

Dear Friends and Partners
of Seek God Ministries:

This is another quick update about the situation in the Philippines. We visited Manila on Wednesday and Thursday. Several areas in Manila that had severe flooding are still underwater. The water is receding slowly in those areas. The government says one reason is because a pumping station has failed.

The area we visited in Manila is where we minister. It is an area with masses of very poor people. It is also an area where there is a large garbage dump where many people live. The people survive there from what they can scavenge from the dump and sell to recyclers. The people in that area did have flooding that was knee deep and up to waste deep during the flood, but the water receded quickly in that area. The flooding in that area did not have a great impact on the people there. They are continuing to focus on daily survival. Our hearts are always so touched to see so many people in such great poverty there.

Some of the areas where the flooding was and still is the greatest are actually kind of middle class neighborhoods. Many people have lost their homes or can not return to them yet because they are still underwater. Over three million people were affected by the flooding in Manila and over 600,000 are in makeshift shelters.

What has people worried now is that a category 4 super typhoon



The kids above are some of the street kids we visited and fed on Monday night. They are always happy to see us, and always hungry it seems.



We met this family in Manila, Dad, mom, and three girls. The girl standing closest to the camera is 11 years old; she is smaller than Shekinah, our small six year old. Malnutrition is very common in this area of Manila. The father and mother do the best they can to provide for their family by collecting garbage where they can, including a Catholic church, and selling what they can for recycling. So many people here are trapped in severe poverty.

is approaching the Philippines. This could increase the depth of the flooding that still remains in Manila. The typhoon is called "Parma" it has winds of 140 mph and gusts up to 165 mph. It is projected to pass over northern Luzon, north of Manila and north of where we live. However, we will be affected by the outer bands and so will Manila. I can see by a satellite picture on the internet that the outer bands are already over us and Manila. It is Friday night here as I am writing this.

We are currently experiencing some rain and a little wind but nothing too exciting so far. When I looked at the satellite picture a few minutes ago I had the feeling that it may be moving more north and it may not affect the Philippines as much as is feared.

However, we are asking for your prayers for us and the people in the Philippines who are suffering. We spent the day today preparing for the typhoon. We have the windows covered on our home. We are stocked up with provision for us and to share with people in need in our area.

Thank You for being our friend and partner in the ministry. We love you and pray for you.

Gary, Suzzette, Joshua,
Alianna and Shekinah
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Water still covers the roads in many places in Manila, which is a common sight when Manila gets a lot of rain. The city does not have an adequate drainage system.



As always the kids really appreciated the food, juice, and goodies we brought them. Thank you for helping us touch them with the love of Jesus.