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Dear Les,

This month we are testing a new provider for our newsletter - **we strongly recommend clicking the link at the very top of the newsletter to open it in a browser for viewing. We are appealing for help with the urgent situation in Pakistan** Please see article below. ShelterBox is operating right now in four countries: Pakistan, Congo, Swaziland and Honduras. We are stretched to the limits.

Thanks to the support of people like you, ShelterBox is becoming recognized all across Canada as an efficient supplier of aid to disaster areas. The Tom Henderson Tour in September has produced amazing results, combined with the efforts and enthusiasm of many "Ambassadors" from coast to coast. We cannot say thank you enough. Click on the link to see the latest on the Roll of Honour, a list of donors, box numbers and destinations. The latest deployments of Canadian boxes have been to Nepal, Somaliland and Haiti.

Don Ohlgren -Executive Director-ShelterBox Canada

[Click](#) here for the Roll of Honour.

WELL DONE FAIRFIELD!



Congratulations to the students of Fairfield Elementary School in Amherstville, Ontario who recently raised funds for two boxes. Thanks to all who worked hard to make this a reality, especially Pat Baker from the Rotary Club of Kingston who spearheaded the effort. Another box was raised by the graduating class of Rundle College in Calgary, with the help of Rotarian Janet Balfour. ShelterBox Canada has two School Kits available for anyone who is interested, one aimed at senior students and the other at elementary school level. Email anne@shelterbox.ca for more information.

Canadian SRT Update



The 4th ShelterBox Response Team deployed to China consisted of Dave Hallett, a Rotarian from Kingston, Lizzy Treglown from the UK and Claire and Ron Noseworthy from the Rotary Club of Kenora, plus two students from Chengdu University as interpreters. The

Urgent Appeal

Pakistan: 200 boxes have been sent in the wake of an earthquake last week. The 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck the Ziarat valley just before dawn, causing landslides and reportedly killing more than 200 people. It is thought that around 1,500 homes were destroyed and 15,000 people have been displaced.

Christmas Campaign

Last year during the festive season, many donors found giving a ShelterBox either as a gift, or in memory of a loved one, was a very meaningful thing to do.



One family, with four adult children, decided that instead of the adults giving each other the usual meaningless gifts, each would contribute to a family ShelterBox. Of course, the eight small grandchildren still got

team was charged with meeting 730 tents in the Sichuan capital of Chengdu, sent directly by rail from the Shanghai manufacturing plant, arranging transportation and distribution of the tents to remote areas in Gansu Province. While the level of destruction there did not receive the publicity of Sichuan, the devastation to individual families was significant. Once they arrived after a 24 hr, earthquake detoured train ride, they witnessed many villages where up to half the homes had been destroyed and they needed to be torn down and replaced. They met the tents in Tianshui, Gansu Province. To facilitate a more efficient distribution, they divided the team and reloaded the tents onto 2 trucks. Dave & Lizzy headed for Diebu District with one truck, while Claire and Ron departed for the Longnan District with a second truck load of 500 tents. An 8 hour drive took them to the small city of Wudu, where they met officials of the Gansu Family Planning Association (GFPA) who were the local aid agency liaison. With the help of the GFPA, they translated the tent pitching instructions into Mandarin and made copies for distribution with the tents. They arranged distribution points in 5 villages and invited village leaders and tent recipients to



SRT Mark Pearson is operating in the field in Ziarat district about 2 hours north of Quetta. There are around 70,000 displaced in the Districts of Pishin and Ziarat. Mark explains "We assessed the scattered villages around Ziarat, almost all the mud brick houses were destroyed and the people mainly Pashtun were living in light canvas tents totally unsuitable for the mountainous conditions and at the moment it is -4 during the night and the winter is coming in over the next month and the main ask is for winterised tents and warm weather kit. The altitude of the affected areas range from 6000ft - 11500 ft and what aid is coming in is from local Pakistani agencies ie; Mercy CORP Red Crescent, Balochistan Rural support programme and Baloch political and religious parties. We should have the ShelterBoxes tomorrow and another 200 on Saturday. The Rotary club of Quetta and Karachi are invaluable in

their "goodies"! But the combined contributions of the families produced a box that went to Kenya. This turned out to be doubly wonderful because one of the children had backpacked in Kenya several years prior.

Here's a special offer for donors who wish to sponsor a box this Christmas. ShelterBox Canada will mail out up to 10 personalized Thank You Christmas cards on your behalf letting recipients know that you have donated a box on their behalf. All you have to do is:

- make the donation of \$1200 for a full box - we accept credit cards or checks
- tell us the name you want on the box
- email the names and addresses of the people you would like to honour with this box to us at anne@shelterbox.ca

these locations for tent pitching instructions. Each community received 100 tents, which were then further distributed to smaller villages. One of the villages was high in the mountains and accessible only by a steep, narrow, windy road, strewn with huge boulders, washed out in several sections. The 40 kilometre trip took 2 hours. They visited individuals in the communities who had received the tents, to ensure that they had been erected properly. One lady wrapped her arms around Claire in gratitude and would not let go. They considered themselves fortunate to be able to assist in their own small way with the very significant help that ShelterBox has provided to very desperate people. All three Canadians felt it a rewarding experience to bring badly needed aid to victims of natural disasters. If you would like more information about becoming an SRT, email don@shelterbox.ca.



Dave in the top bunk on the long

the ShelterBox ops here providing flights, security, accommodation, interpreters and local knowledge. There is a desperate need for more shelter.”



Urban Campout

At the end of September, the Rotary Club of Saskatoon embarked on an ambitious Urban Campout to raise funds for ShelterBox. Executive Director Don Ohlgren joined them in Saskatoon, and facilitated their use of six tents. These were erected in a park area and the camp was manned by Rotarians handing out brochures and information about ShelterBox. Also on hand to assist were SRT's Ron and Claire Noseworthy, whose expertise came in handy when it was necessary to strike the camp every night and re-erect it every morning because of a city bylaw!

The Rotary Club itself kicked off the campaign by donating enough funds for 14 boxes! Final figures

- beat the deadline of December 3rd 2008.

Swaziland: A ShelterBox Response Team has been deployed to Swaziland to distribute 370 boxes to families affected by the HIV/AIDS crisis. This deployment is part of ShelterBox's *A Million in Africa* program, through which we hope to help one million people across the African continent. The boxes contain our new Africa tent, which was custom designed to withstand the harsh African climate.



LATE NEWS: WE HAVE SENT 400 BOXES TO GOMA IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO.

Turks & Caicos: Our team in the Turks & Caicos islands has also returned after distributing 200 boxes

train journey.

Haiti: Our second team has now returned from the Caribbean island of Haiti after successfully distributing the remaining boxes. SRT member Mark Curnow said: "There was a great need for help as many people had lost everything under several feet of mud. Our camps helped affected people to re-establish their communities."



A ShelterBox camp in Gonaives, Haiti.

are not in yet, but we are all hoping for big things.



Agrium Clavet Distribution Staff helping to raise money for ShelterBox in Saskatoon, with Ron Noseworthy, extreme left, and Don Ohlgren, extreme right.

to those affected by the hurricanes

Nepal: Our team has returned from Nepal, where thousands had been displaced by the flooding of the Koshi River. The team focused on distributing ShelterBoxes to the most vulnerable people, such as those with disabilities. Five tents were used as maternity tents in a field hospital, with a total of 460 boxes distributed.

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