



September 27, 2009

Dear praying friends,

We appreciate your prayers for the Philippines during the coming days as it has been hit with intense rainfall and record setting flood waters. For those of you who think in inches – 16 inches of rain came down in 24 hours! This is all a result of Typhoon Ondoy, and the latest reports are that more than 70 people have died, and perhaps 300,000 + are homeless. Metro Manila (which is about 30 km north of us) experienced the worst floods in over 40 years as the deluge came down. Texts have been coming in all day from friends and coworkers who are struggling with floods and cleanup in Manila and the surrounding areas.

Our family is doing fine here at Second Mile which is at an elevation of more than 1,000 feet (and we have good drainage), although as we drove home from the doctor on Saturday morning we sometimes felt like we were driving through a raging river pouring down the road towards Manila. We are thankful for a warm, dry house with a nice roof, but our thoughts and prayers are with Honest Hands students who are struggling with deep water and the loss of lots of material goods. We have cancelled classes at Honest Hands for Monday, and are hoping that the students can be back on Tuesday to resume their discipleship training and the tutorial classes.

Thanks for your prayers,

Carl & Lisa

Here is a link that has pictures relating to the floods:

[ACTION Philippines Typhoon Ondoy on Picasa](#)

If you are interested in giving towards relief and supplies for people who have been affected by the rains and floods, you can donate online, or send in a donation designated for Philippine flood relief to the following. The Street Impact Team is ACTION's relief and development ministry here in the Philippines.

Go to [this webpage for Street Impact Team](#) and at the bottom of the page is a link for making an online donation. When you go to the page for entering your donor information, be sure to write in the comment box that this is for "Philippine Disaster Relief". All gifts made out to ACTION are used as designated and receipted for tax purposes. Donations can also be mailed in to the ACTION office at one of the addresses below.

*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 the Loewens.*