



NACSEA RELIEF INC. relief efforts on Typhoon Sendong Victims.

A typhoon before Christmas; stories of survival and moving on.



Typhoon Washi made its landfall on the Northern part of Mindanao and brought 10 hours of torrential rains. This triggered disastrous flooding over Mindanao, a part of the country that rarely experiences typhoon. The result was catastrophic.



Early morning of December 17th, people realised that many did not survive. Men, women and children lost their lives.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council bulletin update dated 9 January 2012 total numbers of affected families 120,233 = 1,141,222 persons. Death toll is now at 1,257 (this is not including those who died of Leptospirosis)

Affected area ranges from 13 provinces namely Region VI, VII, IX, X, XI, CARAGA and ARMM.

On 19th December 2012, we have established communication with Ap. Leonilo Desoloc and Bh. Deneiga who have pastoral responsibility of the area.

On 20th NACSEA Relief Task Force Sendong convened and decided on how to help effectively the victims. With the support from NAK Karitativ we sent initial funding for first aid and relief to our brothers and sisters.



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An Apostle's Area

Cagayan de Oro is mainly Apostle Desoloc's pastoral area. He is the first one on the scene that made initial assessment for NACSEA Relief. His sms messages to our DA Hebeisen, made clear that first aid assistance was badly needed. Below is an excerpt from the Ap. Desoloc message:

"I already visited our members in San Juan, Maribohok, Tidman and Mangagoy which were affected by the typhoon. Many suffered damage, the boat of Priest Manginsay, broken roof of houses, and broken sewage plantation. I bought nipa shingles, for their roof. I bought most specially rice, canned food for their consumption. And they all very happy and extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you".



Top left photo: Packed relief goods for Maribojoc Congregations

Top right photo: Members of Mangagoy Congregation with their relief goods after a Divine Service.

Left photo: Pr. Manginsay of Maribojoc Congregation on his newly repaired boat.

Missing wife and daughter

In the pastoral area of Bh. Leonardo Deneiga, we received sad news. Our member Oliver Olampong's wife and daughter were visiting Sister Ermilita's parents in Iligan when the flood came. On the morning after the flood hit Iligan, Brother Oliver came to find the house of his in-laws completely washed away by the flood. He has searched for 3 days in the entire nearby evacuation centre to no recourse.



"I talked to Oliver Olampong...he was shocked when he saw the place of his in-laws. The house was gone." – Excerpt from Bh. Leonardo Deneiga's report



Above photo: The place where Brother Oliver's parents-in-law, wife and daughter went missing.

Above photo: this photo shows the bridge going to Iligan City. The red "x" marked where the bridge used to be. It was washed away by the flood, the same flood that washed away all the houses in the nearby area.

As of this writing, no word whether the mother and daughter were found. We shall continue to help Bro. Oliver Olampong to search for his relatives.

Bh. Deneiga also gave the New Apostolic members of Iligan relief goods. It somehow the aid comforted them especially since only a few days before Christmas. 6 other families were then given food package in Iligan.



Help from Tagum Congregation to Cagayan de Oro

Through the initiative of D.Ev. Freddie Nuyad, Tagum Congregation collected used clothes for the victims of Typhoon Sendong. D. Ev. Nuyad went to Cagayan de Oro to further assess the situation and to bring the relief goods we have send to him. Fortunately, our members in the Cagayan area are all alright. There were no reported casualties though houses were flooded. Livestock and crops were damaged such as bananas. D.Ev. Nuyad excerpts from his sms messages:

“Regarding my yestersday’s trip, I bought 3 sacks of rice, 1 carton of noodles and 1 carton of smoked fish. For the members whose banana crops were destroyed by the flood, I gave Ev. Opena Php 500.00 and Pr. Baylen Php 300.00 for first aid of their situation”

A faithful sister to the rescue

Sister Leneth Nalam, who is a NAC member voluntarily help her congregation even though she and her family where greatly affected by the typhoon, too. We have sent her assistance for the early assistance needed by her congregation. She bought and packed relief goods and nipa for San Juan, Hinatuan members. There were 5 New Apostolic families helped.



Left photo: house of Sr. Leneth without the roof days after the typhoon.

Below photo: Sr. Bernardita Cuevas received her 50pcs nipa for their roof.



Left photo: Sr. Leneth’s neighbour happily receiving their new roofs.

In cooperation with Congregation Eindhoven/Netherlands

Half way around the world from Eindhoven Netherlands to Iligan, we were able to help the family of Alona Maranga in Iligan who were affected by the typhoon. Their house were flooded and most of the appliances where damaged. This wouldn't be possible if not for the active cooperation of our brothers and sisters in Eindhoven Congregation.

Gift Box from our brethren in Uster/Switzerland

These items were collected by the Congregation in Uster Switzerland for Brethren in need in the Philippines. A box was donated to LBC Foundation who shipped the donations to Cagayan de Oro free of charge.



NACSEA Relief at your door*

1 January 2012. New Year's Day our Mabel Bagtas arrived in Surigao volunteering for NACSEA Relief Operation. After meeting with local NDRRMC, assessment the current situation of the area and house to house survey was made. As previously identified by Ap. Desoloc, areas greatly affected within and near the San Juan Congregation and Navalca where the first to survey. A total of 100 families where the happy recipients of the relief goods compose of rice, can goods, noodles, sardines and laundry soap.



Photo from local NDRRMC

Left photo. House to house visit of NACSEA Relief team.



Below photo. One of the many houses destroyed by the typhoon in the shanties of Brgy. San Juan.



Recipients from Brgy. Navalca happily take a picture our with Ap. Desoloc and Ms. Mabelle Bagtas.

4th January 2012, the NACSEA RELIEF team headed to Brgy. Zaragoza, an island near Surigao. There were 100 families waiting for the help

Below photo. the island of Brgy. Zaragoza view from the boat



Above photo. the boat bringing the relief goods and the team to the island.

Photo below. Berdin Family received materials to rebuild their house. Total of 4 families were the beneficiary of the materials such as plywood's and GI sheets.



Above photo. our brothers and sisters, young and old recipients of relief goods happily pose for the picture



We shall continue...

While we were in Surigao, we met a baby in Brgy. Zaragoza who have cataract. According to the mother, the baby had cataract since birth. Due to their life



Above photo. The child with cataract. The child is growing uncomfortably due to his condition.

situation they can barely support the basic needs, health of the child is not addressed.

We also met a grandmother living alone in her house after her husband died because of famine. Grandmother's leg is amputated because of diabetes. (Right photo)



Generally, Brgy. Zaragoza is barely coping even when the typhoon has not hit them. Tuberculosis is widespread in the island and even the local health centre and officials cannot do much. This are among the things we shall continue to work on and hoped to relieve them with.

Future plans:

1. Standby fund for the relief operation as the rehabilitation is still on-going.
2. Continued coordination with our brothers the local congregations.
3. Coordination with other NGO's for the rehabilitation of houses and schools.

Funding allocations:

Springboard Foundation	100,000.00
ALPS	100,000.00
Ap. Desoloc	50,000.00
Bh. Deneiga	20,000.00
D.Ev. Freddie Nuyad	20,000.00
Sr. Leneth Nalam	20,000.00
Sr. Alona and Family	10,000.00
NACSEA RELIEF	50,929.50
Total	370,929.50

Transportation and logistics
where donated by NAC

Philippines	
Travel expenses of Mabelle	
Bagtas to Surigao	8,319.00
Charges for money transfer	300.00
Bank Charges to DBP	100.00
	8,719.00

The above amounts were partial because relief operation and rehabilitation is still ongoing.

DA's Message

With little means much can be accomplished, provided passion to do good, and love for souls and the desire to serve the least of the Lord's are our driving power.

I am humbly proud and enormously thankful that we have a team who live up to the Filipino saying:

"KASAMBUHAY, HABAMBUHAY"

Companion in Life, for Life. Thank you to all our friends and volunteers from all walk of life and different religions to unite with us in our efforts to reach out beyond our pastoral mission of the church.

Thank you and let us carry on, joining hands together and "accomplish much with little"

God bless you
Urs Hebeisen
District Rector NACSEAsia

We give thanks to our active partners:

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