

## The Devastation of Typhoon Washi

December brought disaster as Typhoon Washi swept village after village in northern Mindanao, Philippines, into the sea. The storm caught many by surprise, awakening them with raging currents and mudslides, the likes of which they haven't seen since the 1970s. The floodwaters rose so quickly that over 338,000 people were affected and 1,200 people lost their lives. Some survived by floating adrift on the roof of their homes until a cargo ship could rescue them. Others were not so fortunate, drowning in a torrential downpour of mud. In the aftermath, the search continues for lost family members. As more and more bodies are discovered in what's left of the obliterated villages, the death toll continues to rise, and the number of new orphans rises with it.

It breaks my heart to think of these desperate children searching for loved ones in the wreckage. The devastation is so great. Officials report that the floodwaters rose 11 feet in less than an hour. The

rampaging water from 12 hours of heavy rainfall caused severe flooding that took with it homes, possessions and families, leaving 60,000 people homeless.

Where children once played is now covered with debris from smashed homes, garbage and mud. Now their need is greater than ever. They have lost what little they had, and their living conditions have become extremely unsafe and unhealthy.

Please help Risen Savior Missions to help

them. RSM shipped four containers of food to Manila (about one million meals) in the beginning of December and they have just been released from customs, but we need funds to ship them from Manila to Mindanao to address their emergency needs, and then ship new containers to Manila to replace those meals.

Our Filipino brothers and sisters need us desperately. Will you help? They are

making every effort to share the meals, clothing, and other supplies that we have sent. Help us send to them the crucial meals and medical supplies they need to recover from this terrible devastation. Help us raise the funds necessary to provide them with food and hope. Share this news with your family members, church and community groups, and businesses and tell everyone about the dire situation in northern Mindanao. For every \$5,000 dollars raised, RSM can deliver over \$100,000 worth of

deductable, and 100% of your donation goes toward helping the Typhoon Washi victims.

The damage of the typhoon is so great. Please do help us! ~ Bishop Broderick Pabillo

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