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Extending a hand to the hurting

Our thought-out plans for the day suddenly seem unimportant, even trifling, as we now put on a different hat, different boots to lend a hand to our fellow human beings in the face of unimaginable loss. Such has been the case since Saturday, September 27, when Typhoon Ondoy swept through Manila, washing away possessions and homes on a massive scale that has displaced 300,000 people. Cainta—where the Children's Home is located—was one of the hardest hit areas.

Local residents report it has been 40 years since a typhoon has amassed such destruction. While the Children's Home was thankfully unharmed, most everyone in this city of 12 million plus people has been affected. With 80 percent of the city initially submerged, there is untold grief over lost loved ones and for many the loss of all earthly possessions; there is exhaustion from battling rising waters that swept through neighborhoods, even covering the tops of houses; and there is resilience as the people dig through the mud to start anew in the absence of water, electrical, phone, and gas services.

As is often the case in tragedy, we have a chance to reach out to those who have been hit hardest. Because food was washed away along with people's possessions, those of us associated with the

Children's Home wanted to reach out by offering food to our neighbors in the Cuatro community. Staff, volunteers, teachers, and the older kids from the Children's Home started the day early by cutting up vegetables and preparing meatballs and rice for 1100 people. Loving the opportunity to minister within the community, the kids paired up with adult volunteers to visit families and hand out tickets for a noon meal. The kids likewise eagerly served the meals to the long lines of primarily mothers and children.



Because medical care for sickness and disease is a concern in the aftermath of contaminated flood waters, the small children and babies were given vitamins and medical treatment for fevers and



infections as they waited for their food. One child on the doorstep of death was hopefully saved after receiving such watchful care.

While we offer compassionate aid at times like this, the one and only hope we offer is Jesus' love. We hope each glass of water, each cup of rice, every

vegetable, fruit or piece of meat add up to ones realizing that through it all, God is in control. Through it all, God loves them. Through it all, the Long family, KIM missionaries, Children's Home kids, Filipino staff, and close friends rally to extend a hand because of Jesus on the cross and what He does for us each and every day of our lives—offering and extending grace and love in such a manner it causes people to ponder the love of God in a deeper and more personal way.

Please join us in praying for these people to know Him through these efforts! Ponder their incredible plight through these pictures and those on our web site at <http://www.kidsim.org>.

—Jeff Long, Director of NFFCH

October Birthdays



Joshua - Oct. 22



Ge-Ge - Oct. 31



Kenth - Oct. 31

Want to help again?

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