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Dear Steven & Amy,

Grace and peace in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I write you with deep gratitude for your continued prayers and financial support of the mission opportunities afforded by the Lord and funded through your sacrificial monetary gifts. I pray I have been and will continue to be worthy of your trust.

I want to apologize for the delay in communicating with you regarding my recent trip to the Philippines. Unfortunately I had a problem with my laptop a few days after I arrived in the Philippines. Taking it for repair I was told the power supply was bad and had destroyed some internal parts. Due to the expense I waited until I got in the states to have it checked further.

Upon taking the laptop to Fry's, the repair man also said the power supply was defective and probably caused the internal damage. I told him I had used the laptop in Ethiopia and the electricity was often very weak. He said, "That was probably the source of the power supply problem." Thankfully it has been repaired and is working fine.

As most of you know there were two devastating typhoons that made land fall in the Luzon Region of the Philippines a few days before our arrival. This is the area we worked. The first typhoon, Sunday, October 4th, dropped approximately forty two inches of rain in nine hours causing twenty foot floods. The second typhoon, the following Friday, October 11th, dropped sixty inches of rain in ten hours adding to the existing flood problems.

Our original mission was fore planned and upon our arrival in Manila October 13th, we traveled to Narcarlen, a town near San Pablo and began our scheduled work. We had several Bible Studies and I preached Sunday. Due to the urgent need to get relief supplies to the brethren, we were asked to help with the distribution of the same. (The pictures on each side of this page are from some of the flooded areas we took relief supplies too).

After working a couple of days distributing supplies to ten congregations in the Luzon Region, distribution points for other congregations in the area, we returned to Manila. We departed by bus at 5am the next morning for Clark Field to teach in a scheduled lectureship. Students from five Schools of Preaching throughout the region were to attend the lectureship but the students from two of the schools were prohibited from attending due to flood waters.

From Clark Field, we returned to Manila. Ken Wilke and Bob Buchanan stayed in Manila and taught the Book of Revelation at the School of Evangelism. I returned to Narcarlen to work with Brother Eli and Doctor Joy.

Dr Joy, a 52 year old single sister in the Lord, a Doctor of Internal Medicine, was a real joy to work with. She asked us to sit in her clinic during office hours and talk to her patients waiting for their appointments. She also asked her patients to talk with us further after their office visits. We set up several Bible Studies with her patients. (How do you think this would fly in America)?

I returned to Clark Field for another week-end lectureship, then to Manila to preach Sunday, before departing for the states Monday @ 4am. It is always good to go, but also always good to return home.

As afore stated our plans were formulated before the typhoons but in spite of all the happenings, with the Lord's help we were able to accomplish most of them. There were five added to the Body of Christ. Additionally there are approximately twenty continued studies. Please keep these new brethren and the continued studies in your thoughts and prayers.

Typhoon report:

As mentioned, the typhoons made land fall in the Luzon Region. This is the region where most of the rice, corn and fish are raised. Being the harvest season the majority of the crops were lost. Some of the rice fields were completely washed away and the rice was destroyed in the remaining fields. Most of the fish farms were destroyed and the fish were released in the rising waters. Unfortunately the farmers will start anew at greater expense than usual.

The financial gifts: \$5,000.00 Longmire Church of Christ, \$400.00 Magnolia Church of Christ, \$2,000.00 Porter Church of Christ, and \$10,565.00 from Woodlands Oaks members, totaling \$17,965.00, (2,700.00 cash carried by me) and \$15,265.00 bank transferred, was given to Brother Felipe Cariaga, the Director of the Manila School of Evangelism and provided the money to start the relief distribution. Brother Cariaga purchased several tons of rice, noodles, sardines, powdered milk, bread, mats, sheets, mosquito nets, etc. which were dispersed to the brethren as needed.

I wish each of you could have seen the expressions on the faces of the brethren as we delivered the commodities to them. Everyone thanked us over and over and asked us to express their thanksgiving to all of you who helped with the relief process.

Although the commodities helped supply the immediate needs, there remains a great need for additional help. If you would like to continue to help financially, make a check payable to Nueces's Canyon Church of Christ ear marked Philippine Relief Fund and mail the same to Nueces's Canyon Church of Christ, P.O. Box 219, Campwood, Texas 78833, attention Ray McDonald. The money will be forwarded to Brother Cariaga via bank transfer for further relief efforts. This seems to be the best way to help as the money is delivered directly too and for the brethren.

Again, I want to thank you for your prayers and financial support. Only eternity will reveal the results of our efforts together.

Your fellow servant in Him,

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