



September 27, 2009

Dear family and friends,

Our latest breaking news is of Typhoon Ondoy, which has dumped an amazing amount of water this past weekend. We've heard that 16 inches of rain fell in a 24 hour time period. We are blessed with a home with a new metal roof, and being on high ground. The wind was not very strong, so we weathered the storm fine, without any power outages. However, we are very concerned for thousands in Metro Manila who are now homeless because of being flooded out of their homes.

Some of our fellow missionaries have been stranded because of flooding, but we haven't heard of any missionaries being injured. Pray for the many poor families who have lost their possessions. Pray for ACTION as our relief team begins to help those affected by flooding in Manila, that they will glorify God in the help that they offer to those in need.

Pray also for the Honest Hands, Working Hands, and Mustard Seed students who all spent the weekend with their families away from 2nd Mile. Many of them are from squatter areas in Manila, and may be flooded out.

My Mustard Seed students are now numbering only 5. We recently lost another student. She surprised us all by not showing up 2 weeks ago, and then we found out that she had been planning to go and look for work, and to not complete her training at Mustard Seed. We have no news of where she went, and we are very concerned for her safety. She was raised in an orphanage, and had many struggles, but we had seen growth in her life.

Daryl and I are thankful that our shipment is finally on its way to the Philippines. This consists of 2 crates that we packed during our furlough. The shipment began with 2 riding lawnmowers for 2nd Mile, and then we received a donation of several used computers, 2 sewing machines, books, fabric, used clothing etc. We have rejoiced at God's supply, and now we've been waiting for the paperwork for tax exemption status to be completed. Please pray that the shipment arrives on time, (the beginning of November), and that the contents will be in good condition.

We are praising the Lord that Candice and Justin have settled into their new apartment and university, on the eastern edge of Lake Ontario, in Kingston. They have received generous government grants for this school year, and are doing well.

Tyler is living in Bonney Lake, with my sister, Annette, and her husband, Bert. Pray for Tyler as he looks for work. Also pray for guidance for his future.

Hilary is now living in Spokane, with her friend, Kaja, from Ecola Bible School. The girls hope to move out of Kaja's family home and into an apartment in a few months. Hilary is going to Spokane Falls Community College, and working at a day care. Praise the Lord for his provision for her.

I have been encouraged by attendance at our monthly girls club at 2nd Mile. We've been having about 25 or more of the barrio women and girls attend. I've been teaching some of the parables of Jesus, and they have been very attentive. Pray that hard hearts will surrender to the Lord, as many that attend are not yet believers. They come from a long history of feuds in their barrio. There is also great poverty from lack of jobs, drunkenness, and mismanagement of money. Our co workers, Gary and Melita Root, and Melcher and Tess DeJesus, are ministering in a new church plant in this barrio, just outside 2nd Mile. There is also a weekly women's Bible study. Its slow going, as this barrio has been very dark spiritually for many years. Pray that the light of the Gospel will break through, and lives will be transformed.

Lastly, pray for Daryl and I, that our lights will shine brightly to those around us. We need to Lord to give us strength, love, and endurance for the tasks that are set before us. Thanks for praying for us!

Sharon and Daryl Germaine

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