

## Call for Action

The EKT is one of the largest NGO entities in Tuvalu. We appeal to all our ecumenical partners, church affiliates, NGO's and our brothers and sisters in Christ to support our action plan and assist with funding for our proposed projects. The EKT is more than happy to provide any further details on enquiry in order to facilitate the realization of its action plan.

The EKT is working closely with the government of Tuvalu and its Disaster Committee. The EKT has a representative on the Disaster Committee.

## EKT PRIORITY NEED FOR THE WATER CRISIS

### 1. Emergency Response Truck



EKT believes it is imperative to purchase an Emergency Response Truck to facilitate quick response in a variety of emergency scenarios.

The truck will serve not just in the present drought crisis but in any future crises, such as king tides, flooding etc. The purchase of this truck will enable the EKT to better assist and support communities suffering from various natural disasters, make transportation of people and emergency supplies easier etc.

In the present crisis it will provide another means of transporting desalinated potable water around the islands and serve communities who currently have to transport water long distances on foot.

The Emergency Response Truck will be provided free of charge to the entire community.

#### Specifications:

- 1.5 Tones
- Diesel Engine

#### Current crisis, activities

EKT will use the truck to deliver water buckets to individual household and assist in transporting people

The EKT will meet all operational costs.



## 2. Food Relief

EKT has started an emergency food relief program with funds from the Council of World Missions (CWM). The Programme was designed to run for three weeks on the island of Nukulaelae, which has been one of the islands most badly hit by the drought.

A government assessment report review states that the majority of traditional crops on Nukulaelae have been devastated. Two officers from EKT headquarters visited Nukulaelae to deliver the food relief, and found the crisis has reached critical levels. The whole island and the atolls look as if they have been burnt.

We want to continue the Emergency Food Relief programme for the people of Nukulaelae as the drought has destroyed or ruined most of their traditional crops.

The Council for World Mission current emergency food response runs until 31 October 2011. A second delivery of foodstuffs is planned for 31 October.



*vegetables withering due to drought*



*Germinated nuts fail to reach maturity and wither*



*90% of banana plants have dried up*



*Pulaka, a traditional food. The pulaka plants in the plantations are dying as a result of the drought. Pulaka is part of the daily diet, particularly in the outer islands. A government report states that 90% of pulaka on Nukulaelae is dying due to the drought and increased salinity in the pits. This island is now a barren land.*



### **Aims and Objectives of Emergency Food Relief for Nukulaelae**

- To provide emergency food to keep populations from starvation
- To reduce the risk of malnutrition especially in children

EKT will liaise with the government's Disaster Committee and request the use of government boats and for shipping charges to be waived government.



*Coconut trees have had their tops burnt off as a result of the excessive heat and lack of moisture*