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## NORTH AFRICA AMPUTEES

Months of revolutions across North Africa left thousands of people with serious wounds -- many of whom are now amputees. Physical rehabilitation equipment was in short supply, however. Southern Baptists donated used equipment -- wheel chairs, walkers, canes, and crutches -- and \$6,000 was drawn from the Disaster Relief Fund to cover the cost of shipping and employing local people to help re-store and distribute the equipment. Not only would the needs of amputees be met, but others would get much-needed work and have an opportunity to help rebuild their community. Thank God for people who care about people in need. Pray that hearts would be moved by this act of compassion.



## PHILIPPINES FLOOD



A Dec. 17 typhoon in the Philippines killed about 1,250 people and left hundreds of thousands homeless, then the plight of survivors was worsened

by heavy rains. BGR initiated a rapid response with local partners shortly after the storm. In cooperation with local churches and other groups, food, water, and other temporary relief was distributed to the stricken areas. A broader on-the-ground assessment of longer-term relief needs also was undertaken. Please pray that relief workers would bring God's comfort to survivors and help them discover the new life he offers.

## DISABLED NEPALIS

Nepal's rough roads and congested streets make it hard for people with disabilities to make a living because they must crawl on the ground or have others help them. A welding shop called Hope Haven used a BGR grant to build hand-propelled tricycles that would allow them to ride comfortably upright. The design makes it possible for the physically disabled to get to school, work, church and the market on their own -- opening new roads of hope and opportunity and giving people with disabilities a new sense of dignity and independence. Watch the video at <http://vimeo.com/35278431>.



## 'SOMEBODY CARES'



In two years since a 7.0-magnitude quake devastated Haiti, Southern Baptists have given over \$11 million and vol-

unteered countless hours to help Haitians recover. At first, aid workers focused on pressing needs that would witness to the love of Christ, but they also sought long-term solutions to help Haitians break the cycle of extreme poverty. A housing project called "Rebuild Haiti" will have constructed about 2,800 houses in 30 communities by the time the project ends this spring. Thank God for the many who have discovered new lives through the love of Christ.