



# Seek God Ministries

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## Ministry Update September 30, 2011

Dear Friends and Partners:

You may have heard the news about Typhoon Nesat hitting The Philippines on Tuesday. In my last news letter I told you how we have been blessed that some very powerful typhoons had turned and gone north instead of hitting The Philippines. This week the winds resumed the normal direction during monsoon season and we got hit. We had wind and rains from Monday through Wednesday. It was a big storm and covered a large area of The Philippines including all of Luzon. It took awhile to begin assessing damage. Electricity is still out in many places and people do not have a way to charge their cell phones. At our house electricity will be out until at least Monday, which would be almost a week without electricity.

For us, our family, and all the people we know are safe, we are thanking God for that. At our house we lost four big Mango trees that were blown over and uprooted by the strong winds. We also lost a few Guava and Banana trees that are not so big. There is nothing like a good typhoon to let you know if there are any possible leaks in your roof, we found we have a few. Horizontal torrential rain has a way of getting in any possible opening.

This was a big storm with a big affect. Nearly 100 million US dollars in damage assessed so far, about half of that was crop loss. At least 40 people have died. Over 218,000 people are in evacuation centers. In Zambales province near us over 5,100 families are suffering from flooding.

In our neighborhood some of the Kingdom Celebration families' homes lost their roofs which blew away in the strong winds. Many of the people here live in makeshift homes of scrap lumber and pieces of sheet metal. Many people in other areas are suffering from loosing their homes completely from wind or from flooding. Many low lying areas are underwater in Luzon. Olongapo was underwater and some of our friends suffered flooding there, in some sections of town the water was up to the roofs.

We were very happy to hear from our pastors up north who are all fine and did not suffer much damage. This was the area that two years ago suffered with major flooding. It was a relief to hear from them because the center of the storm passed near their area.

We came to the Father of Glory House (FGH) yesterday. During the one hour drive we saw more affects of the storm along the way. The highway passes through a jungle rainforest. There were several large fallen trees that had been cleared from the highway, they fell in the storm. Some of the big trees looked to be over 100 years old. I wondered how they had survived so many typhoons of the past but not this one. The highway had so much debris that workers had only been able to clear a path for one lane. At FGH we have two workers that had been working here when the storm hit. The house is OK but we did have some water damage that will need to be repaired. At FGH we have electricity and internet connection so I can send you this update.

It is Saturday morning here. As I am writing this we are preparing for another typhoon to hit The Philippines. It has quickly grown to a category 4. That is the same strength as the last one; it is

also on about the same course as the last typhoon. The eye of the storm is forecast to be over the central part of northern Luzon about 3 PM this after noon. This typhoon is powerful but not as big as the last one. It is also moving faster so it may not drop as much rain. However, the thought of another typhoon on the same course as the last one is not good for the many people who are just starting to recover from the previous one. Many places are still flooded so more heavy rain is very bad news for many thousands of Filipinos. Please join with us in praying for the suffering people in The Philippines. We are also praying that the Lord will intervene and lessen the impact of this new typhoon. The new typhoon is called Nalgae and it is threatening more than a million people who are still flooded from the last typhoon.

At FGH we have been working on finishing the upper floor of the middle section. That will give us four bedrooms that we can use. However, we are near the end of our funds to be able to continue. We also need funds to help repair some roof leaks to prevent further water damage. At our home we have been hand digging a well, which is the normal way here. This is our third attempt at getting good water that does not have too much iron. The good thing is at 25' deep we have water and it seems to be good water. Water has been a problem that we have been trying to overcome at our house since we came to The Philippines. We still need to go deeper for the well. We are getting close to what they call the "hard adobe" here. In this area the well diggers are familiar with hard adobe and that is where we can get more good water. The goal is to have a well that will be a reliable source of fresh water all year, even in dry season. We are very happy that this looks to be a good well.

In order to finish the well we need more funds for concrete and labor. We already have a good water pump that we can use. To continue our work at FGH and on our well we need about three thousand dollars. We also need more regular monthly support. We need about \$2,000 US dollars monthly for the ministry expenses in The Philippines and for the Internet ministries. In September our support was \$1,520; which we are very thankful for. However, we are limited in what we are able to accomplish and the number of people we can impact. We are in a time where the Lord is making a distinction in His people and He is well able to prosper and bless anyone in any economy. God is continuing to bless givers, it is His promise. We are also in a season of great opportunity to reach people with the Gospel, especially in the Asian countries such as The Philippines. Even if you do not give to this ministry don't stop giving to the Lord it truly is harvest time.

We also want to especially thank those of you who are praying for us. You are on the front lines with us and we can feel and see the impact of your prayers. It seems that the Lord is really showing Himself strong in answering prayers according to His will. We always pray for you also but if you have a specific prayer need email us and we will join with you in agreement for your needs. You can use the email address that you received this newsletter from. Although we all face challenges it is really an exciting time as we partner with Lord to bring His will on earth as it is in Heaven. With your help we will continue to seek and to save that which is lost. We want to see Jesus receive His full reward.

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