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Dear Bob/John,

It is with great concern and compassion that we have heard and seen reports in Australia of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. Each day we hear reports of displaced and weary survivors, of those who were unable or unwilling to leave their homes and of those desperately searching for separated family and friends. We know that the NCCUSA and Church World Service have a task of unknown proportions ahead of you as do so many church and aid organizations involved in the relief and recovery efforts.

Please accept the encouragement and support of the National Council of Churches in Australia and its aid agency, NCCA Christian World Service. We along with our member Churches will continue to keep the NCCUSA and the peoples of the United States in our thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely,

In Christ,

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