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SPECIAL REPORT — Christian school donates to Tsunami fund



Pupils from Clogher Valley Independent Christian school presenting a cheque for £213.92 to Dr. Edwin Chelli from India. The money was donated during a three week Tsunami appeal initiative in the

The impact of the tsunami and its aftermath went far beyond the physically affected regions. How moving were the scenes and stories of devastation and bereavement; how amazing the accounts of merciful preservation and miraculous rescue. The effect on the Christian, of course, should be more than sentimental and emotional. John, in his first epistle, asks - "But whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in

him?" James 2:15 -16 contains a similar entreaty - "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?"

Faith without works is dead, as James succinctly puts it in the next verse. Christians should be the greatest humanitarians of all and, "especially unto them who be of the household of faith."

The LORD challenged me continually on these themes and burdened me to think of a practical way to involve the students. Hence began a three-week Tsunami Appeal, for effected believers in the land of India.

We tried to emphasize the following: that the pupils' pennies (and pounds!) can count - the biblical story of the widow's two mites was an obvious recourse; that the LORD desires that their consciences be exercised in the matter of giving to others and those in need (Acts 20: 35); our efforts can be considered as service rendered unto the LORD (Proverbs 19: 17).

Collection boxes were set up within the classrooms and some lessons and activities were also planned to coincide with the appeal, in an attempt to reinforce the central message and expand educational horizons. It was very encouraging to see those from age 5 up to 16 giving generously and cheerfully from their savings and hard earned pay for part-time employment.

The grand total collected came to £213.92. I think this was a tremendous achievement and we praise God for the spirit of generosity shown by all.

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