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### **Myanmar Relief Mission**

This WCMA Relief Mission was in response to cyclone Nargis which killed an estimated 150,000 people in Myanmar and devastated the country's capital and richest food producing region.

The WCMA raised funds for this relief effort with the help of three physicians from Myanmar who practice medicine in Wichita Falls, Dr. Lucy Tan and Drs. Nick and Rita Kong and the Wichita Falls Medical Society. A fund raising get-to-gather was held in the Kong's home shortly after the disaster to collect funds and show support for the cyclone victims. Through these physicians and previous WCMA contacts a number of relief projects were identified and two were selected. It is important to note that all WCMA missions are successful due to the action of highly knowledgeable and responsible partners in the disaster area.

1. Working in cooperation with Globus Relief, the WCMA was able to ship a container with 22 pallets of medical supplies valued at over \$200,000 to Myanmar for distribution by Gleaning for the World through its local medical clinics in the disaster area. This was an unusual accomplishment as the country's government was refusing almost all outside assistance at the time -- including aid from the U.S. government.
2. Through the contacts of our three Myanmar physicians we were able to partner with Dr. Pyi Htun, the BRN and their engineering associates in Myanmar to finance the construction of tube wells in the Irrawaddy delta for 5 cyclone damaged villages that had no potable water. It was necessary to drill each well over 600 feet to get to pure water. Each well was equipped with a casing, service platform, pump, motor and reservoir. They could pump sufficient water to supply an entire village of from 1,500 to 3,000 people. In total, about 10,000 people now receive pure water from these 5 wells.