

Patricia and Laurie were spending Christmas on Phi Phi Island in southern Thailand when the massive tsunami struck. After fleeing up a wooded hill, they squatted for two days without food or shelter. When they returned to the devastated shore, they found that all of their belongings were lost, including their passports and airline tickets. Even so, they reached Bangkok by overnight bus, with nothing but the clothes on their backs, and went straight to the Canadian Embassy. There, consular officials comforted them, advised their families that they were unharmed and provided them with emergency passports. A few days later, Patricia and Laurie were safe and sound back in Canada.

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