



Mark Benevolent Fund Vanuatu Update



Update on the award of £25,000 June 2015

The Craft Lodge of Discovery has announced its intention to rebuild the library at Suango Primary School. This school is in the Mele area on the western side of the Island of Efate and is near the lodge rooms so that everyone in the community will benefit from the build. The school is multi-lingual and currently caters for nearly 400 students, year 1-8, along with employing teachers and other staff from the local area.



In Tropical Cyclone Pam, the roofs of all school buildings sustained damage. These, as well as the damage to the headmaster's house are being repaired by either the Ratua Foundation or a collective of ex-pat residents who brought this larger initiative to the attention of the Lodge.

The Lodge is very proud to be assisting the local community with this rebuild as the library provides a central hub for the students and teachers alike and we aim to not only rebuild the previous structure but to increase the size of it so it will grow with the future needs of the school, providing a legacy for everyone concerned.

The Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund are delighted that things are moving along so quickly and hope that the build will be completed as soon as possible to allow the children to get back to full time education.



Nepal Earthquake

Wednesday 29th April, 2015

£29,500 DONATED

TO DEVASTATED AREAS

ShelterBox sending 50 Survival Kits on behalf of M.B.F.



Saturday 25th April 2015, saw an immensely devastating earthquake rock the country of Nepal and its surrounding areas. Its strength measured 7.8 on the Richter scale and loss of life has so far been confirmed at over 5,000. Each further update continues to revise the figure upwards.

Trustees of The Mark Benevolent Fund have discussed how best they can help in the relief efforts and have made a donation to the ShelterBox charity of £29,500 for the purchase of 50 survival kits.

ShelterBox provides various shelter kits containing plastic sheeting, basic tools, rope and fixings that enable families to rapidly provide their own shelter or make repairs to their damaged houses in the aftermath of a disaster. The contents of a kit can vary depending on the type of disaster it is faced with.

Each box costs £590 and the Mark Benevolent Fund will be sponsoring 50 of these to go out to the affected areas.



The ShelterBox response Team who arrived in Kathmandu on Monday are already meeting with other aid agencies to create a coordinated response.

The charity, based in Helston in Cornwall, is also mobilising further boxes in the UK as we speak, to be sent out for distribution. As you can imagine the logistics of getting those out to the stricken areas will take a little time but they are already taking huge steps to make sure this happens as soon as possible.

We will keep you up to date with how things are progressing so please keep in touch with our Facebook and Twitter pages for details.

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