



Rebuilding Hope

Fourth Year Report

The Marist Tsunami Fund and its Activities

February 2009

Four Years Later...

It is hard to believe that five years have passed since the world was consumed by the destruction which followed the now famous tsunami that occurred around the basin of the Indian Ocean.

The purpose of this report, the fourth of its kind since the establishment of the Institute's Tsunami Fund, is to give information on what has happened with the fund – incomes and disbursements – during the past year (February 2008-February 2009). This report also contains updates on Marist recovery efforts in Sri Lanka, India, and the Solomon Islands.

Contributions- Disbursements 2008 (Year 4)

Contributions to the Tsunami Fund continued during 2008. An additional \$275.00 was added to the fund thanks to the continued generosity of the Province of New Zealand. These contributions bring the grand total raised to \$1,194,505.56USD.

Contributions to the Tsunami Fund Campaign (USD)

As of 14 February 2009

Income 2005	\$1,181,216.81
Income 2006	\$12,153.75
Income 2007	\$ 860.00
Income 2008	\$ 275.00
Total Raised	\$ 1,194,505.56

Disbursements from the Tsunami Fund during 2008 totaled \$120,900.00USD. These disbursements financed projects in India and Sri Lanka.

Projects Supported in 2008 (USD)

India, Trauma Care Project	\$ 10,000.00
Sri Lanka, Payagala School Project	\$ 110,900.00
Total Disbursements in 2008	\$ 120,900.00

These disbursements during 2008 (\$120,900), in addition to disbursements made in 2005 (\$293,683.45), 2006 (\$449,073.54), and 2007 (\$98,645.00) total \$962,301.99 in disbursements since the fund was created.

Tsunami Fund Disbursements
Current Situation (USD)

As of 14 February 2009

Total Income (2005-2008)	\$ 1,194,505.56
Disbursed 2005	\$ 293,683.45
Disbursed 2006	\$ 449,073.54
Disbursed 2007	\$ 98,645.00
Disbursed 2008	\$ 120,900.00
Current Resources In Fund	\$ 232,203.57

As of 14 February 2009, \$232,203.57 remains in the fund. According to the funding guidelines approved by the General Council at the time the fund was initiated, this fund remains active until January 2010. At that time, the General Council will close the fund and decide the destination of any remaining resources.

Update: St. Dominic's Rural Training Center, Solomon Islands

Br. Tony Burrows has reported on the work at St. Dominic's Rural Center, Vanga Point in the Solomon Islands. The tsunami which hit the area in April 2007 destroyed the school's wharf and damaged several buildings including staff houses, workshops and the student dormitories. The technical school on the island serves many students from the surrounding islands. Given the overall purpose of the fund, the General Council approved two grants from the Tsunami Fund in 2007: \$10,000USD for immediate relief and \$88,645USD to rebuild the dormitories.

To date the wharf has been safely demolished thanks to the Royal Australian Navy Underwater Demolition Team. The staff and students of the technical school constructed a new wharf. Br. Burrows reports that "this proved to be an excellent project for training for the

students.” With the wharf in place, building supplies needed for the rest of the recovery effort could now be safely off-loaded onto the island and work could proceed. Repairs to the school buildings and staff houses came next.



The building of the new dormitories has begun with one dormitory completed. Work on the other dormitories will continue through 2009. Again, Br. Burrows reports that most of the reconstruction is being done by the staff and students of the technical school, “a practical component of the student’s building course.”



Update: Holy Cross Branch School, Payagala, Sri Lanka

In our last report (February 2008), we noted that the construction the school in Payagala was finished. This past year, a fourth request was made for some finishing costs to the school and for equipment and furnishings: computers for a new computer laboratory, student desks (the schools population is increasing), and desks for teachers and staff. The pictures below give an indication of the school’s progress.



Update: on India

Once the crisis passed in India, our brothers developed a Child Trauma Care Project to help children recover from the tsunami. The program includes educational and recreational activities as well as counseling and assistance to parents and families still suffering from the effects of the tsunami. The fund has helped to sustain this project for three years.

This year's disbursement was made to continue some aspects of the program. With most of the goals of this program reached, it appears this program is reaching its conclusion.



***Final Word of
Thanks***

This concludes *Rebuild Hope: Fourth Year Update*. Again we express our sincere thanks to all who have made this fund possible. The generosity of many people - international funding agencies, provinces and districts of the Institute, and many individuals - have not only made this fund a reality, they have brought hope to countless people who are now well on the road to recovery.

Thank you!