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*The Lord is good, a Strength and Stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge and trust in Him. (Nahum 1:7 AMP)*

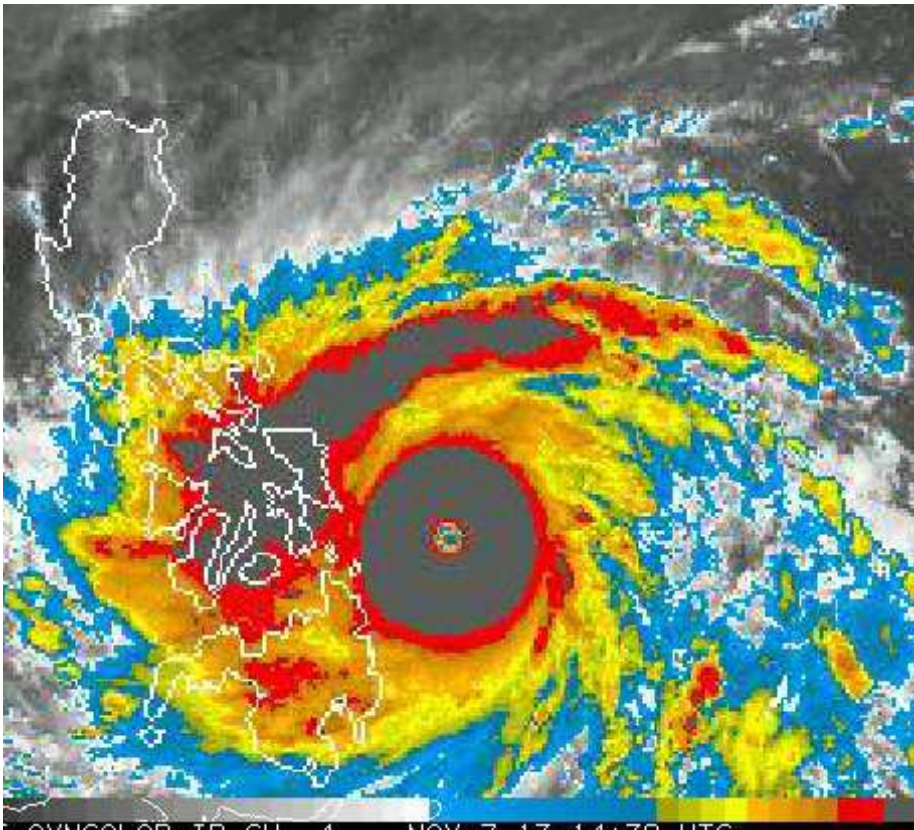
Dear friends and partners:

By now I am sure that you have heard about Typhoon Haiyan, possibly the most powerful typhoon to ever hit land. For those of you who are concerned about us, we are ok. The region that was hit was in the central part of The Philippines, an area known as the Visayas. We were not in the path of the storm. The area where we live is in the northern region on Luzon Island. We are very thankful to the Lord for His protection and for the people who pray for us. We are also very sad about the suffering that is ongoing in the hard hit areas. We know people who live in those places. In fact Suzhette has many relatives in the Cebu region, on both her mother and father's side. We have not heard from many of them yet, because electricity and communications towers are down. One of the areas hit by the typhoon was a region that recently had a major earthquake and many of the people had not recovered from that.

Last week I first saw a weather report that this typhoon was being forecast; the predicted path put the storm heading directly toward us. In fact at that time the forecast predicted that the eye of the typhoon would be directly over us on Saturday morning November 9th. This was on November 1st, a week before the typhoon hit. I sent an email to a friend who is also a missionary here to give him a heads-up warning about the forecast because we were scheduled to have a meeting on November 9th. At that time we had no way of knowing that the storm would grow into to such a monster typhoon. Over the next few days as the typhoon formed it became clear that the predicted path had changed and it was now headed toward the central area of The Philippines.

We still do not know much about the loss of life and property. However, it is now being reported that government officials are estimating at least 10,000 dead in just one province. They also are saying that in the path of the storm 70 to 80 percent of buildings are destroyed and almost all homes.

In the last newsletter our region was recovering from floods. A city near us was very hard hit, in fact many believed it to be the worst flood ever in that city. The water reached up to the second floor in some buildings. It seems that The Philippines is often in the news with disasters. However, it is not always that way and some of the disasters could have been prevented if some of the people in the government made the right decisions. For instance, the big flood that happened in the city near us could have been prevented. It has been known for many years that the city is vulnerable to flooding and that the river that runs through the city needed to be dredged so that it could handle the flow of drain water during heavy rains. There have been excuses in the past about why that has not been accomplished. Now, the people are demanding action. Hopefully, the dredging will happen and the city can be spared from unnecessary flooding in the future.



Left, a satellite picture of Typhoon Haiyan at about 2 AM Friday morning our time. I do not normally wake up at 2 AM, especially feeling wide awake. I believe that the Lord woke me up to intercede for the people in the path of the typhoon. When I saw the satellite picture and that the sustained wind was close to 200 mph my heart sank and then went out to the people there. The black circle around the eye is very heavy rain, which can cause flooding very quickly. That kind of rain can be like a waterfall, in this case the rain would be horizontal because of the extreme wind speed.

A typhoon this powerful is more like a giant tornado. The only good news was that it was fast moving. It would have been even more devastating had it been a slow moving storm.

As of November 1st we have completed six years as missionaries in The Philippines. We are now beginning our 7th year. Looking back so much has happened and we have been privileged to meet and get to know so many people. Many of them we have come to love and really appreciate. I would say we have had a multitude of divine connections. We have also seen so many kids grow up in that time. The kids have become teens and the youth have become adults, a few have already completed college and are working in careers. Now, a new generation of young ones are coming and we are seeing an even greater spiritual hunger in them. We have seen a long term spiritual impact in the kids we have ministered to. The Lord really does the work through the Holy Spirit. Just by being obedient and placing ourselves where He told us to go so much has been accomplished. Thank you to all our partners.

I am even more excited for the future. We have learned so much. We are positioned to do much more in the future with the Transformation Center and our Kingdom Celebration ministry. Restoring the Transformation Center and getting our support up to a level to be able to support an orphanage has taken longer than I thought it would. Two years ago we knew that we needed a budget of at least \$90,000 US dollars per year, about \$7,500 per month. In the last two years we have only gotten up to that level on two months, out of 24. Sometimes our monthly support has been below our survival needs and then when extra funds came in we used them to catch up on supplies, bills, repairs and maintenance on the Transformation Center. We could still use a newer van; recently our van spent three weeks in repair, again.

I am not complaining. I am very thankful to be able to do what we are doing. I am also very hopeful and optimistic for the future. We have seen the Lord provide for the last six years and we know He will continue to do so. We are now beginning to consider some other ways to use the Transformation Center. An orphanage is very expensive to start and maintain. Considering the resources we have there may be better ways to reach more kids with less money.



This boy showed up at the Transformation Center recently, he was hungry. After he ate and gave his life to Jesus he was much happier. Now he comes at lunch time from school to eat lunch at the TC. It is a way to help keep him in school and give him some extra nutrition which he really needs. He is ten years old.

A big Thank You to all our partners. *As it is written: "HE HAS DISPERSED ABROAD, HE HAS GIVEN TO THE POOR; HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER."* Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God. (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 9:9-12)



### Goals

*Note: the list below is in priority order according to the needs of the ministry and the number of lives that are affected*

1. More regular monthly support to continue the ministry and be able to help more kids. **Update** with our expenses and cost of operation our needed survival support is now at \$2,500 US dollars per month. When we get more than that we are able to do more than survive like do outreaches, maintenance on the buildings and other needed projects. Our goal is to get our support up to \$7,500 per month so that we can work on the transformation center and be able to take in children in need.
2. \$25,000 US dollars for a Toyota 15 Passenger van, our current van is a 1994 Toyota; it is 19 years old and has served us well for six years but is now requiring expensive repairs more frequently. We need transportation for so many things we do in The Philippines including outreaches to street kids.
3. Funds for remodeling the Transformation Center we possibly need \$70,000 USD for completion but we can work in stages as funds become available.

We are so thankful for the Lord's provision and we are so thankful for YOU. All of you who have prayed for us and given financially to help us get this far, THANK YOU! We know that the Lord sends very special people to help in this ministry. The Lord is the One building the Transformation Center; He is the One producing fruit in the lives of people as each of us obey His voice. We love you, and pray God's blessings on you and your family; Gary, Suzzhette, and Kids

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