

# THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE OF MALAWI

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Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Diocese of Mzuzu, especially the people of Karonga and on my own behalf, I would like to thank Your Excellency and His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI for the donation of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the victims of the Karonga earthquake. We are very grateful for your assistance during this time of need.

Together with the Parish Councils and Parish CADECOM (CARITAS), we identified that the most pressing need at present is the provision of shelter since most houses have either fallen or have big cracks. It was for this reason that we decided to buy tents and hard plastic sheets so that people may build temporary shelters.

We identified over five hundred households that urgently needed shelters, especially as this is the rain season and the tremors are still continuing. With your assistance we have been able to provide these temporary shelters to two hundred households. The people who have been assisted are really grateful for the assistance. Now they can sleep at peace in these temporary shelters.

We still have over three hundred households in urgent need of shelter. Some of our Churches have fallen or have developed big cracks and people pray outside because of fear that they may fall. It would be also good to have some temporary shelters to be used as Churches while the communities prepare for the building of their new Churches during the dry season.