



THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2013

Because of your generous giving, *Body and Soul Ministries* continues to improve the lives of others under the mantra that as Christ loved us, so we must love others. The blind see, orphans are cared for, and the impoverished are lifted up. Here are a few of the projects that your continued support has made possible.

INDONESIA

In the month of October, my grandson Hutton and I travelled to Indonesia to partake in the biannual cataract camp that takes place on the island of Nias. In partnership with the *Caris Foundation*, *BandS* was able to witness 191 cataract surgeries in less than two days. Every trip there seems to be one case that sticks out among the others. This year it was a fourteen-year-old girl with cataracts in both eyes. She'd had them since she was 3, and couldn't recollect a time when she wasn't blind. After removing the bandages and essentially seeing for the first time, this little girl politely informed us that she would now be able to attend school. Due to your support, we are able to see a portion of what Jesus said was the evidence of his presence – that the blind receive their sight.

We will be returning to Indonesia in March with the goal of completing 250 more cataract surgeries at two different locations in Batak Land.





Over 340,000 people have been displaced because of the structural damage from the quake. *BandS* is currently working with other organizations to provide relief for the people affected.

PHILIPPINES

On October 15, an earthquake measuring Mw 7.2 struck on the island of Bohol, effecting primarily Bohol and Cebu. 194 people have been reported dead, 12 missing, and 652 injured. Over 53,000 structures have been damaged or destroyed, with the number climbing with each recurring aftershock. It has been called the deadliest earthquake in the Philippines in 23 years. *BandS* already has people on the ground assisting those affected, but more support is required. One of the first obstacles with any natural disaster is the provision of food and water. We are trying to send as many relief goods as we can, including gravity water filters with members from a team with the *Christian Relief Fund*. With our team on the ground and the ability to wire money in less than 24 hours, we can do a lot of good. We pray that in these moments of pain and disaster, the people of the Philippines might find the comforting hand of our Heavenly Father.

GUATEMALA

BandS continues to support *Health Talents International* and their work in Guatemala. This year forty-nine cataract surgeries were completed and five clefts were repaired. *Health Talents International* is an organization that has been serving people for forty years around the world. It is a pleasure to work with such a devoted organization.

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