Lutheran Disaster Response and LSSVI.

“We don’t house it, but how it looks now is beyond my wildest expectations,” he said. “I can’t imagine what it will look like when it’s finished.”

“I appreciate what you all have done for me. I give thanks to God for sending you all here.”

Lutheran Disaster Response has been working to provide relief and recovery to survivors of hurricanes Harvey, Maria, and Irma, and will continue for years to come.

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“We’ll give you a warm meal, a fresh pair of shoes, delicious and filling meals served with community and respect every day. Whatever your story is, we believe that you did last year or last night,” Stanley said.

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“The values of the ministry include respect, hospitality and forgiveness. If even you break the rules at Lutheran Ministry and have to leave our community for a few days, we will always welcome you back,” Stanley said.

“Everyone messes up once or twice, but we still love people there, the only requirement is respect for the space and the people around them.”

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“Whatever your story is, we will welcome you.”

Yim Kheng and her husband Yi Pheng live in Cambodia with four of their children and one granddaughter. They received a plot of land through a social land concession, a government program intended to provide people who don’t own land with space for homes and to generate income through agriculture.

They started to clear the land themselves and planted potatoes next to the small house they built.

Often the land granted by the government is small, remote and not ready for farming. But thanks to your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, hundreds of families’ land is now usable to grow food.

With financial support from ELCA World Hunger, Tim Kheng and Yi Pheng rented a tractor to clear the land. Now they plant rice on their plot, selling half of the harvest and keeping the other half for their family, earning an average of $260 per year.

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It is easy to think of malaria prevention as simply providing mosquito nets for prevention and medicine to those who have them. But there's much more to it than that.

Burure is in the Gokwe Region of Zimbabwe, bordered by rivers that are notoriously difficult to cross during the rainy season. It is an area that has been plagued by outbreaks of malaria in the past. It is one of the most remote areas served by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ELCZ).

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support Burure's schools and the Burure Gokwe Clinic – institutions that provide education and health care to an area of approximately 100,000 people.

Jairos Chanderiza is a village health worker supported by the ELCA Malara Campaign. With a contagiously enthusiastic and upbeat demeanor, Jairos teaches malaria prevention and control in Burure and the surrounding villages and is a "trainee of trainers" for incorporating generating savings groups in each of the villages.

"Health and income that reduces poverty must never be separated," Jairos said.

"When a household's income rises, so does the likelihood of good health."

In each of the village savings and loan groups, the savings — all women contribute money each month. That money is pooled together to invest in income-generating activities. The women plant and nurture a nutritional garden, growing squashes, peanuts, greens and spices. They also grow honey from beehives they build and maintain.

The profits of these activities are then used to provide goats, hens, pots, pans, mosquito nets or other necessities for each member of the group and their households.

Strong women are at the center of Burure’s journey toward a future of hope and possibility. When women gain access to income, the whole community benefits.

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This Lent, you’re invited to join together with fellow companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response support innovative solutions that fight hunger and poverty in more than 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

Since opening to guests in October 2017, DLM has grown, serving 75 families – 300 people – on average per month. Wood Kay said DLM picks up 500 to 1,300 pounds of food per month and is a member of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, which provides food and other essential items to area hunger ministries.

While their parents shop, children read books and play games that were collected by Holy Trinity. Plans are underway to expand offerings beyond food, including more adult and children’s clothing, shoes, and hygiene items. Volunteers, along with an ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grant, help DLM thrive.

Thanks to your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, the ministry has been able to increase refrigeration capabilities and purchase extra food.

"Our clients feel seen, heard and loved," said Rachel Breeze, Project RISE special programs coordinator. "At first glance, it’s not much different from any well-run, client-choice food pantry."