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Newsletter


Hello from the warm and sunny Philippines.

We have had a month or so of cool weather.....but it's back to high temps and humidity again for another 10 months. Since our last newsletter there has been a super typhoon devastating the Philippines not far south of us, with thousands dying and millions more made homeless.

We are so grateful for those who sent funds so we could help by going to give assistance and we are about to go again with another load of supplies to a more remote area of Leyte. Our ex house mum was caught in the typhoon and lost everything apart from

her small backpack of treasures. She (Vicky) returned to be with us bringing some of her family members, three of whom are still here. Vicky will return with us when we go to Tacloban in a couple of weeks and bring some of the affected and orphaned children with us. Her school was destroyed and she will now again join us much to the children's and our delight.

As the pictures show, building is well underway on a new two story accommodation block plus a covered attached area. The aim is to house children from the typhoon areas. The builder has kindly offered to carry on the work even though we do not have the finance beyond a deposit. Not sure at this stage how much will be completed; it's all a matter of faith!



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Lawn mowing time



Ashley's 9th Birthday Feb 4, 2014



New accommodation building



Emilio with an unwelcome visitor

A young man who lost his parents and some siblings and was himself under water an amazing length of time is to join us in June to complete his college course. His story and many similar are heartbreaking to hear, and it truly is only by the grace of God that he and many like him are alive today.

The children will all finish school for the year with summer holidays starting at the end of March and we will return to NZ at this time before coming back to Sorsogon again in early July. At present we have 16 children in residence plus two staff and 2 visitors, this will of course increase with the Tacloban children arriving. The two staff are a brother and sister from Tacloban who were orphaned several years ago and then lost everything, and almost their lives, in the typhoon. While they are still very young, they are matured beyond their years and proving invaluable here.

On a personal note John has been sick with a stomach complaint, but has almost fully recovered, thanks for all the prayers. We have taken part in Bible distribution and about 70,000 New Testaments have been given out locally.

Our feeding program to the poor in our district goes ahead regularly, as funds allow...we give rice, noodles and canned food to the very poor that all live just a few minutes from Oasis.

Thank you all for your financial assistance and prayers we are so grateful and thank God for all of you. Have a look at our Facebook: Philippines-Oasis, where there are hundreds of photos displayed.

Love from us all,

John and Nilda



Oasis Christian Home Family



Food to the poorest of the poor



Distributing relief supplies to some of the 800 families after the typhoon.



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