

Nearly 100 buses donated to Tsunami appeal to date

AS ASIA Bus Response enters its fifth week, further pledges have taken the total to 97 vehicles. The vehicles are a practical response by the coach and bus industry to the relief initiative to help rebuild the worst-hit areas of Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

Announcing that Go-Ahead Group would be donating 10 buses, from the Oxford Bus Company and Wilts & Dorset Bus Company, Group Chief Executive Chris Moyes told route**ONE**: "I'm delighted to see the momentum that's now building up behind the Asia Bus Response project."

New contributors, in addition to the 30 already announced, include Yorkshire Traction; Nottingham City Council; Cronin's Coaches of Cork; Shire Travel; GM Coaches, Bridgend, and David's Handy Rider of Oldham. Meanwhile, Blazefield has received backing from



Keighley Town Council and community groups for its campaign to fill its two donated mid-life Volvo B6s with equipment, bicycles and other useful items. Minibuses to double-decks are still required.

To pledge robust, high-floor, low-tech mid-life buses that are fit for a few years' hard work, to pledge spares and equipment or to leave messages of support, email info@asiabusresponse.co.uk or call Mitch de Faria on Tel 01664 561711; for local authority co-ordination, email Andrew Varley at Lancashire County Council, andrew.varley@env.lancscc.gov.uk Tel 01772 263336. Visit: www.asiabusresponse.co.uk for full details.