

Meet Tilly Smith



On December 26, 2004, Tilly Smith was ten years old. The British school girl was on holiday in Phuket, Thailand with her family. She observed the ocean suddenly changing in character and, having studied about tsunamis two weeks previously in her geography class, thought it looked like the video she had seen on the 1946 tsunami in Hawaii. She told her parents she thought a tsunami was coming, they told other people on the beach to evacuate and the hotel manager (from Japan) told everyone to go to the upper floors of buildings. She is credited with saving the lives of 100 people.