

Relief and Rehabilitation



In September 2007, Hurricane Felix caused widespread damage to homes, crops, and infrastructure throughout most of Nicaragua. CRWRF immediately responded with emergency relief assistance.

One of the hardest hit areas was a coastal region farmed by a native Nicaraguan group, the Miskitos. As subsistence farmers, the Miskito people are already among the poorest in the country. Over the past ten years their harvests were severely reduced by Hurricanes Mitch and Beta, a rat plague, and two years of drought.

For long-term relief, or rehabilitation, CRWRF is funding a pilot project to improve food security for sixty Miskito families in the Coco River area. The

project will deliver irrigation pumps and seeds so farmers can grow rice away from their traditional farmlands that are low lying and flood prone.

With the benefit of irrigation, farmers will be able to plant after the hurricane season and harvest before the dry season. This represents quite a change from traditional agricultural practices, so project personnel will provide training and technical support to help the families achieve successful rice and vegetable harvests.

CRWRF Partner:

AMC, Christian Medical Action, is an organization that mobilizes medical professionals in underserved areas of Nicaragua. This group has been working in the Coco River region for twelve years.

CRWRF Best Practice:

Along with an emergency aid response, whenever possible CRWRF supports rehabilitation activities that bring longer-term solutions to disaster affected people.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS - GENESIS 41:15-41, 47-57

This story is primarily about God preserving His people. We can also see His love and mercy to all in need. God used a believer, giving him the wisdom and skill to plan programs that saved many people. How does this relate to relief work today?

PRAY FOR

- ✿ Miskito families' willingness and ability to adopt new agricultural methods in new places, and that they will enjoy the blessing of increased food production this year
- ✿ AMC workers as they interact with Miskito families and work to reflect Christ in the respect they show for indigenous cultural practices
- ✿ Successful economic self reliance for the many people in Peru and Bangladesh who are receiving aid through CRWRF's emergency relief , rehabilitation, and reconstruction funds
- ✿ Victims of disasters worldwide who, through their suffering, will learn the hope of the Gospel as it is demonstrated in word and deed by compassionate Christians