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Zurich. The response of New Apostolic Christians in helping the many victims of the tsunami catastrophe in the southern Indian Ocean has been overwhelming! Some 2 million Euro in donations have been collected so far in Germany alone, and the relief fund of the New Apostolic Church Switzerland has amassed 250,000 Francs.

NAK-karitativ, the charitable relief organisation of the New Apostolic District Churches in Germany, has registered donations of over 1.3 million Euro so far. Around 200,000 Euro in immediate aid have already been sent to the aid organisations "terre des homes" and "deutsche Welthungerhilfe" (German Agro Action), and more funds are being invested in long-term reconstruction efforts. In a letter to the congregations in Northern Germany and North Rhine-Westphalia, District Apostle Wilhelm Leber thanked the members for their outstanding dedication. "This compassion for people in need, as expressed through your tangible donations, is a piece of New Apostolic faith in practice," said the district apostle.

The brethren in Southern Germany managed to collect some 900,000 Euro on their own as well! In a letter to the congregations, District Apostle Klaus Saur expressed that he was deeply moved by their kindness. 200,000 Euro each will go to UNICEF and the German Red Cross, and 25,000 Euro will go to support a water project in cooperation with the University of Karlsruhe.

District Apostle Armin Studer from Switzerland also thanked his brethren in faith by way of a letter to the congregations in his district. Of the more than 250,000 Swiss Francs collected in donations, 100,000 have been presented to the "Glückskette" (Swiss Solidarity) - a cooperative of several aid organisations in Switzerland.

Donations for victims of the South Asian tsunami disaster can be made through NAK-karitativ, the Missionswerk der Neuapostolischen Kirche Süddeutschland (Missionary works of the New Apostolic Church of Southern Germany), or other aid organisations of the New Apostolic Church.

Following are some links to reports on our relief efforts:

www.nak.de/karitativ

www.nak-sued.de/text/p_6_1.html

www.nak.ch/news/news05_1-gb.html

www.nac-usa.org/outreach/special/Aidfund/aid1.asp

www.nac-canada.org/outreach/country/canada/default.asp

More details to follow.

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