



SPECIAL REPORT

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Typhoon “Ondoy” Battered Metro Manila

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Typhoon Ondoy is the 15th weather disturbances that hits the Philippines for the year 2009. According to the Philippine Daily Inquirer's news report, the said typhoon dumped a total of 455 millimeters of rain in Quezon City alone in 24 hours. The city was flooded and the major thoroughfares were closed to traffic that caused a number of people being stranded in different areas affected.

This typhoon was considered to be the most devastating for the last 20 years in Metro Manila. It was an equal opportunity calamity since poor and rich people were all affected. No one gets excluded from the ferocity of Nature. Even people living in

exclusive villages suffered and were forced to fled from their homes for their safety while others stayed to their roofs to be saved from high level of water and intense current.

Footprints left by the Typhoon were marked by the madness of nature. Garbage were seen everywhere as the water receded which greatly served as proof that whatever trashes we throw will strike back to us. The rivers serve as dumpsites of humans overflowed destroying houses along riverbanks. Landslides were inevitable since there were no trees to hold the lands that were commercialized and developed.

Nature is kind, generous of its resources created for mankind,



*“This is where our garbage go”
The view along E. Rodriguez Ave. after the fury of Typhoon Ondoy*

if it will be abused and destroyed, what will happen in the future? They might not be able to see the beauty of nature since people ruined it.

Nature strikes back on us, and to redeem its beauty, now is the time.

Special points of interest:

- TCCD is still accepting donation for the victims of Typhoon Ondoy and Pepeng for it is still on the period of rebuilding what have been lost for our dear brothers and sisters

Who is to be blamed?

Every now and then, when disaster come into the lives of people, there will always be someone to blame. In this recent typhoon that caused severe damage in Metro Manila and the worst flooding seen in the capital was pointed into the culpability of the officials who released water from the three

dams surrounding Metro Manila. Experts said that climate change is responsible to what the people on earth is experiencing.

But who are really to be blamed for this? Isn't it climate change is caused by the modernization we enjoyed all the while? When we wanted to

make life easier, we accepted technologies for comfort.

The interconnectedness of humans from the nature and the planet itself should be in the mindset of all people. That whatever we did, even in the simplest form will greatly affect all of us.

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TUA: Living the Christian Spirit to be in Solidarity with



Nursing students giving out relief goods to the people affected in Barangay Damayang Lagi

The Trinity University of Asia through the Trinitian Center for Community Development facilitated the utilization of relief goods that was given to the affected areas within the community.

Immediate response of the Management Committee, staff and students from different departments and colleges was remarkable despite one week suspension of classes. The Episcopal Church also coordinated with TCCD on the distribution of relief goods they gathered from their donors.

Among the four (4) partner communities of TUA, two (2) of them were greatly hit by the storm, they are: Barangay Damayang Lagi and Barangay Tatalon. Calvary Hills and Ober the Bakod that were along river banks were totally wrecked as a number of houses were swept away by floods and a total number of four (4) people died on the height of the Typhoon in Barangay Damayang Lagi alone.



Medtech and nursing students with the Episcopal church distributing goods



CHTM students and staffs facilitating the distribution of goods for TUA's janitors and Security Guards affected by the

Barangay Tatalon also experienced to have been flooded reaching the second floors of their homes while residents in Araneta stayed on the roofs of their houses until they were rescued the next morning. A fire outbreak happened in Agno as they were experiencing the rage of Typhoon Ondoy on Saturday night. To save their lives, the people climb to their rooftops and escaped from fire by hopping onto neighbor's rooftop. There were residents from the area that that were electrocuted by fallen lines of electricity in the floodwaters. The incident caused seven (7) dead individuals including children and pregnant women.

The university janitors and security guards who were also affected by the typhoon were also given relief goods as they were also on duty during the calamity and were not able to save their personal belongings in their own houses.

A total of 1,188 packed goods were distributed to the partner communities of TUA. 469 came from the Episcopal Church while 719 came from the contribution of the different colleges and departments of TUA Community. 100 gallons of water and medicines were also given to the residents of Barangay Damayang Lagi to address their immediate need on potable water and existing illness due to the dumped garbage on the area.

One bundle of blankets, jackets and towels with two bundles of children's clothes were donated to Barangay Tatalon as these were their stated needs for the residents who were currently relocated on evacuation areas.

The Trinity University of Asia made it possible to help its own community through its own resources with the kindest touch in the hearts of people who rendered services to God. The calamity that destroyed properties and lost many lives of people eventually became a way to show that Christians will always extend help to his neighbor in need since true happiness is within the hearts of a helping hands.

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The Spirit of Volunteerism is Alive



Students and Staff from the College of Nursing, College of Arts and Sciences and College of Hospitality and Tourism Management sorting and re-packing donated goods for distribution to the communities.

“Volunteerism may be defined as contributing one’s time or talents for charitable, educational, social, political, or other worthwhile purposes, usually in one’s community, freely and without regard for compensation”, this was a definition from U.S History Encyclopedia. From this definition, the individual’s perspective of volunteerism is from God’s teachings that doing something for our neighbors without asking anything in return is an act of kindness that grows within the hearts of every individual. Relating to the story in the bible when Jesus cures the sick during the Sabbath day, that according to the law during those times is a rest day and nobody works. Just like the story, TUA as a family lives-up to the spirit of volunteerism.

The one week suspension of classes announced by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) did not hinder the students and staff from giving their time to help from the re-packing of goods up until the distribution to the people with a smile on their faces without any marks of tiredness. Moreover, they also initiate to give their personal contribution of goods from their own pockets.

The Staff extended their time even without an overtime pay to show their concern to their neighboring communities by mobilizing volunteers from different colleges and departments. The spirit of bayanihan within the TUA’s community is truly alive at the time where they are needed. A view of a truly devoted Christian, who are in service for the people, reaching out those who are in distressed at the time the typhoon came into our land. It is so amazing how Filipinos live with Jesus during this time they are not hesitant to share what they have and devote their time without asking in return.

The students, who were not even mandated by their instructors to go to school and should have been resting like any other students were persistent in doing what they can in order to help others. Outpouring of goods from various donors is parallel to the number of students who came all along to assist TCCD in its relief operation.

Sharing what volunteerism can do to our nation, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan stated in an opening ceremony of the 2001 International Year of Volunteers that, “ At the heart of volunteerism are the ideals of service and solidarity and the belief that together we can make this world a better place”.

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REFLECTIONS...

Footprints of Typhoon Ondoy

“UNITY AMIDST DIVERSITY”

As I reflect the effects of the activity of the Community Extension Services, I have realized that we can all be united despite our diversities.

The typhoon Ondoy affected not only the poor but the rich. It was such an incident that opened up our minds, that no matter what condition we belong to one Creator; that all the earthly things are temporary; and that we could never bring them along the moment he would call us to go home.

The activity drew us together to lend our hand in whatever way. It was such a wonderful sharing of effort, materials and financial assistance. What a beautiful value to carry on! a value to treasure being one brother’s and sisters, the value of family ties that is only in the Philippines.

Through thick and thin, and through diverse values, beliefs and principles, we are still one and the same Filipinos.

By: MR. DAVE S. GALLARDO

Project SNACKS Coordinator

“RESPONSIBILITY TO MOTHER EARTH”

The calamities that we’ve been experiencing for the past years up to the present is becoming worst. The damages it brought is increasing as lives were lost as well as properties that will eventually affect our economic condition for the coming years. But what was really behind these events? Is this a premonition that our end is coming near? Or it is just a lesson that we should learn?

Looking on the impact of the recent typhoon that hits the land, it is just to say that nature is beginning to take its revenge on us. Nature is created beautiful for all of us and yet we are obliterating it as we wanted to achieve for what we say, “Globalization”. Isn’t it the time for us now to redeem God’s wonderful masterpiece? We should protect and conserve our planet for this is where we live. Think about the future and reflect yesterday in order for us to learn. Besides, it is our fault that we take for granted the effects of what we are doing, we even forgot that every little thing we do affects us all. It is not a responsibility of one but for all. When are we going to take part for this? The first step is to start from your self, radiate it to your family and friends for it is the right time to make this world a better place.

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Community Development Worker, TCCD



Photos taken from the internet

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THANK YOU...*A Whole will never work it out without its Parts**Packed goods for the residents of Barangay Damayang Lagi**Delivery of goods from College of Medical Technology*

In almost two weeks that gone by after Typhoon Ondoy, donors from different departments in TUA continuously deliver goods to TCCD to lend a hand to the victims of typhoon. No matter how small it is, they give it out for it will bring joy to those who will receive it.

It will never be possible if only one works in a system, so at this point we would like to thank all of you for responding to the call of God to help our neighbors who were distressed from the calamity they had gone through. Thank you to all departments/units and even individuals who donated goods for the community:

- *The Episcopal Church with Fr. Mendez*
- *College of Nursing headed by its College coordinator, Mr. Michael Osea*
- *College of Business Administration with its Dean, Dr. Bathan*
- *College of Hospitality and Tourism Management with its College coordinator Mr. Dave Gallardo with full support of its staff and Dean, Dr. Gloria Baken Wong Sy*
- *College of Arts and Sciences with its College coordinator Ms. Sharon Brila*
- *College of Medical Technology that well-utilized its resources headed by their Dean, Dr. Stephen Francis Baldo*
- *University Research and Development Center*
- *Dr. Ramon Benedicto Marcelino of the Graduate School*
- *Alumni Office*
- *Office of the Students Affair*
- *Ms. Mae Lindo for JPIA*
- *Engr. Augusto Villaluna*
- *Guidance Office*
- *Dr. Bienvenido Gaddi, Director of Medical and Dental Clinic of TUA went to Barangay Tatalon personally to donate goods.*

The recipients of the donated goods are the partner communities of TUA who were greatly affected by the typhoon. Indeed, it was a big help for the people. A packed goods are only enough to bridge hunger on those times they were all struggling to live their lives gain.

Here in TCCD, we greatly appreciate that indeed Christ was alive in all of us.