

Help Tsunami appeal with buses by donating spare ones

THE Asia Bus Response campaign is seeking 'decent mid-life buses' to help rebuild transport in areas damaged by the Boxing Day tsunami in south Asia.

Launched by Trent Barton managing director Brian King, the campaign will distribute buses and spare parts through development agency Islamic Relief. As well as providing transportation, it will arrange skills

training for drivers and engineers in the countries of destination and pay those people a wage.

Says Mr King: "Like everyone else I was shocked when I heard of the tsunami in the Indian Ocean. When I realised the devastating effect on the region in terms of sustaining life in the immediate and medium-term future, I wondered how best Trent Barton could help in practi-

cal tangible terms.

"Asia Bus Response provides the answer to that question. This is a collective bus industry response to the transport needs of a region where mobility is desperately needed to help people re-establish their lives and rebuild their economies. I commend this initiative and I am very pleased to pledge Trent Barton vehicles to it."

Donor companies will be responsible for getting buses to a UK departure point. Islamic Relief is presently co-ordinating and sourcing funding for shipping, taxes, registrations and licensing.

● **For information on the co-ordination of donated buses, e-mail Mitch de Faria at asia_busresponse@theeventmakers.com or phone 01664**