



# BGR TO GO

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## HEALTH LESSONS

BGR partners are promoting improved physical and spiritual health in rural villages through health teaching. Lessons incorporate culturally relevant stories,



HIV testing, practical training concerning low-cost solutions for family and community improvements and establishing HIV support groups. These support groups will reach to HIV-affected people through counselling, job skills training and nutritional support. Pray for those who will be trained. Ask God to give them accountability to train others to effect community transformation.

## SEED HARVEST

Subsistence farmers in one country depend on the growing season. Seeds are grown from any source – leftover hybrid seed, uncertified inferior seed or untreated seed carried over from last year’s harvest. When planted, these seeds produce low yield at best but most of the farmers do not have the financial resources to buy quality seed. BGR partners are providing treated seed which will increase chances for harvest. Families will receive 22 pounds of seed as well as education on treating seed to preserve for future planting. Pray for good rains for this growing season.

## COMPUTER TRAINING

An educational center provides computer training to over 750 students. These students will go on to teach computer skills in local secondary schools, start private computer teaching businesses or acquire jobs in local businesses. Pray for the BGR partners who are working in this center. Ask God to provide the staff and funds necessary for the center to run smoothly.

## CRISIS IN TURKEY



Survivors of Turkey’s October 21 earthquake need food, temporary shelter from the cold, clean water and medical care. Teams trained by

BGR are helping to respond to the crisis. Over time things will get better as the situation stabilizes, logistical chains are re-established and longer-term needs are identified. The death toll has risen to 570 with an estimated 1,500 injured. Pray for the survivors and those trying to help them. People who care can always help, wherever they are, by praying for people in need.

## FUEL FOR COOKING

Natural gas is the general source of fuel for cooking and heating in this country. National shortage and soaring prices mean that many marginalized families will suffer cold this winter and will



not have enough fuel for daily cooking needs. BGR partners are working on a project to develop an inexpensive alternative fuel source using paper trash, grass and leaves. These “fuel bricks” can be made in the home by a small machine that can be made locally. Pray that the families being warmed by the “bricks” will also feel the warmth of God’s love for them.



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## CLEAN WATER

Clean water is the most fundamental component of good health for all people and a common need around the world. This particular group is cut off from development and has little access to clean water. BGR partners are helping to educate communities in the necessity of clean water and are helping provide clean water sources, filters and sanitary toilets. Pray for God's grace in the hard, rocky areas where the team is drilling for water. Pray that the people will see God's love for them as they receive the refreshing water.



## RAIN AND FOOD CRUCIAL

BGR partners are targeting households in nine villages that have been identified as places where food is needed. There are ongoing water, sanitation and hygiene projects in each of these villages. Food packets of maize, beans and oil will be distributed monthly to help with the



current crisis. As long as there is no rainfall, the crisis will only intensify. Pray for God to refresh this land with rain. Pray that the long rains will come and that they will be sustained over several weeks to replenish the reservoirs that are depleted. Rain is also vital for producing the grains necessary to sustain animals which in turn, will improve food security and livelihood.

## IN NEED OF HOPE

As presidential election results were announced in one country, violence began and quickly spread. For the next several days there was massive loss of life and



widespread destruction. When calm was restored, a number of relief agencies focused on refugee camps. BGR partners

provided emergency food, shelter and household items for those who were not welcome at the camps because of their ethnicity. When funds were depleted, the project ended but the needs remain. Pray that God will provide for these people who are in need of hope and help.

## COMMUNITY CENTER REACHES OUT

Wood stoves are the primary way that people in this country heat their homes for the winter. The winters are very cold and involve lots of snow. In one low income group of apartments, BGR



partners are providing food boxes with basic supplies and wood for wood burning stoves. A local community center also provides training in job skills, health issues seminars and after school children's programs. Pray that the people involved in this project will find real hope.