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## Newsletter

### Greetings to all,

We recently returned to the Philippines after time in New Zealand and America. It was wonderful to catch up with family and friends again and to visit the U.S. (first time for John) where Nilda's cousin and husband in L.A. and Joe and Floye Walters in Las Vegas were great hosts.

On return to Sorsogon and Oasis we commented on how lovely everything looked, then a week later the bubble burst for us when a very strong typhoon hit and destroyed our gardens and trees and 5 years of work establishing them. Worse still was the damage to our houses where each roof lifted and spoutings either ripped off or were a twisted mess. After more than a month we have just about finished having the damage

repaired and our water and electricity supply restored, as well as our internet service.

Nilda's mum who will be 95 on the 11 September fell and hurt her shoulder, she is almost back to normal again although with still a little pain and feeling very weak. The province was badly affected by the typhoon and many have lost their house completely. It will be months before electricity is fully restored to some areas. We are ever so grateful to those who have been praying and giving support to us through this time.

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Boys at work



Typhoon damage



John Cris



Lloyd



A little help from Sister



Girls at work



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On the positive side we have now got Dept of Social Welfare registration and have two new boys join us, Lloyd 6 and John Cris aged 5. They are very good little boys settling in well with us and to their new school. Their parents died and nobody wanted them, so a local town official asked us to take them in. The children are all ok and back at school again after the main school building lost it's roof during the typhoon.

Our relief service to the poor has resumed and our new house is due for completion at the end of August, it is 5 months behind schedule, the builder having stopped work when we left and then being short of workers after the typhoon. We now have 17 children and looking forward to have more join us once the new home is complete.

Our worker and house mother, Vicky, has left us, returning to look after family in Tacloban, however her cousins, Angie and Andrew have been with us for a few months and we are very blessed to have them. We also have a part time social worker, part of the requirements of Social Welfare.

To all who have been emailing us, sorry it has taken a long time to respond, but as you will appreciate it was due to circumstances beyond our control. Thank you also to our praying partners and supporters.

Love from us all at Oasis Christian Children's Home.

John and Nilda



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