

Shropshire and the Marches
Circuit (Northern Area)



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To the congregations of Shropshire and the Marches Circuit (Northern Area),

You have brought hope and security to those in need. Thank you

I'm Dave Raybould, Deputy Team Lead in the Operations department at ShelterBox. I'm writing to you today to thank you for your donations, which have been invaluable in our recent work, helping vulnerable families in desperate need.

I have just returned from Lombok, in Indonesia where we supported 658 families. I was there when the news first came in of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that has shattered communities in Sulawesi. Following their own earthquakes, the fear and exhaustion from those around me in Lombok was physical. I can only imagine the horror in Palu as the ten-foot wave descended, changing lives forever in an instant.



IN LOMBOK (I'M ON THE RIGHT)
DISTRIBUTING AID IN SEPTEMBER

It's a horrifying event on statistics alone; 66,000 homes have been damaged, leaving thousands at the mercy of water, mud, debris and the elements. Currently we know that 1,944 people have lost their lives and hundreds are known to be missing. Additionally, 2,600 have been seriously injured, requiring urgent medical aid amid treacherous terrain. Whole towns have been swallowed up and survivors are struggling with very little.

We are doing all we can at the moment, while acknowledging that it will take many months to rebuild these communities and help families to adapt to their brutally altered circumstances and start again.

ShelterBox would like to thank you and your fellow parishioners for your ongoing support of our work helping people at their most vulnerable moments. If we could ask anything, it's that you continue to remember the people of Sulawesi in your prayers and collection boxes. We are

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determined to deliver aid to where it is most needed, including tents and tarpaulins for shelter and non-food items such as water filtration to help keep people safe and healthy.

While in Indonesia I saw the difference shelter can bring to a family, to a community. Parents can hope again, children feel safe and communities are kept together. Please give what you can. Time is not on our side and we must use every day, every hour and minute we have to help those who need us most.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Raybould", written over a horizontal line.

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