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SHAKY GROUND

HOW TO SURVIVE EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Importance of Education, Tsunami Heroes & Heroines:

RECOGNIZE THE NATURAL WARNING SIGNS THAT A TSUNAMI IS ON ITS WAY, AND YOU CAN SAVE NOT ONLY YOUR LIFE, BUT THE LIVES OF OTHERS AS WELL.



TILLY SMITH

On December 26, 2004, 10 year-old Tilly was on the beach in Thailand with her family. She had learned about tsunamis in school and told her parents a tsunami was coming when she saw the waves become more chaotic and the water withdraw. She and her family convinced people to evacuate the beach and the hotel manager told everyone to go to the upper floors of the building. Her quick thinking saved the lives of 100 people.

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MARTINA MARTURANA

Martina, aged 12, lives on Robinson Crusoe Island off the coast of Chile. On February 27, 2010, she felt a slight earthquake that lasted a long time. She telephoned her uncle in Northern Chile who told them a massive earthquake had just occurred. She looked out the window and noticed the boats in the harbor moving in an unusual way, and ran to ring an alarm bell in the town square. She is credited with saving over 600 lives!



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AVEAO FAAUSU FONOTI

Aveao, the Mayor of Amanave, in American Samoa shows the bullhorn he used on the morning of September 29, 2009. He had attended a workshop about tsunamis only a few weeks before and when he felt the earthquake, he remembered that ground shaking was a natural warning. He ran through the village blowing the bullhorn, alerting residents to the danger. Some people tried to ignore him but he was insistent. Although 80% of the buildings in his village were destroyed, no one died and no one was seriously injured.

