

# **Flood Relief Fund Raising by CCI Youth Brigade at Cincinnati Durga Utsav, 2008**

**Donations go to relief & rehabilitation carried by Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, Kolkata**

**Children members collected and donated \$350 for flood affected people of Bihar, Orissa & Uttar Pradesh**



It will be a black Diwali Tuesday for the flood victims in Bihar as around 90,000 people are still living in relief camps and over 3,000 are missing, more than two months after the worst floods in 50 years swept through the state, killing 191 people and rendering millions homeless.

The areas of Supaul, Saharsa, Araria, Madhepura, Katihar & Purnia districts have been badly affected. The no. of displaced & effected persons is already estimated at a staggering 10 lakh. Rescue operations are progressing on warpath by the 3 Armed Forces - but are inadequate. The displaced are facing considerable hardships due to unavailability of food items, shelter, safe drinking water, medicine, in most flooded areas, it is not easy to reach the marooned. The area is in urgent need of relief camps, provision of cooked food by running of mess, clothing, medicine, tarpaulin & safe shelter.



During the Durga Pujo (3-5th October 2008), CCI Youth Brigade (children members) have collected donations from attendees, which along with some contributions from CCI Pujo funds, amounted to \$350 that was donated to Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, Kolkata for the flood relief and rehabilitation of the affected people of Bihar, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh.

This was the second fund raising effort by the CCI youth team just in few months. You could feel the pain and compassion in the voice of our children (some pictured below) who were collecting the donations for the flood victims during the CCI Durga Pujo. That's the beat of humanity. That's our India!

