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From Volcanic Eruption to Creative Construction ...Making the Most of the Tragedies in Our Lives



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We thought you'd like to learn something of this place we currently call home...

In 2002, Mt. Nyiragongo, a two mile high stratovolcano on the edge of the city of Goma erupted sending lava at 60 mph through the city. 16,000

households were left homeless, 45 schools were destroyed along with hospitals, churches and businesses.



Vehicles and planes that remained were destroyed in the flames. Much of the airport runway was covered with lava, over 13 feet deep. Tragedy has not spared this town, but the people of Goma persist in making the best of their situation.

All that lava? Today the city is being rebuilt... by cutting the lava into bricks, they have an unending supply for homes, schools, walls, and even lava-brick paved roads. Rebirth and resilience...



We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

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Corinthians 4:8-9