

# Love in Action

## Lutheran Disaster Response

We thank God LDR came to St. Croix after the hurricane.

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people

whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. LDR collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. LDR is a welcome partner because they respect the perspectives

and strengths of others.

Lutheran Disaster Response recognizes that every disaster is local. Because of this, LDR believes every response needs to be rooted in the community; they work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In their international work LDR partners closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met. In the United States, LDR works through their extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns.

You can sign up to receive informational alerts from Lutheran Disaster Response or to volunteer!



Rebuilding a Nepali village after the earthquake.



During 2018, SLC members gave \$6,746 through our SLC offering to:

- California Wildfires \$1,359
- Hurricane Relief \$4,117
- Other Disaster Relief \$1,270

Folks also chose to contribute directly to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of those recovering from disasters within the United States and around the world!

Ways to give to Lutheran Disaster Relief....donate through SLC... donate online at [elca.org](http://elca.org)...give by phone at 800-638-3522...become a monthly donation partner...leave a legacy gift. You may choose to designate your gift to a specific disaster or give where the need is greatest; make your choice known at the time of your donation.

Thanks for living generously!!

### One place Lutheran Disaster Response is present right now...

A series of powerful and destructive tornadoes has ripped through parts of the central U.S., leaving destruction in its wake. In Missouri, numerous people have been killed, homes and businesses have been destroyed, and rescues are still underway. Tornadoes have also been reported in Oklahoma, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. These tornadoes were part of a series of more than 170 weather events to strike the region in the last week, with the potential for more severe weather in the coming days.

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with those in the impacted states, including local synods, congregations and social ministry organizations, to provide immediate relief and long-term support. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "U.S. tornadoes" will be used entirely (100%) to help those affected by tornadoes until the response is complete. Together, we can support those who are on the long road to recovery.

God's work. Our hands.