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# PHILIPPINES

OCTOBER '09 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends in Christ,

We praise the Lord for His kindness and faithfulness to us. What a privilege and blessing to serve our heavenly Father in the great work of bringing others into His house!

## **Family News** by Rachel

October has been a busy month for us with meetings, preparation and **Elisabeth's wedding** on the 10th. It was a simple but sweet and joyous occasion for us. The Lord was faithful to provide the needs and answer our prayers for good weather. We thank the Lord for **Stephen, our son-in-law**, who is an answer to our prayers for our girl when she was just born.

Relatives from near and far came for the occasion. Andrew and his cousin did the music beautifully while Joseph was busy ushering people. WOW! How quickly the kids grow up! Where have the years gone? Pray for us.

## **Ministry Updates**

Over the last three weeks the Philippines suffered **two devastating typhoons** back to back which I'm sure most of you have heard about by now. There was tremendous flooding in the Metro Manila area with an approximate **loss of almost 800 lives**. The second typhoon is what brought the flooding to the northern part of the country. Our province, **Pangasinan, was 75% flooded**. Our town, Manaoag, was flooded in many of the low lying areas several feet deep and without electricity for a couple of days. Thankfully, the barrio where we live was not flooded, but the building we rent in town for services was 2 feet deep. Our staff worked hard to clean it out before Sunday worship last week.

What a blessing for us to learn (by text message) that our staff and several of **our church family donated rice and money to help** some of our other brethren who suffered losses during the flooding. They also raised the money to **purchase a used wheel chair** for one of our members who had a crippling accident a couple years back. They presented it to her last Sunday morning. I

rejoice when I see our church family **showing compassion and love for others** without any expectation of recognition in return. That's **true Christianity** in action!

Our recent quarterly Fun Day where we bring all of our **Bible Club kids** together saw over 220 children along with many parents come together to hear God's Word, and have a great day of games and food. Our **teens** also had a big event reaching out to other teens for an evening of **evangelistic preaching** where over 50 of them came to hear God's Word.

Our church family also recently celebrated our **12th anniversary** two Sundays back when the big typhoon flooded Manila. At that time our area had only received moderate rain and winds but our speaker was coming from Manila. He was stranded for many hours but finally made it. Our services had to be delayed a few hours due to his late arrival but the day went great I am told. We had **over 200 in attendance** on that wet day meeting out behind our house under a big canvas.

See photos of the Typhoon flooding and updates of our ministry at:  
[www.mcbsministries.org](http://www.mcbsministries.org)

## **Opportunities to Help**

1. Any donations for '**flood relief**' will go to buy rice and other staple products for families that were affected.
2. Please consider helping us to purchase **30,000 tracts** from Chick for \$2,250. Our church family is so willing to hand them out and people almost always take and read them. We would like to ship these over in November when we return.
3. The Lord has given through generous donors around \$30,000 so far for the **purchase of land** for our church building. We need a total of \$102,000 for the land and another \$100,000 for a 5,000 sq. ft. building.

May the Lord continue to **bless your faithfulness** to His worthy cause of reaching the lost. We thank you for your prayers and financial support on our behalf.

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