



## Memorandum

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**To:** All Parishes  
**From:** Arthur Peters, Executive Director  
**Subject:** **Sumatra Earthquake Relief - Indonesia**  
**Date:** October 8, 2009

On September 30, a massive earthquake rocked West Sumatra, Indonesia and hundreds of tremors were experienced for several days afterward. As of October 6, the United Nations reported nearly 750 confirmed dead with hundreds more still missing. More than 100,000 homes and buildings, including hospitals and health clinics, were reported destroyed. The extent of the damage continues to be assessed as many of the worst affected communities are in isolated areas.

The ShareLife Office is accepting donations to support disaster relief efforts in Indonesia, assisting in the provision of food, shelter, clean water, and medical and cooking supplies for those affected by the earthquake. Working through our relief partners, aid is being provided to victims while people struggle to cope with the effects of the disaster and work to rebuild their lives.

Those wishing to help through a financial contribution may do so in the following ways:

- Online through ShareLife's website: [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org)
- By phone through the ShareLife office – 1-800-263-2595 or 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

**ShareLife – Parish Name – Sumatra Earthquake Relief - Indonesia**

(Parishes are asked to gather funds together and send one parish cheque to the ShareLife office.)

We offer our prayers for the thousands of families affected by this natural disaster. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to serve those in need, both here at home and around the world.

Be assured that ShareLife does not apply any administrative fees to humanitarian relief contributions, ensuring as much money as possible is directed toward assistance of those in crisis.

c. Archbishop Collins  
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