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DEAR FRIENDS

The start of 2011 was a sombre one as we remembered those in Haiti who lost their lives and homes in the earthquake last January.

To mark the anniversary we visited the country and I'm glad to say that we found hope growing in the midst of the destruction.

ShelterBox tents have been universally praised by those who come across them and I'm incredibly proud that, one year on, our equipment is still providing families with the tools to create homes and rebuild their lives.

2011 has also been a year of hope for ShelterBox. Our work has been recognised and celebrated at high levels both in the UK and internationally.

I was delighted to hear that we had won the 'Charity of the Year – People's Choice' award at the Just Giving Awards in February and I was honoured to be amongst 42 ShelterBox volunteers to receive a President's Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama.

Whenever and wherever a disaster strikes our international team are ready to respond. With your continued support, this year we can build on our foundations and help more families, in more countries, faster and more efficiently than ever before.

With best wishes,

**Rotarian Tom Henderson OBE
Founder & CEO**

SHELTERBOX REFLECTIONS



ShelterBox tents were distributed to the hardest hit families

At the end of December 2010, ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members Max Hogg (UK) and Joe Cannon (UK) travelled to Panama where thousands of people had been affected by flooding.

Max Hogg graduated as an SRT member in October 2010 and Panama was his first deployment. Here he describes what it was like putting the training into practice:

'It was with a mixture of excitement and trepidation that I stepped off the plane at Tocumen International Airport in Panama City. After a year-long selection and training process, culminating in an intense 9-day SRT training course in October, it felt great to be finally out in the field. At the same time no training can fully prepare you for the reality of working with communities that have lost everything.'

'Having identified a clear need amongst 200 indigenous Embera families in Darien, it felt incredibly rewarding to know that we could meet that need with ShelterBoxes.'

'Looking at photos of the villagers in their new tents brought a smile to my face as I settled back into life in the UK!'

Max Hogg, SRT Member

DEPLOYMENT NEWS

2011 so far has seen ShelterBoxes arrive in 6 countries, helping 3,420 families live in safety, comfort and dignity in the aftermath of disaster.



ShelterBox Response Team member Laura Jepson (left) and Helen Gilchrist during a fact finding mission to Barranca Vieja, Colombia

// Colombia – Flooding

November, 2010 - January 2011

A ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) was deployed to Colombia to respond to some of the worst flooding ever seen in the country. 400,000 homes were destroyed and UN figures state that 1.9 million people were affected.

1,600 ShelterBoxes were sent and distributed with the help of the Colombian authorities. Two teams worked over Christmas and New Year to help distribute ShelterBoxes to the affected people in the northern departments the country.

ShelterBox received praise for its quick response to the crisis from the Colombian President, Juan Manuel Santos.

// Panama – Flooding

January 2011

200 ShelterBoxes were distributed to families in Panama following flooding. It is the first time ShelterBox has deployed to the country and comes following a triple bout of flooding in the far east of the country in Darien province. The ShelterBox Response Team used boats to access remote villages.

It was also the first deployment for Max Hogg, a London-based SRT. Max said: *'I want to say a big thank you to all of the fundraisers, warehouse packers and other volunteers who give their time to ShelterBox. Without them there would be no boxes to deliver to the families who so desperately need them. It's an honour to be part of the ShelterBox team.'*

// Brazil – Flooding and Landslides

January 2011

500 ShelterBoxes went to Brazil following catastrophic heavy rainfall and landslides which destroyed thousands of homes. Conrado Orsatti, from ShelterBox Brazil, said: *'Families, who were sleeping under trees in São José do Vale do Rio Preto, are now sleeping with dignity in their ShelterBox tents.'*

// New Zealand – Earthquake

February 2011

A devastating 6.3 magnitude earthquake hit Christchurch, New Zealand, on 22 February. ShelterBox New Zealand Director, Lindsay Thorburn, was caught up in the quake and a ShelterBox Response Team from New Zealand were on the ground within hours.

120 pre-positioned boxes were despatched from Melbourne, Australia, and 200 tents were despatched from the UK. Any aid not used will be pre-positioned in New Zealand in case of future disasters.

// Madagascar – Cyclone

February 2011

On 14 February Cyclone Bingiza struck Madagascar causing a landfall killing 16 people and destroying 6,000 homes.

400 ShelterBoxes arrived in the country and are being distributed by ShelterBox Response Teams. This is the first time that ShelterBox has deployed to Madagascar.



ShelterBox camp in Vale do Cuiba, Nr Petropolis, RJ, Brazil

// Bolivia – Flooding

March 2011

ShelterBox is also responding to widespread flooding in the South American country of Bolivia where a national emergency has been declared.

Weeks of heavy rain triggered widespread flooding and landslides which have killed 50 people and left thousands homeless. 400 ShelterBoxes have been dispatched. A ShelterBox Response Team are in-country and are working with the local Rotary network to establish the areas of greatest need and distribute aid. ShelterBox has responded to floods in Bolivia before, delivering 600 ShelterBoxes in 2007 and 200 in 2008.

Thank you for your continued support. With your help we can reach our goal of helping 50,000 families every year.

For further information please visit our website www.shelterbox.org

FUNDRAISING NEWSFLASH

Our supporters across the UK have been busy raising money for ShelterBox.

See what's caught our eye...



Sam Gambier on his trip around the world on two wheels

- Sam Gambier, from Praze an Beeble, Cornwall, is still cycling around the world two years on! So far Sam has raised over £7,000.
- PR firm, Bell Pottinger North, have pledged a year of support for ShelterBox to celebrate their twentieth birthday.
- Trainees from South West law firm, Foot Anstey, undertook a rooftop camp out in a ShelterBox tent in Plymouth. They've raised nearly £2,000.
- Rotary International has been awarded an inaugural Spire of Hope Award by Belfast Cathedral for the organisation's support for disaster relief charity, ShelterBox. The £1,000 prize was donated to ShelterBox.

- Two brothers, David and Jules Lewis are running 2011 miles in 2011 in a series of marathons. Good luck guys!
- ShelterBox warehouse volunteer, Laetitia Le Gall, has launched a shop in Tuckingmill, Cornwall which sells donated goods in aid of ShelterBox. So far she has raised over £600.
- The Esplanade Hotel, Newquay has chosen to support ShelterBox as their Charity of the Year for 2011.
- The Joyce Dickenson Trust has made a £20,000 donation to ShelterBox at a presentation evening hosted by the Rotary Club of Heathfield and Waldron.
- Mark Stephenson and Wanda Summers are racing across the Atacama desert in aid of ShelterBox as part of the 4 Deserts series of endurance events.



Foot Anstey roof top camp members raised £2000

If you have a great fundraising story for ShelterBox then email pr@shelterbox.org

CHARITY OF THE YEAR

ShelterBox has been voted top out of 7,000 charities to be named Charity of the Year at the annual JustGiving Awards in London.

James Webb said: 'Last year alone we raised more than £394,000 through JustGiving. It's a real honour to receive this award.'



ShelterBox Fundraising Officer James Webb receives the award

ENTER OUR ILLUSTRATION COMPETITION



After the success of last year's illustration competition, *The Day the Ground Shook*, Young ShelterBox are challenging primary school pupils to pick up their pencils, paints and brushes once again.

During our Big Green Box Week (June 11-18) we're asking teachers and pupils in primary schools around the country to have some fun exploring our new story, *The Day the Rain Came*. This thought provoking tale gives young people an opportunity to imagine how a community would be affected by flooding; using art to express this while bringing the story to life. Winners will see their work published in the second book in our YSB disaster series, *The Day the Rain Came*, that will be on sale nationally.

"The children enjoyed the challenge of providing illustrations to match the text and it was good to have such a positive purpose to their work."
Kerry Green, Wellow Primary School

If you're a teacher or know a teacher who would be interested in entering their school email emman@shelterbox.org for competition details.



WHO WE ARE

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity, specialising in emergency shelter provision. Humanitarian aid is delivered in iconic green ShelterBoxes.

Each one contains a disaster relief tent for an extended family, water purification equipment, a stove, blankets and other items essential for survival.

ShelterBox responds to disaster as quickly as possible with the aim of helping the people who are in most need.

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