

International Mercy Network Disaster Relief Report



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Hurricane Relief

Summary of aid distributed during the months of
November 2020 through January 2021

Location: Northern Honduras

Total amount of the donation: \$10,000 USD

This report is associated with the first of two capital donations in the amount of \$10,000 each (\$20,000 total), to support those affected by Hurricanes Eta and Iota in Northern Honduras. The second installment of a similar amount was sent on January 29, 2021 and the ministry plan is currently in progress. A similar report on the second donation will be provided upon completion of the relief response.

This report presents the disaster relief efforts carried out by the Honduran Mercy Network churches (MNCs), located in the city of Choloma. Our MNCs responded to the emergency caused by the devastating impact of Hurricanes Eta and Iota, providing much needed help as well as spiritual and emotional support to the affected families.

Our Mercy Network efforts have been directed to two target groups:

1. Families who returned to homes damaged or destroyed by the hurricane (approx. 80% of the beneficiaries)
2. Families who remain in government-sponsored shelters (approx. of 20% of the beneficiaries).

This report will break down the relief response in the following categories: Cooked meals, Christmas dinner, Food Paks and hygiene, bedding, and medical brigade.

Summary of Aid:

Description	Quantity	# of people	Cost (L)	Cost (\$US)	Total (\$US)
Cooked Meals	1,270 plates	918	L39	\$1.63	\$2,070.10
Christmas dinner	60 plates	60	L75	\$3.10	\$186
Food Pak & Hygiene Kits	500 kits	2,000	L300	\$10.36	\$5,180
Sleeping kits	98 kits	245	L540	\$22.38	\$2,193.24
Medical brigade	34 evaluations	34	L258	\$10.90	\$370.60

Grand Total: \$9,999.94

“We praise our God for the response of Christ’s Church facing this extraordinary crisis. We are privileged as instruments in the hands of God in providing for those in extreme poverty. We also appreciate the faithfulness of Iglesia Bautista Fuente de Vida for spearheading this prompt disaster response, coordinating a holistic ministry, and presenting this detailed report.”

“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him the be glory forever. Amen.”

Romans 11:36

Jose A. Garcia

Ministry Development Director, Latin America
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Cooked Meals

Target: Displaced people

Number of people served: 918

Number of cooked meals: 1,270

Total Cost: \$2,070.10

*Some received breakfast and dinner, the majority only dinner.

The Mercy Network churches began with food aid delivery service to different shelters throughout Choloma. Cooked meals were provided over several weeks in caring for displaced people of the community.





Christmas Dinner

Target: Displaced people

Number of people served: 60

Total Cost: \$186.00

The Christmas dinner was designed with the purpose of providing hope in Christ to displaced families in shelters and “Good Samaritans” homes. One of the Mercy Network churches held a special evangelistic dinner for children and families in the community of Henry. At this dinner, church members prepared and served food in a Christmas atmosphere with Christmas songs, prayer and a gospel message.







Food Paks & Hygiene Kits

Target: Displaced people

Number of people served: 2,500

Number of Food Paks & hygiene kits: 500

Total Cost: \$5,180

* Note: an average of 5 members per family

Food Pak distribution continues to be the focus of our Honduras Mercy Network. CHF mobilized Mercy Network churches to northern Honduras to provide much needed food during the second quarter of 2020; some of the worst months of the COVID-19 pandemic. In November 2020 Hurricanes Eta & Iota hit these same communities, which resulted in more help and resources being channeled by our partners to these affected areas. The Mercy Network churches visited families with food and hygiene resources, while also providing Bibles and the message of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Food Pak contents		Hygiene Kit contents
Eggs	Water	Toilet paper
Bread	Oatmeal	Toothpaste
Rice	Coffee	Toothbrush
Flour	Pasta	Feminine hygiene product
Salt	Cereal	Soap
Sugar		Deodorant
Spaghetti		Diapers
Tomato Sauce		

Stories of Impact

Delia:

When Hurricane Eta hit Honduras, this came to change the living situation for hundreds of families. Delia (33 years old) a single mother to her son Carlos (11 years old), had to flee from the storm leaving their flooded home. As they left, all was lost, and they had nowhere to go. In God's providence, a good Samaritan family opened their home so Delia and her son could take refuge from the storm. Pastor Rafael Salazar from Iglesia Bautista Fuente de Vida



met with Delia as she expressed her feelings: “The greatest sadness I feel is knowing that there are people -- entire families already in a precarious situation before the floods, and now they are in an even worse situation than before with no food or help.”

Pastor Rafael shared much needed food for Delia and her son, but also the message of the gospel and a New Testament. Delia was tremendously encouraged as Pastor Rafael prayed for all of those families Delia had in her thoughts and heart.

Karla:

I am a 37-year-old single mother, I have two children, 20-year-old Nestor and 17-year-old Waldina, who gave birth a few days after the hurricane. My daughter-in-law also lives with us. She is barely 17 years old and is 5-months pregnant.

For years I lived in the city of La Lima in my own home with my children. In an instant, my home and my city were completely ruined. Never before have I suffered such great anguish as feeling that I would lose my life and my children. The magnitude of the floods caused by hurricanes were devastating. I saw the water rise until completely covering the roof of my house. From the terrace of another house I saw my home being destroyed, filled with anxiety and fear that the waters would get to the terrace where I was standing. I didn't know what to do in the face of the danger we were all in, especially with two pregnant girls! It was impossible to save all our belongings that were washed away by the currents.

Thank God for the rescuers that arrived and took us out in boats to get us to safety. The only thing we recovered was a small bag of clothes that we carried with us. Everything has been



very hard! A few months ago, due to the measures ordered by the government during the COVID-19 pandemic, I was suspended from my job in a supermarket, without pay. And now, what little I had was gone, I lost everything. On the recommendation of a co-worker to find shelter, we moved to the city of Choloma. I continue with my children without a job, my daughter-in-law is pregnant and now I have a grandson who is just 5 days old

under these conditions of misery. We only have two mattresses and a few groceries to eat. The place where we are living is rented and I don't know how I will be able to pay the rent after a month. I am grateful with all my heart that Iglesia Fuente de Vida has come to find us and give us provision, but we also thank this church very much for giving us hope and help from the Word of God.



Bedding

Target: Displaced people

Number of people served: 245

Number of sleeping kits: 98

Total Cost: \$2,193.24

The category of bedding was created with the purpose of helping people who lost their belongings and had no place to sleep. Mercy Network churches identified families who were sleeping on the floor in awful conditions. Subsequently, sleeping kits were provided to 98 families who received two mattresses and two pillows.





Medical

Target: Displaced people

Number of people served: 34

Total Cost: \$370.60

Basic medical attention was provided to people staying in one of the shelter homes of Choloma. The medical care provided included:

Medical evaluation:

- Doctor and certified doctor assistant (volunteer service)

Medicine:

- Deworming treatment/parasitic infection treatment
- Treatment for skin conditions (rash, etc.)
- Immune system boosters/vitamin packs





Hurricane Relief - Next Steps

Hurricane response: Northern Honduras, second installment

Donation amount: \$10,000

As stated at the beginning of this report, a second installment of US \$10,000 (sent on January 29, 2021) was provided to further assist families in northern Honduras. A plan of ministry is currently in execution and a corresponding report will be provided by June 2021.

Hurricane response: Guatemala

Donation amount: \$15,000

CHF is responding with emergency assistance in Guatemala through this generous donation. Our Mercy Network Partner, Roca de Ayuda, along with a group of MNCs will travel to the affected communities. 400 families will be served by our MN churches through a donation of US \$15,000 (sent on March 26, 2021) and will receive much needed food as well as hygiene products.

Hurricane response: Central Honduras

Projected donation amount: \$15,000

50 families will be served by our MN churches through a \$15,000 USD donation. Families will receive food, water tanks, construction material, sleeping mats, and cleaning products to assist them in this great time of need for 3 months. Under the current conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricanes ETA/IOTA, many families have been displaced with nowhere to go and are staying with relatives, in shelters, abandoned buildings or with good Samaritan families that have allowed them in. Allowing churches to connect with at-risk families, will provide the opportunity to share the gospel and provide help to suffering families.