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BINTULU: A team made up of six volunteers from MERCY Malaysia Sarawak Chapter left Miri yesterday en route here to bring aids to fire victims comprising about 500 Penan in Belaga District whose longhouses were destroyed by fire earlier this month.

The six - Martin Jandom (Ranger with Forest Dept, Kuching) for Logistic; Bybiana Michael (Clerk with Sosco, Kuching) - Crowd Control/ Distribution; Warzueda Ahmad (new volunteer), Ismail Mahadan (new volunteer) in-charge of Event Planning & Management; Raffale Wong (Professional photographer) - are led by MERCY Malaysia, Sarawak Chapter acting chief, Jennie Soh.

Among items they are bringing to Belaga are Hygiene Pack (500 toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, nail clippers, Dettol soap, towel, shampoo), 200 sarongs, 200 pails and ladders, 100 mosquito nets and used clothing

Soh, on behalf of the chapter thanked Diana Tony Ngau the manager of Coral Alliance Sdn Bhd for donating 100 packets of rice, customer service officer Hamdan bin Latip and colleagues

from CIMB for making personal donation of 15 bags of rice, Lim Soon Bee and wife from Brunei for donating RM300 worth of canned food and lastly, Ben Chai, head of Mercy Malaysia Sarawak Chapter for providing the transport to bring the stuff to Sungai Assap.

The team will be putting up at Sungai Assap first (Saturday evening) before moving to Long Luar where some 220 Penan are left homeless after fire destroyed their 14-door longhouse.

They will continue their journey to Long Kajang (near Sarawak-Kalimantan border) to bring relief assistance to 74 fire victims whose longhouse was razed by fire earlier this month.

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SOH receiving a donation of rice from CIMB staff led by Hamdan.