

# In the Shelter

E-newsletter for the Rotary Clubs of District 5180 and beyond - February 2018

## New Year, New Deployments

2018 begins with new deployment in Philippines and help in California.



### THE PHILIPPINES

When Storm Kai-tak, known as Urduja in the Philippines, made landfall in early December, it released two months of rainfall within 48 hours. Thousands of families



were forced to flee after the storm destroyed over 30,000 homes and damaged tens of thousands more.

After the storm subsided, families were still not out of

danger. Just a few days later, a second storm developed in the West Pacific Ocean. Tembin, also known as Vinta in the Philippines, left a second trail of destruction, killing more than 240 people, displacing over 70,000 and damaging houses and livelihoods.

A ShelterBox response team was soon on the ground carrying out needs assessments and initial distributions. We have been distributing a variety of aid items such as ShelterBoxes,

ShelterKits, water carriers and solar lights to support families who need help.

### MONTECITO, CALIFORNIA

Hillsides already devastated by fire just weeks earlier were subjected to heavy rains and devastating mudslides which killed dozens of people and



left over 500 homes destroyed or damaged.

While this disaster scenario did not fall under the typical criteria to initiate an official ShelterBox response, an assessment did show there was a way ShelterBox could help families affected by the slides. Our NFI (Non Food

Items) boxes could hold blankets, water containers, solar lights, and other relief items. Coordination with the local Red Cross and local Fire Departments enabled a small distribution of NFI boxes in Montecito making this the first time ShelterBox has provided aid in California.



A Non Food Item (NFI) box.  
Montecito, California

[shelterboxusa.org](http://shelterboxusa.org)

## President Elect's Training Seminar

See you in Santa Clara

Congratulations Incoming Presidents! ShelterBox Ambassadors and Board Members will be on hand to answer questions, accept HERO Club pledges, and schedule speaker engagements and special events to help you "Be the Inspiration" for your Rotary club and beyond. We will also have a ShelterBox tent and other gear on display. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself and grab some ShelterBox swag!



TODAY SHELTERBOX IS  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN:

<b>Bangladesh:</b>	<b>Floods/ Refugees</b>
<b>Cameroon:</b>	<b>Refugees (Boko Haram)</b>
<b>Chad:</b>	<b>Refugees (Boko Haram)</b>
<b>Caribbean:</b>	<b>Hurricanes</b>
<b>Iraq:</b>	<b>Refugees (ISIS /Syria)</b>
<b>Madagascar:</b>	<b>Cyclone</b>
<b>Niger:</b>	<b>Refugees (Boko Haram)</b>
<b>Nigeria:</b>	<b>Refugees (Boko Haram)</b>
<b>Philippines:</b>	<b>Tropical Storms</b>
<b>Somaliland:</b>	<b>Drought</b>
<b>Syria:</b>	<b>Civil conflict / ISIS</b>

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