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I like to believe that people are by nature sympathetic to the plight of those less fortunate than themselves and in this case the spirit of generosity should not be short lived and we should try and help the victims of the tsunami tragedy in any way that we can. After all it could have just as easily been you or me...