



Southern Africa
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Response to Cyclone Freddy



The Impact has been devastating

Anna & Goodson conducted a survey of the immediate vicinity of Saidi on foot yesterday (the roads were too difficult to drive). The destruction caused by Freddy was so widespread and severe that they did not travel too far, for fear of raising unrealistic expectations of help among the neighbouring community.

Meanwhile, a few KM away in Njuli, Brother Harold and his family were preserved through a harrowing, life-threatening situation.

Sadly, many others have been literally swept into eternity, especially in the townships around Blantyre. These are areas we know and which have been visited with the Gospel.

SALT's Response

The team in Malawi are gearing up to respond. We are helping some with plastic sheeting to provide temporary shelter and want to open a feeding station for those with nowhere else to turn to.

We have a reserve of almost 2 Tonnes of maize, but unfortunately the electricity supply has been knocked out by the cyclone, and we cannot mill the maize. In the meantime we have purchased a few hundred Kgs of rice, which we can serve without milling. Please pray that the country's electricity supply will be restored soon, so that the maize mills will start operating again.

Brother Stephen has changed other travel plans in order to return to Malawi on Monday, DV. Please pray that his experience will be useful in coordinating the response, although the extent of this situation is far greater than anything he has experienced.

The nation of Malawi was already on its knees prior to this. In the medium-long term, the need is going to be massive.

How to give

This is not an appeal for funds, but a number of people have been asking how to give to the relief effort, and it's difficult to respond to each individually.