

**Families fleeing brutal persecution. Homes destroyed in seconds by a surging wave. Farmers afraid of loved ones going hungry after a poor harvest. Infants struggling to survive.**

**These are just a few of the images that enter our minds as we grapple with the harsh realities of poverty, disaster, disease, and injustice in our world. Sometimes it may seem as if grief and bad news are all there is.**

**But the miraculous truth of our Savior's birth tells us otherwise.**

"Do not be afraid..." proclaimed the angels to the shepherds. Even in a broken world, this is a command we can trust today. As we join God's ongoing mission of renewal and reconciliation in our own actions, we can take comfort in knowing that God is in control—and that he came, himself, to be present in our world in order to love and save us.

World Renew is following God's lead by replacing fear with hope and promoting peace through life-changing disaster and development programs

that enable families and whole communities to break free from difficult circumstances and build strong futures.

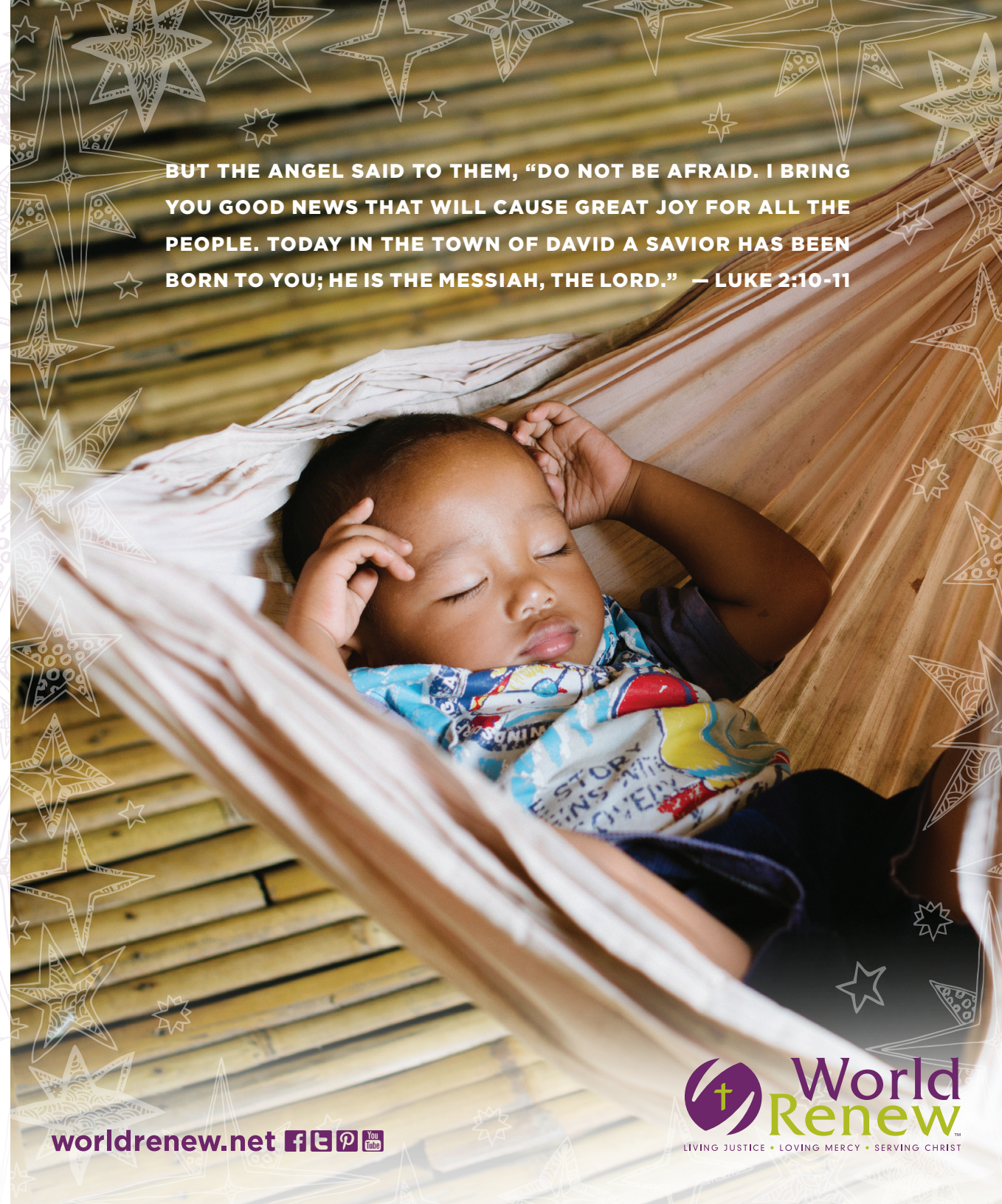
Families uprooted by disaster are receiving food, medicine, and emergency items. Struggling farmers are being trained in agricultural practices that can greatly increase their harvests. Pregnant women are gaining access to critical medical assistance and education to help them to deliver more safely. And parents are learning to monitor and improve their children's health for the long term.

As you rejoice in the good news of a Savior this Christmas, celebrate that great need is being transformed into great joy! This powerful ministry would not be possible without your generous support.

Thank you for sharing the everlasting hope of Christ.

*Photo: Despite his family losing their home and all their possessions to Typhoon Haiyan, this baby sleeps peacefully in a makeshift shelter.*

**BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM, "DO NOT BE AFRAID. I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS THAT WILL CAUSE GREAT JOY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS THE MESSIAH, THE LORD." — LUKE 2:10-11**



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