

WITNESS TO THE LIGHT

2021 YEAR-END CAMPAIGN

INDIA

REBUILDING HOPE AFTER CYCLONE YAAS

Last May, West Bengal was already dealing with the second wave of Covid when the state suddenly had to face another huge crisis. Ripping through India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, Cyclone Yaas is estimated to have caused the equivalent of \$2.76 billion in damages in West Bengal alone. Though evacuation preparations were made in advance, thousands of people lost their homes due to the heavy waterlogging of the storm.

In North 24 Parganas, areas like Sandesh Khali, Banstoli, Atapur, Hasnabad, and Humgura have suffered the aftereffects of the cyclone, including dams breaking and submerging entire villages under water. Our sister Gillian wrote to the Biglife family describing the current reality.

"Without food and water to drink, all the taps in the villages have been ruined by the floods. The village people don't even have proper toilets to use and are living without electricity — it's all

devastating to see. Perhaps the hardest part is seeing the hopelessness these families carry when it comes to rebuilding their lives again," Gillian wrote.

That's when Brother Aniruddha and his team reached out to the families in need. Distributing essentials like groceries, torchlights, and storm supplies, the provision of God is being experienced through ordinary people with tragedy stacked against them.

People remain displaced from their homes, grieving their entire livelihoods as they simultaneously work to start again. But even in disaster, the care of Christ is being displayed and transforming hearts in mourning. Please join Biglife and continue to pray for West Bengal to receive healing and restoration from Cyclone Yaas.