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Church World Service Hotline for the week of August 27, 2007--available in Spanish (*línea de noticias*) and in [podcasts](http://www.churchworldservice.org) in English and Spanish--at www.churchworldservice.org.

- CWS helps assist families following **Peru** earthquake
- **Mexico/Hurricane Dean** response
- Families caught in violent land dispute in **Kenya** are helped
- Flooding continues in parts of **U.S.**
- Orphaned youngsters in **Tanzania** work toward future



Peru—People queue to receive food at a camp set up for those who lost their homes following the earthquake in **Pisco**. Photo: REUTERS/Mariana Bazo, courtesy www.alertnet.org

Peru--The August 15 earthquake along the south central coastal region of Peru has affected more than 34,000 families, mainly through the loss of their homes.

Church World Service is supporting its partners and fellow Action by Churches Together members in Peru in their responses. The Center for Studies and Disaster Prevention and Evangelical Lutheran Association for Aid to Community Development will be providing 100 temporary emergency shelters, along with water containers, latrines, hygiene kits, and tool kits.

Another partner, Lutheran World Relief, is providing food kits for two weeks for 250 families; psychosocial care and recreation for 500 children; and support and training to help about 1,000 families cope with the crisis situation.

Mexico/Hurricane Dean--In its wake, Hurricane Dean has toppled hundreds of homes and trees in Mexico and neighboring Belize, as well as causing damage in St. Lucia, Dominica, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Martinique.

Church World Service is accepting contributions for Hurricane Dean response in Mexico, and will be supporting response and recovery efforts undertaken by denominational partners there.

Kenya--Some 11,000 families in the Mt. Elgon district of western Kenya are being impacted by a long-standing land dispute that has turned violent. The dispute between two communities has included shootings, house burnings, food and livestock destruction, and threats to livelihoods. More than 200 people have died from the violence.

Church World Service is supporting the efforts of partners to provide maize, beans, flour, shelter materials, blankets, and cooking utensils for 2,886 families. Other elements of the response include using the media to advocate for peaceful coexistence, facilitating meetings between government officials

concerned with land matters and community leaders to look for a solution to the dispute, and meeting with elders from the two communities to find a way to resolve differences and avoid a further escalation of the violence.

U.S. flooding--Heavy rains this past week--some from the remnants of Tropical Storm Erin--have brought more flooding to parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Ohio. Officials in Findlay, in north central Ohio, call this the worst flooding there in nearly a century. Church World Service is in contact with local partners in the flooded areas and will respond, as appropriate.

Tanzania—"I don't have to ask for help or beg for money," says Godben Godwin, 17. "I depend on myself and can support my siblings." Godben and his younger siblings, sister Abeth and brother Denis, live in Kangabusharo village. Their father died in 2000 and their mother in 2005.

Godben sometimes makes a little money by helping to build houses, a skill he started to learn in honor of his father who was a bricklayer. But Godben makes most of his money by selling fish, a business he started through a short-term loan from Church World Service partner HUYAWA (*Huduma ya Watoto* = Service for Children). Though he has to buy the fish on the lakefront, which is far from his home, he is very glad to have the income.

"When we need something in our household, I can buy it," he says.

Godben Godwin and his brother and sister also grow cassava, bananas, and sweet potatoes for food.

HUYAWA is part of the Church World Service *Giving Hope* program to provide orphans and vulnerable

children affected by AIDS with skills to manage their own well-being and the stability of their families, and to participate in the economic development of their communities.



Tanzania--Abeth, Denis, and Godben Godwin. Photo: HUYAWA

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