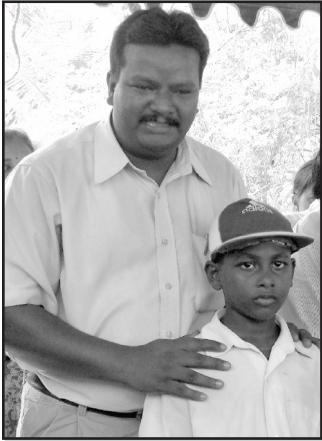


One year after tsunami: a journey of healing and hope



On December 26, 2004, the day of the terrible South Asia Tsunami, Rangat was at home in the coastal village of Sothikuppam, India. Rangat clutched his baby brother as the powerful waves crashed around them, but could not keep hold.

His brother's death and Rangat's own near-death left him severely traumatized. Rangat was withdrawn and could not speak. Like so many other survivors, Rangat's physical injuries could be treated, but the emotional injuries he carried were just as threatening to his health.

The United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, with gifts from ELCA Disaster Response, worked with a trusted partner, ADEPT, to train local leaders in trauma counseling. The participants, many of whom were teachers, learned to recognize the signs of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in children and then through an innovative program of counseling, songs, dance and art therapy, helped the children and their parents begin to recover.

The tsunami's waves will forever shape this young boy's life, but today Rangat is talking again and even smiles and laughs. Through your gifts to ELCA Disaster Response and the capable ministry of our partners in India, Rangat has progressed on his journey toward health, healing, and wholeness.

Thank you for your commitment to remember all who suffered and struggled to survive following the tsunami. Thank you for your generous ELCA Disaster Response gifts that bring healing and hope every day to disaster survivors at home and around the world.

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South Asian Tsunami: One Year Later *Dignity in Disaster; Justice in Life*

Immediately after the tsunami struck on December 26, 2004, ELCA World Hunger partners and our companion churches in the region mobilized to provide immediate relief and to plan a coordinated and extensive response. Standing with these trusted partners, including Lutheran World Relief, Church World Service, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, and ACT (Action by Churches Together), the ELCA committed funds for a comprehensive five-year response. We give thanks to God for our partners' strong and capable life-saving ministry and for the abundant generosity of our church.

See www.elca.org/disaster for more information on our five-year response in South Asia. A sample of the transformative projects funded by gifts to ELCA Disaster Response includes:

India

- Launched an innovative psychosocial counseling program, training **1,427** community counselors for work with more than **50,000** people in **26** villages.
- Built nearly **1,000** new houses for displaced families.

Indonesia

- Provided health care for over **22,000** people.
- Distributed the necessary food and household items for over **130,000** displaced survivors.

Sri Lanka

- Brought **45,500** people relief supplies: food, water, tents, cooking utensils, clothing, medicine, school books and uniforms.
- Replaced **55** boats and **25** traditional catamarans, **500** fishing nets, **30** outboard engines and **250** bicycles.

Somalia

- Our gifts helped over **1,100** people access clean drinking water and restored fishing supplies to over **700** fisher folk.

Thank you for your gifts and prayers that have sufficiently funded this five-year response plan throughout Southeast Asia and in Eastern Africa. We invite your continued prayers of thanksgiving for the work of our partners and for the generosity of our church. Your continued generous support of ELCA Disaster Response is needed for those disasters yet to come and to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal for the silent disaster of chronic hunger and poverty.

Thank you!



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