

## Responding to Silent Tears: UMCOR International Disaster Response



A silent killer was snaking its way through Cameroon: cholera. This quiet epidemic strikes areas of Cameroon every year, infecting thousands and killing hundreds. Cholera is a preventable disease that causes disaster in the communities it strikes, yet few outside Cameroon know about its regularity or its lethality.

United Methodist missionaries Wes and Leah Magruder contacted UMCOR concerning the situation. In response UMCOR funded local cholera prevention clinics where 225 families received bleach, clean water, and gloves to protect them when caring for sick family members. To stop further contamination, UMCOR sponsored a team to treat more than 5,000 community wells in 14 neighborhoods. An additional 40 people learned how to teach communities ways to avert future cholera outbreaks.

### International Disaster Response

This is just one of the many unsung disasters UMCOR responds to every year. UMCOR is there even when the news cameras are not. Whether it is the South Asia tsunami or cholera in Cameroon, UMCOR is there: sowing seeds of hope and empowering communities to step forward to a new and better future. UMCOR works to alleviate human suffering and to bring hope in seemingly hopeless situations.

## How to Give

Year after year UMCOR's greatest need is for funds that aid international emergency relief. While some disasters are popular in the media, which raises awareness and funding to assist in recovery, others go unheralded and therefore without the same resources to recover and rebuild. Media coverage or not, UMCOR responds and dispatches much-needed funding to relieve the immense human suffering that can occur in the wake of natural and human caused disasters.

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