

Samaritan's Purse helping Turkey earthquake victims

Christian relief agency deploying emergency field hospital and providing critical aid

CALGARY, AB – Feb. 7, 2023 —Samaritan's Purse is responding to the deadly 7.8 magnitude earthquake that devastated Turkey and Syria on Feb 6. Hours later, these countries were rocked by another 7.5-magnitude earthquake—killing more than 6,000 people and injuring thousands more.

Search and rescue efforts are still underway. Samaritan's Purse immediately mobilized disaster response specialists and began to position relief supplies for rapid deployment.

This week, Samaritan's Purse is preparing to deploy approximately 75 Disaster Assistance Response Team members and an emergency field hospital—equipped with 52 patient beds, a pharmacy and two operating rooms—to Turkey along with critically needed supplies, such as hygiene items and tarp to aid families in the hardest-hit areas.

“Our hearts are breaking at the pain, loss, and devastation experienced by the people of Turkey and Syria,” said John Clayton, director of programs and projects for Samaritan's Purse Canada. “We're taking swift and compassionate action to help as many survivors as possible.”

Media Opportunities

- Interview David Bock, acting international disaster response director for Samaritan's Purse Canada dbock@samaritan.ca; 403-870-1595
- Photos and b-roll available upon request

Please visit SamaritansPurse.ca for more information on this disaster response.

Donations Needed

To support Samaritan's Purse's disaster relief efforts, please visit SamaritansPurse.ca (click on “Donate”) or call **1-800-663-6500**.

About Samaritan's Purse Canada

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian relief and development organization that takes its name from Jesus Christ's biblical story of the Good Samaritan. Like that Good Samaritan, who found a beaten man and helped restore him, we aid victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty, famine, and persecution. Besides disaster relief, our work includes collecting and distributing gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, providing safe water, teaching vocational skills, and providing agricultural supplies and training to families in the developing world. Learn more at SamaritansPurse.ca.

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