

From UMCOR appeal letter

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. . . (Through the United Methodist Committee On Relief,) caring friends like you have helped in so many ways. For example:

+ **Earthquake, northern Pakistan** -- Last October, a quake measuring 7.6 leveled whole cities in Kashmir and killed more than 80,000 people. Working with partner agencies, UMCOR helped provide emergency food to 1,600 families, and immediately set up medical camps in the worst areas. As the bitter Himalayan winter set in, these shelters became the difference between life and death for thousands.

+ **Hurricane Recovery, southern U.S.** -- When Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma, Dennis and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast and Central America, UMCOR was there to help. we're still there! UMCOR continues to facilitate in 13 states affected by the storms, whether directly damaged or hosting evacuees.

+ **Food Security, Democratic Republic of Congo** -- In a country torn apart by prolonged armed conflict, thousands of displaced families lost everything. UMCOR provides seeds, tools and equipment to help people gain self-sufficiency through farming or fishing, producing both food and wages.

UMCOR's two-fold strategy of first providing immediate relief and then facilitating long-term recovery has withstood the test of time and gained worldwide respect. In fact, because we maximize results and minimize costs, the U.S. government recently turned to UMCOR for assistance.

UMCOR now leads an alliance of nine agencies in a two-year effort to aid 30,000 displaced hurricane survivors. Our case managers and volunteers will oversee a network of 3,000 relief workers across the United States. . . .