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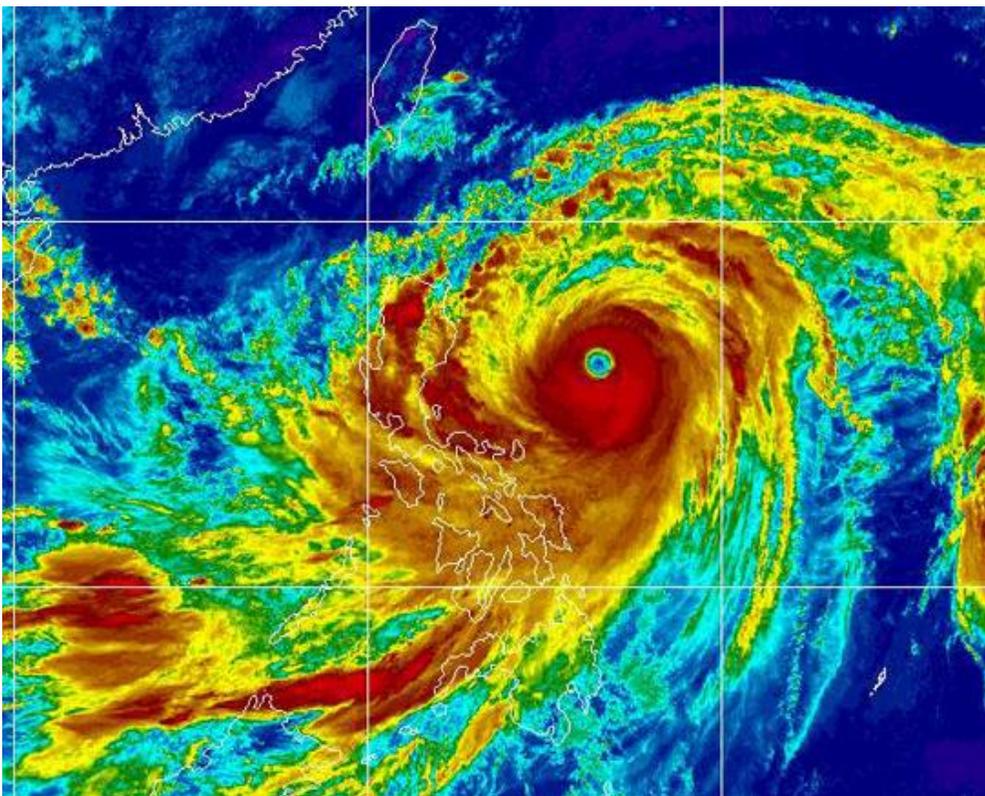
Ministry Update September 16, 2018

*I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. (Psalms 16:8-9)*

## *Dear Friends and Partners*

You may have seen on the news that The Philippines experienced a Category 5, super-typhoon. We are all safe and the people we know are all ok. We know that the USA is also experiencing a major hurricane and we have been praying for the people there also. The East Coast of the USA is almost exactly on the other side of the world from us.

Left, a satellite image of Typhoon Mangkhut as it was approaching The Philippines. In the upper left part of the picture you can see part of the border of the Chinese mainland. The Island of Taiwan is above The Philippines.



We were not in the typhoon path, the eye passed north of us about 200 miles from where we are. However, we did feel some affects, the wind and rain began Friday night and lasted till about noon Saturday. The electricity was out from Friday night until about 11 Am Saturday morning. We had one tree that lost three big branches, as far as I know, that was the only damage we experienced.

There were some uprooted trees and minor flooding in our area.

This was a massive typhoon one of the biggest and most powerful to ever hit The Philippines. It was the most powerful cyclone in the world for 2018, so far. At the time of this writing they are reporting that 25 people were killed. We do not know the extent of damage or loss of life yet because some areas are completely cut off from access and communications. However, initial reports would seem to indicate that it is not as catastrophic as feared. The power of the storm was similar to a typhoon that hit The Philippines in 2013 and killed some 6300 people. The government

learned from that and they did a good job of evacuating people before this typhoon arrived. Most of the reported deaths so far were due to landslides.

The storm slammed into the northern coast of Luzon island Friday night with 180 mph sustained winds and very heavy rain. The storm was very large in size, the rain cloud band was 560 miles wide. As I am writing this it is now a category 2 typhoon and is moving into China, near Hong Kong. The storm is so big that at one time it stretched the width of the South China Sea as the outer bands were hitting both The Philippines and China at the same time.

In my last newsletter, I mentioned that we were experiencing a difficult rainy season. For the most part that has improved, until this typhoon. Generally, we seem to be in a different weather pattern now, which is good because we are not getting hit with the heavy-flooding-monsoon rains we were getting before, which comes from our west coast. However, since the weather is now coming from the east coast that makes typhoons more likely to hit The Philippines. There have been several bad ones this year already, but they passed by The Philippines. They went north over cooler waters and weakened before dissipating or moving on to Taiwan or Japan. The official rain - typhoon season is from June through December. The closer we get to December the rain decreases and typhoons become less likely. We are now moving past the worst part of the rainy season, I think.

It has been a very heavy rainy season this year. Our tropical rain forest here is happy. For us, we are thankful to put this rainy season behind us. It is good to see the sun again. We are starting to plan out a priority list for repairs and needed building maintenance. We made some roof repairs in between rain storms, but we still need to make a few more. We have one room that has a lot of water damage that we need to deal with. We will also need to do some painting. The weather here, humidity and temperature changes, are hard on everything. There is a lot of things we need to do, but we will need to deal with them in priority order, as we are able.

We are also planning to start a new fellowship. The rainy season had us and everyone else kind of penned down. We have been planning this for the last few months. We have learned a lot from our past experiences and the Lord has shown us some new things that we want to bring to the people here. I really believe that we are in the beginning of a Great Awakening. There seems to be an increasing distinction between the light and the darkness, as both become more intense.

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*I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the perception of your mind may be enlightened so you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the glorious riches of His inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His vast strength. (Ephesians 1:16-19)*