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INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES REACH OUT TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN MYANMAR

Unusually heavy monsoon rains and melting of mountain snows has caused intense flooding in Myanmar (Burma) in recent weeks. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed along the Ayeyawaddy River in central and southwestern Myanmar, displacing hundreds of families. At least 20 have died since the river began overrunning its banks in late July.

Many flood victims are trying to survive on upper floors of buildings, living in dangerously unsanitary conditions with their pigs, dogs and even cattle. Travel is only possible by boat. Illness is a growing problem due to the lack of clean drinking water, and bites from rats and poisonous snakes seeking refuge in houses.

Flood victims say that authorities are unable to do anything to relieve their suffering. Some are reportedly threatening villagers not to say anything about the destruction to outside sources.

Indigenous ministries are shouldering the burden of caring for flood victims, providing food, warm clothing and clean water for displaced families. Native missionaries are also seizing the opportunity to preach the hope of Christ.

One Christian worker recently shared the message of salvation from a boat as he traveled a flooded area. He reported that "many boats came around and listened, and more than 30 people raised their hands to accept Christ."

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