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Global effort helps many

Supporting those living in poverty

THE Seventh-day Adventist Church is an international Protestant church with more than 15 million members.

The church is ethnically and culturally diverse, with representation in more than 200 countries and territories, and places with particular focus on humanitarian aid, education and healthcare.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the humanitarian arm of the denomination and has a presence in 125 countries.

Its international program focuses on food security, economic development, health, civil society strengthening, emergency management and education.

ADRA partners with governments, other agencies and communities to improve the quality of life of millions around the world and director of ADRA Services for South Queensland Chris Foote said in 2007 almost 26 million people benefited from ADRA's worldwide programs.

"I have worked in the Pacific Islands where I've witnessed first hand the positive difference ADRA has made in the lives of people in poverty," he said.

"I encourage people to visit our website to learn about numerous projects overseas and here in Australia that need their support."

In Australia, along with development and welfare projects to support people in poverty or crises, ADRA has been involved in emergency response in several states, with the designated responsibility of co-ordinating short-term emergency accommodation.



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While this has been the case for the past three decades in NSW, it is currently a work in progress in southeast Queensland, with resourcing and training of ADRA volunteers currently in the initial stages.

John and Yvonne Grubb from the Gold Coast Central Adventist Church have been assigned as members of ADRA's emergency-response teams on the Coast.

Before moving to Queensland, the Grubbs were heavily involved in ADRA's work in NSW.

Mr Grubb said that in early 2003 when the Canberra bushfires hit and in Septem-

ber 2003 when the F3 Motorway between Newcastle and Sydney was closed by bushfires for two days, ADRA swung into action in their emergency accommodation co-ordination role.

"Should a disaster ever hit the Gold Coast, our response team would be willing to do their part to assist local government," he said.

"While we train for these emergencies, we hope and pray that we will never have to face disasters here on the Coast."

For more information go to www.adra.org.au