

Cyclone Giri

Myanmar, Rakhine State

On the 22 October 2010, cyclone Giri struck Myanmar's western coastal state Rakhine.

A total of 170,000 people were estimated to have been affected by the cyclone Giri that also caused widespread damage to 71 villages in some townships in the state, of which Myebon, Kyaukphyu, Min Bye and Kyauktaw suffered the most.

According to Myanmar official sources, a total of 45 people were killed and 15 others went missing in the tragedy.

Among the dead, 22 were from Myebon Township which was the hardest hit by the cyclone.

Altogether 6,231 houses, 8 monasteries, 19 schools and 77 government departmental offices as well as 80 vessels and 2 bridges were destroyed, mainly in the three townships of Myebon, Kyaukphyu and Min Bye.

Of the ravaged houses, 2,028 were from Myebon and 1,035 from Kyaukphyu.



Our Response

The Presbyterian Church of Myanmar together with the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand responded by providing aid and relief to the Missionaries working in Myebon Township.

85 families received assistance with the rebuilding of their homes and food supplies.

Families who lost their livelihoods received replacement fishing boats and fishing nets to rebuild their business and support their families.

To date we have purchases 5 fishing boats and 18 fishing nets.

There is still a great need for further building supplies, fishing boats and nets. To purchase a fishing boat or net please send donations to PCANZ Global Mission Office – Rice Bowl Fund. P O Box 9049, Marion Square, Wellington 6141 or email myanmar@stcolumba.org.nz for account details.



Fishing Boat \$150



Fishing net \$80





Thank you

“On behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar, I’d like to express my deepest gratitude for your generous donations and support for the people of Myanmar and for those affected by the 2010 Cyclone Giri. Your financial support for the rebuilding of homes and livelihoods has been greatly appreciated, and we pray you will in return be blessed abundantly.”

Rev. Ring Lian Thang – General Secretary – Presbyterian Church of Myanmar.