

REPORT

Morocco Earthquake

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Multiply, thank you for providing financial resources and prayers for those affected by the recent earthquake in Morocco. Your generosity and partnership has allowed the teams on the ground to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who have been left destitute in the face of this disaster.

As you read, may we respectfully remind you of the need for discretion, as the highly sensitive nature of the workers in this region requires an increasingly restricted status of communication due to the area being under religious persecution. We request that the contents of this letter not be passed beyond the specific intended recipient/s without prior consent from Multiply. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

On the evening of Friday, September 8th, an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.8 struck the Atlas Mountains in Morocco. Marrakech, a city of over one million people, was significantly damaged, and some 3000 surrounding towns and villages were completely destroyed. It has been reported that about 3000 people lost their lives and some 5600 people were injured as a result of this disaster.



Earthquake disaster

Multiply's Regional Team Leader for this region, Nasser al'Qahtani, received this message from national worker, Brother Saleh, who serves on the River of Life team in Morocco:

"It was a dark night with a lot of fear and sadness in all of Morocco. Among the dead and wounded are some believers from our house

churches. Some of the brothers with us on the team will visit some of the afflicted villages. Local churches in Morocco have been assisting in any way they can to be the loving hands and feet of Jesus to the many families that are affected by this tragedy.”



Towns and villages destroyed by the earthquake

It has been some weeks since the disaster, yet in the aftermath of this catastrophe, the hope and love of Jesus is spreading through the communities as relief efforts and aid are being extended.

In the past month, brother Saleh and his team have visited three cities and seven towns and have traveled to several remote mountain villages in the area affected by the earthquake. They were able to assist over sixty families with much needed supplies such as food, medicine, blankets, clothing and infant essentials. These families received the gifts with much gratitude, engaging in conversations that provided an opportunity for the team to share the Gospel and to pray with them.





Food and medicine delivered

Brother Saleh reported:

“Despite the earthquake, there is good in everything that happens, especially as we pray, and, there are good things happening. For the last thirty years these villages have had no water, but after the earthquake, the earth opened wells and waterfalls from the mountains and under the ground and water is now gushing from many places throughout the mountains supplying the affected villages with rivers full of water!”

Please continue to pray that the River of Life team has much opportunity to bring not only physical relief, but also to bring the hope of the Gospel to those who need it most. Pray also for the children who are now without school or shelter and pray for the supply of waterproof tents, more blankets and winter clothes and for wheelchairs for those who are injured and cannot walk. Brother Saleh said:

“Thank you for your love, care and support during this disaster that happened in our country. My team and I plan to visit each month to extend help where needed. We definitely need more of your prayers in the future and are grateful for any financial assistance you can offer. God bless you and give you peace.”

We once again thank you for coming alongside all those affected. Your financial resourcing and prayers have enabled the destitute to receive help in their time of need. We pray that even in the face of this tragedy many people will find hope in Christ, that together the world may know Jesus.