

NEWSLETTER

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The Beginning of 2021

CREST entered the year 2021 responding to the flood situation in Johor and Pahang which began on 2nd January. Together with our local partners, we identified two kampongs located at Skudai for our flood relief efforts.

After two days of cleaning at Skudai, we received more relief calls in Pahang. The team decided to head north to conduct a needs assessment in areas such as Kuantan, Maran, Mentakab and Termeloh, depending on the road accessibility as many roads were still flooded.

As CREST did not have a suitable vehicle to cross some of the flooded roads, our response was delayed at Maran. However, God led us to an old Malay couple who desperately needed help. We spent one whole day to remove things out from their house and clean it to a liveable condition before leaving for Mentakab. As we bade farewell to them, the wife of the house owner was seen wiping her tears.

2021 Johor & Pahang Flood Response



<p>4 JAN Departed to Johor Bahru, provide training to local volunteers</p> 	<p>Partners R.E.A.C.H (KL) Ihsan Johor Kebajikan Wawasan Johor Bharu Full Gospel Church Johor Bharu Temerloh Gospel Chapel</p>	<p>Results Skudai – 16 houses, 1 kindergarten Maran – 1 house Mentakab – 3 houses Temerloh – 1 house</p>		
<p>Total Manpower – 25 Volunteers (16 in Johor, 9 in Pahang)</p>				
<p>5-6 JAN Cleaning service at Skudai, Johor</p> 	<p>8-9 JAN Cleaning service in Maran, Pahang</p> 	<p>10-11 JAN Cleaning service in Mentakab, Pahang</p> 	<p>11 JAN Cleaning service in Termeloh, Pahang</p> 	<p>12 JAN Cleaning service Ended due to MCO declared</p> 

Nearly 50,000 individuals were evacuated because of the floods. Of which, 27,000 were residents from Pahang. Given the limited resources that we had and the rising COVID-19 cases, our relief efforts were focused on families that could not help themselves (e.g. the old and sick). Moreover, with the second Movement Control Order (MCO) made effective from 13 January 2021, our relief efforts were cut short.



The before-and-after photos of the house of a single 83-year-old Chinese lady staying alone. As she collects recycled items for a living, the photo on the left showed the devastation of her house caused by the flood.

Although we did not issue an official appeal for flood relief, we received financial support from various individuals and churches. For that, we are thankful for your trust and support in partnering with CREST for our crisis work. Let us continue to bring hope, love and the Good News to the poor and needy in crisis.

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