

Salam!

It has been fourteen days since we left home and life has been a whirlwind ever since! ☺ We have seen the devastation and also the strength and the determination of many to begin again! I'll use pics to tell the story of what we are involved with. The IRMs Marv and Lorraine, who started here left four days ago and we are so grateful of all that they showed and taught us during our overlap. We have a team of nine and growing and they are all very kind, helpful and skilled.



The city of Padang itself was hit hard but rebuilding (taking down the destroyed buildings) is already well progressing. Much help is still needed here.



CRWRC's work with their partners is mainly in communities. The villages chosen are usually those just more isolated but very needy. Emergency response will include immediate food, hygiene kits, kitchen kits and health issues. Water and sanitation issues will be on'going for a while. We are now beginning core housing in three villages. Core houses have two rooms and allows for future additions to be built on. These are earthquake resistant and are similar to the ones built in Banda Aceh after the tsunami.



Temporary housing was given out in the form of tents, tarps and many people also built something temporary from salvaged material.

One village expressed their fear of the brick houses even having been told they were earthquake resistant and wanted the traditional wood houses. The wood mainly comes from the coconut tree from their own property. See the new house below.



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