

Salvation Army provides emergency relief assistance to 197 fire victims

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Captain Raymond Rubi Aloba (sixth left) distributing essential items to a representative recently, while the others look on.



KUCHING, Feb 5: The Salvation Army Kuching Corps Emergency Relief aid has benefited a total of 197 fire victims, whose living quarters were destroyed in a fire incident at Bormill Estate, in late January this year.

According to the Salvation Army Kuching Corps Officer, Captain Raymond Rubi Aloba in a press statement, the Salvation Army Kuching Corps has swiftly carried out the first round of emergency food relief delivery to these fire victims.

"The construction workers and their families have received essential grocery items including rice, eggs, noodles, biscuits and canned food and the children received disposable diapers and milk powder, including clothing, which was donated by members of the public to The Salvation Army," he said.

Raymond noted, they also plan to assist these people for the next six months as they need all the help they can get, as well as sheltering five of the worker's children, aged between 9 to 15-years old, at their children's home due to safety and educational factors.

He explained that the children are Malaysia citizens, whose parents moved to Kuching in search of job opportunities and a better livelihood. But when the pandemic struck, they could not return to their villages and had to remain in Kuching with their parents.

"The location currently also has an intermittent internet connection and due to the noise from the construction site, they are unable to attend for online lessons, which resulted in

two of the children having to drop out of school. The Social Welfare Department has been informed about the matter and have responded positively.

"The families have also visited our home and we are in the process of doing the administrative paperwork to admit the children soon," he added.

On the same note, the Salvation Army Kuching Corps calls for kind-hearted individuals and corporations to urgently donate and contribute necessity items to help those affected by the incident.

Among the items needed are groceries (rice, noodles, cooking oil, canned food, biscuits), toiletries (shampoo, soap), clothing, kitchen utensils, mosquito netting, disposable face masks or cloth masks, and hand sanitisers.

All items must be in good condition and delivered to The Salvation Army Kuching Corps and Community Services at Sekama Road by Feb 21, 2021.

Cash donations can be made via direct banking at the corps Maybank account number; 500511960365, under the name of THE SALVATION ARMY, and a copy of the transaction receipt can be sent to kuching.corps@smm.salvationarmy.org with the header "KUCHING FIRE FEBRUARY 2021", in order to obtain a tax-exempt receipt.

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