



World Compassion Network

Showing Grace and Mercy to a Suffering World

Typhoon Ketsana and Parma Relief Efforts Manila, Philippines

On Oct 12 Clark Shepherd, Disaster Relief Coordinator, and Josh Grill, Family to Family Coordinator, traveled to Manila, Philippines in response to Typhoon Ketsana & Parma. These typhoons brought the worst flooding in over 40 years, creating landslides which added to the devastation. This calamity has seen over 400,000 people dislocated and placed into evacuation centers, and the number of fatalities has climbed to over 300. We have been informed that the flood waters could take four months to recede and during that time, more fatalities and sickness will accumulate from dengue fever.

We partnered with Jeff Long, Director of Kids International Ministries (KIDSinternationalministries.org), and his staff in the relief effort. We contacted pastors of the affected areas and then organized a distribution of food and medicine in their communities. In each distribution we communicated to the people that we were there because God loves them and we love them as well.

KIMS had a nurse, Marylyn, to dispense Tylenol and antibiotics that WCN provided to many of the families and children as they came through her aid station. God put a little girl in our vision. She was off to the side with an infected cut on her foot. We were able to give her a tetanus shot for her foot. That simple shot at the very least saved her foot and possibly her life. The Tylenol and other medicines were an answer to prayer. Many children and families had not eaten in days. There was a sense of thankfulness from each person as he/she was handed a plate of food. It was such a beautiful vision to see the hope and resiliency that God has given each person. God is using WCN and our donors to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the many people during our relief efforts.



Clark & Josh taking a minute to love on those hit so hard by the multiple storms.

Through your donations to WCN we were able to purchase \$5000 worth of medicines that will save many lives. We purchased food to feed over 120,000 poor Filipinos for the next crucial months. We also supplied eight churches with equipment to help sustain the feeding efforts of this disaster and in future disasters. Please visit our website, w-c-n.org, to see a video of our efforts in the Philippines. We give all praise and glory to God who is using each of us to show the love and grace of Jesus to the poor and suffering.



A few of the 120 thousand meals purchased in Manila, Philippines by World Compassion Network.

CAMBODIA: EARTH, WIND AND FIRE

EARTH

After three long years we have finally begun to make the Compressed Earth Blocks (CEB) for the Leadership Training Center in Kom Pom Speu. Difficulties with manufacturing, shipping, customs, training, and communications are but a few of the obstacles we have had to overcome. Last week we made our first CEB from the soil at the building site. We discovered we needed to mix more sand with the soil. Cambodian soil is rich in clay but lacks enough sand to make a solid CEB. Pastor Moses made a connection with Jimmy Carter's Habitat for Humanity which is using a different system relying on more cement to make their blocks. We are exchanging ideas and supporting each other in our efforts to build in Cambodia. While at the building site, we also fed about 50 orphans living near our property.

WIND

The same typhoons that hit the Philippines a few weeks ago, also hit Cambodia. We were able to distribute rice to hundreds of victims, most having been flooded out of their homes. One area we distributed rice was near a military base. Joe was invited to preach to several officers from the base. Pastor Moses said that about 100 of them accepted Christ. Joe was also invited to meet with the general and his staff officers at the base. God is penetrating the hearts of influential people in Cambodia.



Joe worshipping with the orphans in Kom-Pom Speu.

FIRE

While Joe was in Phnom Penh, a fire destroyed 455 homes in a predominantly Muslim community. With the help of a policeman from a local church, we were able to tour the fire site and purchase rice to help the victims of the fire. Our gifts are being distributed by the church to the Muslims... isn't God great. The real fire is in the gospel, as we work with the church. Watch for our announcement about a team trip to Cambodia in late 2010. Teams will work at the building site, help orphans, and connect with ministries helping the rescued victims from the sex slave industry.



WCN is currently recruiting participants for CERT classes which start on December 5th and 12th. New classes will be offered again throughout 2010. These classes will be the foundation for forming our WCN Disaster Relief Team. If you are interested in participating or would like more information contact our office at 574-267-5427.



WCN's Efforts to Restock Local Food Pantries

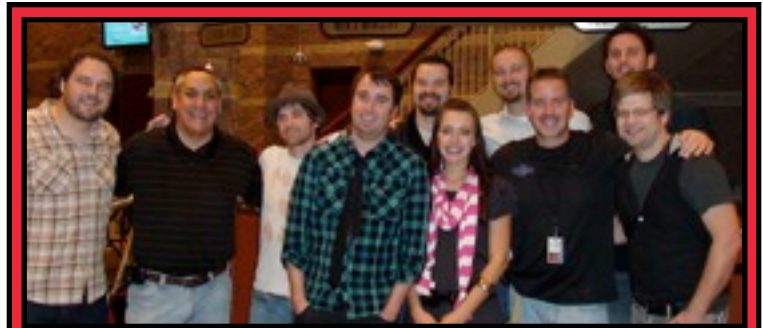
As an organization we try to be aware of ways that we can help those in need around the world. However, that sense of compassion is never stronger than when that need is in our own community. We saw the article in the Times Union about the shortage in the various food pantries around Warsaw and chose to get involved. We made a decision to purchase enough food to fill a 53' trailer, about 25,000 pounds of food. Metzger trucking helped us get the food to Warsaw and we are currently in the process of helping Our Father's House, Salvation Army and Combined Community Services (CCS) restock. We know that times are difficult for so many families right now and want to thank those who donated to this effort at our concert as well as the generous donation from the organization Men Following Christ. If you would like to donate to this effort please visit www.w-c-n.org Please continue to bring food to these three organizations as this is just the beginning of a very difficult season for so many.



CCS Shelves after the WCN Donation.

WCN/ADDISON ROAD CONCERT FUNDRAISER

World Compassion Network held its first concert fundraiser on November 15th. We were pleased to have Addison Road appear in our inaugural event. The concert was attended by 900 people who were ready for an exciting night. The evening was more amazing than we could ever have imagined. Addison Road traveled to Warsaw Community Church and rocked the house. Addison Road had a unique pop/rock sound with a message of hope in our God. They released their self-titled debut album in March 2008 and their songs "Hope Now," "All That Matters," and "This Could Be Our Day" led the band to a 2009 Dove Award nomination for "New Artist of the year". The evening's concert had Nick Stanton, lead singer for WCC, open up with an outstanding performance. Addison Road then took the stage with lead singer Jenny Simmons, sharing with the crowd her beautiful voice and heart. Many people came out for a great concert and received much more than they expected. Jenny spoke about how we live in a broken world and that, through the help of our God, we can get through the pain. God did something special that



Addison Road, WCC staff and WCN staff following a great night of worship

evening by placing the words on Jenny's heart and her voice was used to penetrate the hearts of many lives. People continue to tell WCN how they truly were blessed by the music and the message. God was stirring in the hearts of many people that evening and we look forward to the concert next year. The concert was a fundraiser for the World Compassion Network to reach the poor and suffering in our world.

Clark's Chicago Marathon Update

I am excited to let you know that I completed the Chicago Marathon. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and donations for this fundraiser. The marathon was an amazing event. While running I continued to pray to God for the strength to finish. As the miles were accumulating, my legs became so tired. God gave me the strength I needed to take one more step after another. As I passed mile 24, I just began to laugh and cry all at once. He was giving me the strength to finish a marathon. As I crossed the finish line I raised my hands to God and simply said "Thank you". God has continued to give me these faith-building nuggets that has allowed me to grow bolder in my walk with Him. Thank you all for your willingness to run the Chicago Marathon with me.



2010 Family 2 Family Mission Dates Announced

2010 F2F mission trip dates have been set for next summer and we are currently reserving spots. If you are considering going, please get your \$100 dollar deposit in so your spot will be reserved.



- Week 1** July 10th through the 17th
- Week 2** July 17th through the 24 **Sold Out**
- Week 3** July 24th through July 31st
- Week 4** July 31st through Aug 7th **Sold Out**



World Compassion Network's Second Annual Run/Walk For Hunger 5K is on March 27th. We had an unbelievable first event and we are excited to see you all again in 2010.



A Message From Our Director

Our Vision: To see people become fully devoted followers of Christ through "Compassion Ministry".

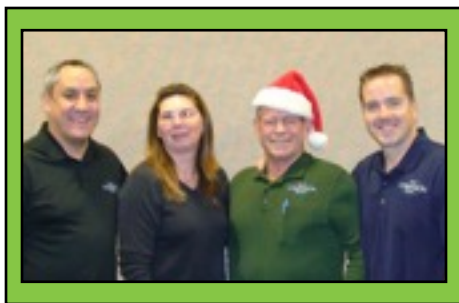
Our Mission: To help mobilize and assist the church in responding to the needs of victims of disasters and poverty.

I am writing this note to you from a very favorite place of mine. I am in Phnom Penh Cambodia. I was in a meeting this week with the commander of the 14th Infantry Battalion of the Cambodia Army. During the meeting, the General asked me why I loved Cambodia so much. I have always thought the answer to that question was very easy. But in that moment my "easy reason" went up in smoke. I was not here on my own. I was there because of God. He called me here before I was born. He called me and you to be available to serve anywhere all the time. The extent of our willingness to do that will determine the impact we will have on the world.

World Compassion Network is a result of obedience, not skill or desire. I never could have imagined WCN would be a viable tool for touching so many lives around the world. From tossing sand bags in Warsaw IN, to the Philippines feeding typhoon victims, to being invited to share our faith with a general of a foreign army, God is using WCN. He is building a compassionate outreach with the gospel through all of you who pray for us and support us with your time and resources. Every church, business and individual involved with us are equal partners in changing the lives of thousands.

In the past two years God has called coworkers like Chris Leiter, Josh Grill and Clark Shepherd to labor with WCN, each obeying their call to serve anywhere and all the time. I am grateful He has directed their paths as He has mine. You are really the muscle behind what we do. Our shared belief that there is a greater purpose in life than our own desires enables us to love others when we do not expect anything in return. You are never more like God than when you are giving. I guess the most I can say to all of you is, "Thanks for showing the image of God to the World," Proverbs 14:31. Stay in touch with us for more opportunities to serve anywhere, anytime. We wish you a happy and prosperous 2010.

Always for the Suffering and Hungry,
Joe Wilkey



On behalf of our staff here at World Compassion Network we want to wish you and your family a

Merry Christmas & God's Blessings in the New Year



WCN would like to congratulate Metzger Outdoors for putting on an amazing event in their first annual Adventure Race.

Proceeds from the race went to support numerous local charities. To get more information or see pictures of the event visit:

metzgeroutdoors.com

Tax Deductible Giving and Receipts

We are near the end of 2010 and it will soon be time to pay the taxes. If your gift is received by December 31, 2010, you will be able to deduct the gift from your taxes this year. This includes stocks, bonds, Gift In Kind (GIK), gifts of tangible items like food, clothes, vehicles and other items that can be used by the ministry. In the case of GIK, you must declare the value of the gift in writing. We can then issue a receipt for the amount declared by you. You might also consider WCN in your estate planning. It is possible to name WCN as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. We issue receipts annually. We thank you for partnering with us in bringing the gospel to the world through Compassion Ministry.