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October 16, 2015

Dear Pamela,

As the founder of Mercy Corps, I want to personally welcome you to the Mercy Corps family!

**Thank you so much for your kindness. Through your partnership with Mercy Corps, you are truly making a life-changing difference.** You're already bringing emergency aid and long-term support to people in need in more than 40 countries.

You're providing lifesaving relief to survivors of the earthquakes in Nepal ... giving clean water to displaced families fleeing violence in Syria and South Sudan ... and improving the health of hungry and malnourished children in drought-stricken Niger and Ethiopia.

Yet your kindness doesn't end there! You're also helping women, men and entire communities gain the tools and training they need to rebuild after crisis and thrive for the long-term.

**Pamela, as a Mercy Corps supporter, you can help vulnerable people around the world overcome the toughest challenges – like hunger, war and natural disaster.**

- You can teach mothers and fathers how to protect their newborns from life-threatening illnesses
- You can build schools for children who have never seen the inside of a classroom
- You can provide economic opportunities to help people rise out of poverty and improve their lives

By building stronger communities and healthier families, your gifts to Mercy Corps are an act of compassion. They're also a smart investment in the future of our world.

You can be confident that we're using your gifts wisely. In fact, over the last five years, we've used more than 87 percent of our resources to help people in need.

I've enclosed your first *Mercy Report* newsletter so you can learn about the courageous people you're helping, and the many ways you're saving and improving lives. These stories represent just a small sampling of the millions of people Mercy Corps supporters like you help each year.

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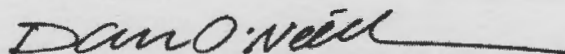
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**You are a true friend to people in need. And I am deeply grateful for your generosity.** All of us at Mercy Corps want to build a meaningful relationship with you – one where you have a voice, and where you can impact the people and causes you care about.

That's why we stand firmly by our donor pledge on the bookmark I've enclosed for you.

Your kindness means so much to mothers, fathers and children around the world.  
Thank you so much for joining the Mercy Corps family!

Sincerely,



Dan O'Neill  
Founder

P.S. You have my warmest thanks for your recent gift. You are helping people who face some of the toughest challenges imaginable in places like Nepal, Syria and South Sudan. You're giving them food, water, shelter, and relief. It's comforting to know that friends like you are by their side.

P.P.S. As a gesture of my heartfelt gratitude, I've enclosed a special bookmark for you. I hope it reminds you of the incredible difference you're making for children and families around the world.

# MercyReport

news and notes from the front lines

SUMMER 2015

## DEVASTATION IN NEPAL: Mercy Corps Responds

**O**n April 25, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake rocked Nepal, which took the lives of thousands. The worst earthquake to hit the region in 80 years affected more than 8 million people, reaching the slopes of Mt. Everest and neighboring Tibet and India.

Worse still, the people have suffered from numerous aftershocks and another 7.3 magnitude earthquake on May 12.

In Kathmandu, Nepal's capital, historic monuments fell to the ground along with homes, businesses, and government buildings. Outside of the capital, entire villages were decimated.

With more than 100 staff in Nepal, Mercy Corps has one of the largest

teams on the ground able to reach survivors. The majority of our team members already live and work in Nepal, which helps Mercy Corps act quickly and effectively.

But as Nepal Response team member, Chet Tamang, said, "This is the worst disaster I have ever experienced. The damage is so huge and wide."

In the days following the first quake, our team delivered emergency supply kits including clothing, water purification tools and hygiene supplies. While others focused primarily on Kathmandu, we quickly started reaching vulnerable families living in hard to reach areas too.

After the earthquakes destroyed their houses, many families remain homeless. Some sleep out in the open, others under tarps provided by Mercy Corps or in temporary shelters.

To add to their troubles, summer is monsoon season in Nepal, with torrential rains and high winds an almost daily occurrence. "There is heightened concern about flooding and mudslides, especially outside the city centers where whole villages have been destroyed," said Christy Delafield, Mercy Corps Senior Communications Officer.



Thousands are homeless following the earthquake that struck Nepal in late April, 2015.

Another major concern is the spread of diseases such as cholera and dysentery, caused by contaminated water and lack of hygiene. **Families need clean water, clothing, and hygiene kits to prevent disease.**

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*- Chet Tamang  
Mercy Corps Nepal Response Team*

As we continue our focus on immediate, emergency relief, Mercy Corps is also looking toward the future. Water and sanitation sources will need to be rebuilt. Children need to return to school – and a sense of normalcy – as soon as possible. They are counting on us to stay with them.

Your continued support can help people survive this crisis and others around the world. **Just as importantly, it will help families, villages, and communities rebuild their lives and recover from tragedy.** Thank you, in advance, for all you do for people in need.



Mercy Corps delivered emergency relief to the tiny village of Kritipur, about 45 minutes from Kathmandu. Kits included a tarp, sleeping mat, blanket, soap, water purification drops and other basic items.

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Thank you for your support!

Pamela Grow

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**1. What issues have the most meaning to you?**

*Please check all that apply.*

- Fighting hunger and poverty  
 Child health and safety  
 Responding to natural disasters  
 Helping people affected by violent conflict  
 Educating and empowering women and girls

**2. How would you like Mercy Corps to communicate with you?**

In addition to emergency updates, I would like Mercy Corps to send me updates by mail:

- Regularly  
 Quarterly  
 Once per year

Please communicate with me via email at:

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