

FIRST SHIPMENT ABROAD

Since the start of 2010, Humanos had started on a small scale to ship a few boxes of clothing and food, through Parcelforce and DHL Couriers, to the RC Kaposztamegyeri Misszio Church & CARITAS in Budapest, Hungary. On previous visits to Hungary and Poland, we had noticed the extent of the poverty and had made contacts with the churches and charities and obtained first-hand information on how bad things really were.

In mid-2010, Eastern Europe was hit by two severe floods, causing great losses to their already struggling economic situation in both infrastructure and farming.

With knowledge of the plight of those involved, we decided that we urgently needed to do more to help. Our response was, to increase our shipping of aid by 200%. Just a few months later, two villages on the banks of the Danube, not far from the capital of Hungary were inundated by the deadliest spill of toxic waste ever to hit Europe. Far from being a local catastrophe, this disaster continued to contaminate the Danube, affecting all the countries through which the Danube flows.

Humanos made a general appeal to the UK public, in combination with our planned Christmas appeal for shoeboxes to Hungary filled with aid. The public responded to our appeal, allowing the largest consignment of aid to be sent by Humanos. This aid was composed of both normal food and clothing for poverty victims and villagers evacuated from the toxic countryside into emergency shelters, with extra aid in the form of protective clothing and tools to help with the clean-up operations in affected villages.

The overriding aim for Humanos is to raise general public awareness of the conditions of such disasters and to generate both funds and items to combat such circumstances, wherever they arise. Following any initial aid effort, Humanos will endeavour to work together with similar organisations throughout the world, to continue recovery of those affected, by involvement in the creation and continuation of long term projects.

With your support, we can achieve the unthinkable goal of supporting all affected peoples.