

# Flooding in Honduras

Our brothers, sisters and friends in Honduras need our help. Intense flooding over the past few weeks has devastated the country. On October 20<sup>th</sup> Honduran President Zelaya declared a national emergency and made a plea for international assistance. In Olancho and many other areas the flooding is worse than when Hurricane Mitch hit the country in 1998. Wally Austin was in Honduras a few days ago and he reported that many families have abandoned their flooded homes and are living under tarps on the highway (which is the only thing above the water level).

Global Aid Network (GAIN), our humanitarian aid partner, has already shipped a full container of emergency food (over 280,000 meals) and is sharing in the shipping costs with us. This is a great help but it will be a few weeks before it arrives and there is an immediate need for food. Here is the latest email I received from Dario yesterday after his meeting with all of our local pastors:

*All the pastors who were able to come, agree that the first priority is food.  
My estimated is of \$5 to feed a family of 5 members for a day.  
It includes beans, butter, corn to make tortillas, matches, etc.*

*We can feed one family for one week with \$35*

*Once we have the container with the rice, they can eat this complete meal.*

*The main problem now is the lack of food.*

*Dario*

We are wiring Dario money for food as it comes into our office. If you would like to help our friends you can make an immediate donation using the "Make a donation" button on our website [www.xmaonline.com](http://www.xmaonline.com) or mail a check to Extreme Missionary Adventures, 16 Pierce Rd, Rayville LA 71269.

GAIN is working on another shipping container of relief supplies such as clothing, bedding and more food. We expect this container and possibly others to be shipped soon. We are also planning volunteer trips to help with relief and rebuilding so let us know if you'd like to join us.

Thanks for your partnership!

**Randy Pierce**

**Here are two more updates from Dario concerning the ongoing disaster relief work in Honduras.**



In one suburb in Honduras, Pedrito, a 12 year old boy who was living with his grandmother, knew that the GAIN team was giving out some help. He waited under the heavy rain until we were passing by the house. He looked up and said, "We have not eaten since yesterday! Could you please give me something?" We gave him one packet of rice-soy food, a bag with clothing, shoes, and some bananas. He got excited, smiled and ran to his house saying, "We got food!"

In one village in Honduras, Mrs. Maria, at 80 years old, is taking care of her six grandchildren who were orphaned when their parents got killed. She has no source of income but has the responsibility of taking care of them, the youngest being 4 years old. When the GAIN team visited and offered her twelve packets of rice-soy food she was overflowed by joy and cried. She could not believe what she was seeing! The rice was for her the solution to a big problem, she and her grandchildren had not eaten a meal during the day. They all got together and hugging each other said, "Thanks very much!", looking with a big smile at the packets that for them were the end of a day without food.

