



# Guatemala Volcano Relief



## The Devastation

On June 3, 2018, Guatemala's Fuego volcano erupted, killing at least 99 (as of June 7), leaving hundreds unaccounted for, and forcing the evacuation of thousands. An estimated 1.7 million people have been impacted by this event. The eruption caused a massive ash plume (which could clearly be seen from space) as well as an extremely fast moving, high-density mixture of hot lava blocks, pumice, and volcanic gas called a pyroclastic flow. Although the surrounding villages are accustomed to smaller eruptions from this active volcano, this eruption caught them by surprise; the most violent in over a century. With the large quantities of ash deposited, the risk of further devastation by mudslides is high if heavy rains come.

## The Need

Because so many of the villages on or surrounding Fuego volcano have been evacuated, there is an immediate need for food, water, and shelter for them. Future cleanup and rebuilding efforts will also be necessary once evacuees have been cleared to return to their homes, and with so many dead and still missing, the emotional impact will be felt for many years to come.

## FAIR's Response

FAIR is responding in anticipation of the upcoming rebuilding and restoration need in Guatemala. We will be partnering with an organization already placed within Guatemala and ready to connect with and work through the local church to provide relief to those most significantly affected. The priority in selecting the partner organization will be to use the funds raised to enable the local church as they extend the love of Christ within their community.

## How Can You Respond?

Prayerfully consider how you can partner with FAIR as we seek to extend the love of Christ to those most affected by this devastating volcano eruption. Donations can be made online by visiting our website at: [www.fellowship.ca/GuatemalaVolcanoRelief](http://www.fellowship.ca/GuatemalaVolcanoRelief) or by completing the form below.

Please be in prayer for the people of Guatemala as they wait for the volcano's activity to calm and for those who have been evacuated to be able to return to their homes. Pray that the Lord would be working through the relief workers, providing natural opportunities to share the Gospel as they share the love of Christ in practical ways.

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