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# *Volunteer Minister* CAMPAIGN

*The Volunteer Minister  
fulfills the very definition of religion  
by extending the gift of Scientology  
itself and bringing indiscriminate  
help. As one of the largest independent  
relief forces on Earth, the reach of  
VMs has no boundaries. No matter  
where, when or what...that bright  
flash of yellow means hope.*





THE IAS-SPONSORED VOLUNTEER Minister Crusade works to extend the gift of Scientology itself. Volunteer Ministers are providing succor to what amounts to the face of humanity, both geographically and demographically:

First, with our now-famed VM Emergency Response arm, launching on a moment's notice to bring our brand of spiritual succor.

Second, radiating out like spokes of a wheel, our Org and Cont Cavalcades provide the everyday tools for living from the *Scientology Handbook*.

Meanwhile, and still farther afield, Goodwill Tours extend the LRH technical lifeline to areas well beyond our orgs on five continents.

To reach those areas "off the grid" altogether, our Extreme Pioneer Tours bring LRH tech to the heart of the world in Amazonia, across the belly of Africa and into the Australian Outback.

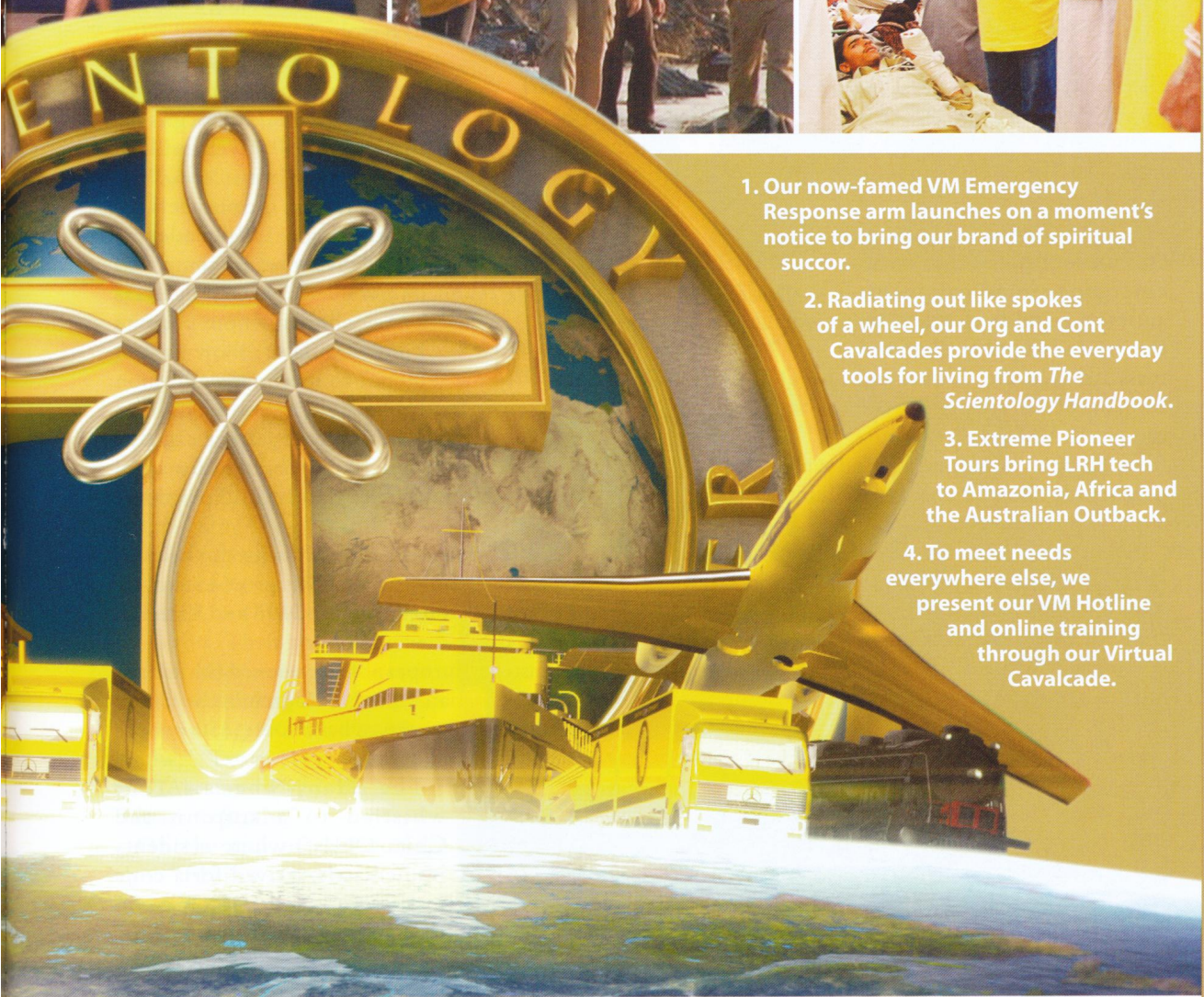
While to meet needs everywhere else we present our VM Hotline and online training through our Virtual Cavalcade.

In that way, across every conceivable landscape, we bring our message to the world that "Something Can Be Done About It" through our Global Goodwill Alliance.

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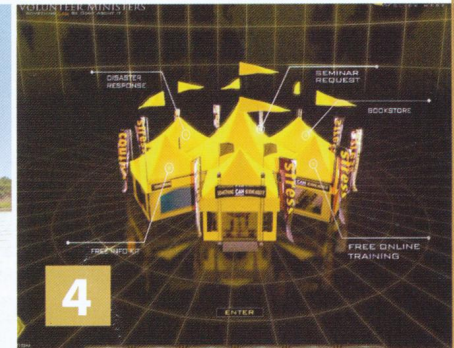
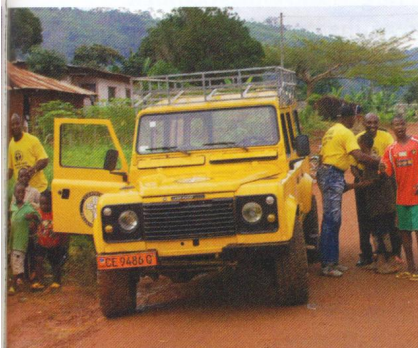


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**F**or sheer massive action, there was the Indus flood, which met every definition of upheaval and stands as Pakistan's worst natural disaster in living memory. Thanks to an IAS grant, seasoned VM units out of Karachi worked interior flood plains where, in addition to all obvious logistic nightmares, the rivers were filled with displaced snakes, so VMs also escorted children safely across.

In any third-world flood zone, VMs face cholera and dysentery. Hence, IAS grants also made it possible to airlift emergency medical teams, antibiotics and fresh water for the most susceptible. Between mass assists in the shelters and impromptu training in the camps, 10 VM groups formed from Karachi to Islamabad, and well over 20,000 people now know all about the Volunteer Ministers.

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were assisted, succored and saved. But that was only the beginning, because since then a permanent VM station was established which sees upwards of 100 course completions every week. They provide the whole VM lineup from Study Technology and the Tone Scale to How to Resolve Conflicts and Drug Rehabilitation. Talk shows carry spots on assists and communication, while out across the island, virtually every village now boasts a burgeoning VM group. In fact, the numbers are astonishing—1,200 independent delivery teams comprised of more than 5,000 indigenous VMs, who have now become known as the “Yellow Bolt of Hope” to more than a million Haitians.

Add in every other cataclysmic upheaval in the last 12 months, and frontline VMs brought spiritual first aid to 1.6 million people.

**W**hen a 7.0 earthquake reduced Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to a rubble mound last January, the IAS funded grants that launched a VM show of force like nothing seen since the Allies landed at Normandy. Better than 350 VMs were on the ground at any one time, and more than 260,000 pounds of emergency material and medical supplies were shipped in. Some 180,000 people

**T**hen apart from what technically qualifies as disaster action is what VMs provide to avert disaster through the Goodwill and Extreme Pioneer Tours.

The Eastern European Tour opened on its first visit to the Croatian capital of Zagreb in the famed King Tomislav Square, where some 350 people crossed the threshold.

The Trans-Siberian Tour whistled to a stop in the Chita Oblast, where residents immediately arrived for a communication seminar. Rolling on to Blagoveshchensk, barely three miles from China's border, it was met by 106 city employees ready for the Targets and Goals Seminar. After steaming on to Khabarovsk to give seminars to more than 1,500 residents, local headlines proclaimed “Volunteer Ministers Continue to Help.” Vladivostok was land's end for the tour and is where they presented a series of seminars to 2,000 people. With that, the Trans-Siberian Tour came to a triumphant end, for they had just done the



**In Pakistan Volunteer Ministers commandeered anything that would float to rescue villagers stranded by devastating floods.**



entire distance of 7,400 miles through 11 time zones, with 59,000 people standing behind headlines reading "Thank You L. Ron Hubbard."

This year's Asian Tour steered a course for Taiwan on the heels of Typhoon Morakot. After the big yellow tent went up in PinDong, VM teams moved out to volunteer fire brigades in Kaohsiung, after which they accepted a commendation presented on behalf of 8,000 grateful citizens. Then it was on to Thailand, where the yellow peaks went up in Bangkok.

The Indian odyssey launched from the shores of the Arabian Sea at Ahmadabad, where they held seminars on Study Technology for 600 students. Next came Pune, and the campus of India's second largest university, with Study Tech seminars to 4,100 students and professors. Then it was Nagpur, where VM action progress could be tracked in headlines proclaiming "Know How to Know," "Learn How to Learn" and "Absence of Mass Is a Main Barrier to Study."

On the rim of the world, the "Flying Doctors" of Australia's Extreme Cavalcade swooped into Alice Springs. Notwithstanding distances, word traveled fast and Aborigines from neighboring encampments soon walked into the tent. VMs are now known as healers all over the tribal telegraph.

The last 12 months also saw the South Pacific Tour in Papua New Guinea. After the tents went up at the National Defense Headquarters in the capital, Port Moresby, the nation's Chief of Staff officiated at the opening. Headlines read, "Scientologists Are All-Embracing." VMs also launched a series of Study Technology seminars for schools and by the time the results were tallied, orders were already being issued by the regional Director of Education for the Study Tech program through area schools.



VMs brought spiritual first aid to 1.6 million people, from Pakistan's Indus River Valley (above) to Haiti (below), now delivering courses at VM Headquarters in Port-au-Prince.



This year's South American trek launched in the Argentinean highlands at Tucumán. The Director of Civil Defense officially opened the tent for the first of 12,000 who stepped across the threshold. Before the tour left, two new VM groups had formed. Meanwhile, the Amazonian barge of the South American Extreme Pioneer Tour made landfall at Punchana and it wasn't long before Study Technology seminars commenced.

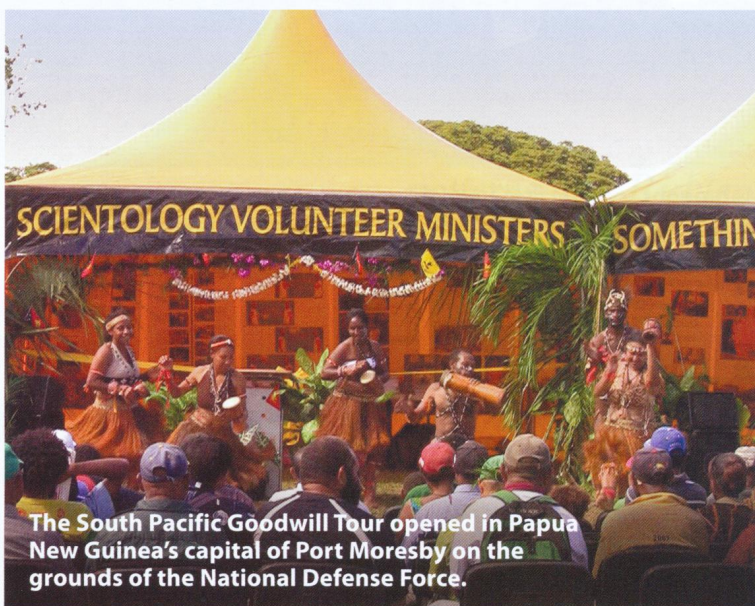
All of which brings us to our now-fabled West African caravan, pressing through the grasslands of Ghana to Tamale in the north. All convened for a specially requested seminar on public relations before the VMs provided local colleges for pretty



much the whole gamut of VM courses, which accounts for the news of exuberant graduates and headlines exclaiming, “More than 5,000 Trained as Volunteer Ministers.” Pressing across the savannah, they came to the capital of Burkina Faso to deliver Study Tech in the village college and courses to the youth associations and Young People’s Political Party.

In combination, the Goodwill and Pioneer Tours were everywhere—traversing 204,000 miles to bring one-on-one help to more than half-a-million people in the last year alone!

**B**eyond every far-flung town and village, the VM Hotline is where those in urgent need go to request on-site seminars, which are sponsored by the IAS. One of the first this year was in Kibera, outside of Nairobi, Kenya, where parents, teachers and 80 children took the VM Communication Course, and learned to deliver assists. Also in Kenya, a Boy Scout troop leader came across volunteer-ministers.org and requested everything—seminars, materials, even T-shirts. A team of veteran VMs trained them on-site, whereupon, Kenya’s Boy Scouts turned into “VM Scouts,” igniting a movement that has thus far embraced more than 10,000. Other IAS-sponsored traveling VM teams went to eastern Uganda



The South Pacific Goodwill Tour opened in Papua New Guinea’s capital of Port Moresby on the grounds of the National Defense Force.



The VM Extreme Pioneer Tour along the Amazon River made landfall in Punchana, Peru, to deliver seminars on Study Tech before moving on to the central city of Iquitos.





**Africa's VM Extreme Pioneer Tour pressed through the grasslands of Ghana and Burkina Faso, delivering seminars on *The Scientology Handbook*.**

to provide assists on behalf of tribal leaders, to Tanzania on the southern shores of Lake Victoria for Study Tech in a grammar school, and to Sierra Leone to conduct Basics of Organizing courses on behalf of Christian missionaries. Other teams went to Bangladesh to deliver Study Tech to more than 400 children and to Cambodia for a Bible Study Group that wanted PTS/SP Tech.

**B**ut even that's not all. Because parallel to the rest, our Org and Continental Cavalcades continued to radiate out to cities all over the social landscape and all up and down the hemispheres.

On any given weekend, against any given skyline, one of our yellow peaks welcomed anyone and everyone.

Volunteer Minister Cavalcades extended our help across five continents, in 17 languages and traveled more than 12,000 miles to bring frontline tech to better than 950,000 people.

While for everywhere else there's not yet a yellow

pin on the map, thanks to grants from the IAS, we also mailed Something Can Be Done About It Activation Kits to every significant rescue, relief and community service organization across the whole volunteer community in 30 nations.

All of which makes for a Volunteer Minister life support system, including partnerships with police departments from across the world of law enforcement; the same again for search and rescue, civil defense and emergency response units across the whole disaster management community; and still more again to military units of every branch of service that support disaster response. In sum, it is 200-plus agencies with whom we've built a network of goodwill.

And that's how we extended Volunteer Minister support across 122 nations in the last 12 months—training 350,000 on VM tech and bringing basic Scientology to more than three million people as part of our Volunteer Ministers Goodwill Alliance!

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