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Tsunami Kills 222 in Indonesia, IM Global Servants Unharmmed



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IM's global servants in Indonesia, Valerie and Aaron Osterbrock, and their children are safe and unharmed in the wake of the tsunami that hit the country on December 22. They are in Singapore now for Christmas, reports the Rev. Leslie Turley, IM area director for Southeast Asia and Japan. When in Indonesia, the family lives quite a distance from the affected area.

According to [CNN](#), the tsunami, caused by volcanic activity, hit without warning on December 22. Two hundred twenty-two people were killed and hundreds more are injured or missing.

IM partner the Baptist Forum for Aid and Development (BFAD) is monitoring the situation and working with REBANA (the relief and development agency of the Union of Indonesian

Baptist Churches, also an IM partner) to seek possible strategies for assistance, said Turley.

Indonesia is still reeling from July's earthquake in Lombok and September's earthquake and tsunami in Sulawesi. REBANA is currently responding to all of these situations.

"Please pray for all those responding and those who have been affected – that they know God's peace and presence at this distressing time," said Turley.