and feeding programs as well. So, on behalf of every infant, child, woman and man in South Sudan, thank you. You are truly doing God's work on earth. ■



With her child wrapped in her arms, a mother balances a bag of Super Cereal Plus — a highly fortified food supplement for children — on her head to carry home. Thanks to you, urgently needed supplies are reaching your neighbors in dire need.

Donor Spotlight

Your love can flourish and live on too.



The Kivis believe in making a difference now — and also after they're gone, by leaving what they can to continue God's work.

"This is the moment that counts" was the mantra that Mike Kivi used to help him focus on making each day as fulfilling as possible for him and his wife, Lynda, who was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Guided by deep Christian faith, and the refrain of Psalm 139, Mike and Lynda decided years ago to leave a gift in their will to Lutheran World Relief.

Mike says a sermon he heard about leaving a legacy gift was a final calling for them to act. He hopes that their generous support will foster programs that build self-reliance, a cornerstone philosophy of Lutheran World Relief's work.

"We want to give those in need the ability to carry on with self-respect to live their own lives. It's a very Christ-like thing to do," he says.

"I'm in God's grasp, and God compels me to act. And God's compelling me to flow forward, even after I am gone."

To find out more about how you can leave a legacy gift to Lutheran World Relief:

- Email lgrant@lwr.org
Lee Grant, Planned Giving Manager
- Call **410 230 2827**
- Visit lwr.org/will to learn more about our *Partners in Lasting Promise* legacy society

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK AROUND THE WORLD

Nicaragua

You are reaching families devastated by Hurricanes Eta and Iota with emergency food, essential household items to restore their homes to living condition, as well as hygiene supplies and face masks to help them recover from the storms and protect them from COVID-19.

Mali

More than 8,000 masks made by dedicated Lutherans have been distributed. Your generosity is reaching poor, rural communities in danger of falling deeper into poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic. And you are providing emergency food, aid and seeds, too, so farming families can continue to grow crops.

Haiti

Your love is protecting our poorest neighbors from deadly and devastating diseases, including cholera and COVID-19. Nearly 19,000 masks have reached people in need. At the same time, families now have access to clean water, hygiene supplies and other items they need to protect them from deadly diseases.

Thank you for sending your love to your neighbors across the globe!

LET YOUR LOVE FLOURISH, AND JOIN

Partners in Lasting Promise

By leaving a share of your estate to Lutheran World Relief, your love can leave an enduring footprint into the future and create a better world for children like Victoria and Robert.

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