



September 28, 2009

Dear friends...

The sun broke through the clouds this morning here on campus, and we actually have a bit of blue sky as well. We haven't had much since Friday morning.

As you may or may not know, Typhoon Ondoy blew through the Philippines last Friday and Saturday. In less than 12 hours, over 16 inches of rain fell over the country. Flooding in Manila was wide spread; also, the Marikina River overflowed its banks and covered a huge area of the region.

This morning as I watched the morning shows, the aftermath of this typhoon was made evident. According to the Red Cross, over 100,000 families have been displaced, most losing everything. Over 70 people have died and many, many more are missing. There were still reports of people stranded on roofs looking for help. Many areas, underpasses are still flooded.

This typhoon hit across the spectrum of people, the poor being hit the hardest.

A few of our missionary families have had flooding up to the second floors in their homes, two families that I know of have not been home since Saturday morning; can't get through the streets.

One of our dorm moms has lost everything; her family was evacuated on Saturday morning returning yesterday afternoon to a house full of mud.

Please pray for our situation here. Funds can be sent to any ACTION office marked Relief-Typhoon Ondoy, Philippines.

We are looking for ways here that we can help.

Thank you for your prayers.

Barbara Burchert

If you would like to give you can make checks payable to Action International Ministries, P. O. Box 398 Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043-0398 or 3015 A 21st Street NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 7T1, Canada. Note that your check is for support of Barbara Burchert.