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## Murrell Missionary Report #44 - Update in the Philippines / November 2025

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Howdy from Cebu, Philippines,

I wanted to share a brief update on how we're doing and what has been happening here in the Philippines over the past several weeks.

First of all, my family is safe and doing well. We experienced strong winds and heavy rain during the storms, but thankfully there was no flooding in our area. Power was restored quickly, though we still have occasional issues with water. Gina and the children are doing well, and we're very thankful for God's protection. It has been encouraging to see the congregations here working together, helping one another, and reaching out to those in need during these difficult weeks.

### 1. Earthquake – September 30, 2025

In late September, a magnitude 6.9 earthquake struck the northern part of Cebu. While we felt the tremors here in Cebu City, the most severe damage occurred farther north, especially in and around Bogo City. Many buildings, including homes, churches, schools, and hospitals, were damaged or destroyed.

Our team at the Bible Study Center, along with several congregations we work closely with, gathered relief goods and went to assist the brethren in the affected areas. We were able to bring food, water, tarps, rechargeable lights, power banks, and other essentials to help those whose homes were damaged.



*The red dot indicates the epicenter of the earthquake which is 64 miles away from our location in Cebu City.*

## 2. Typhoon Tino – November 4, 2025

Just as we were recovering from the earthquake, Typhoon Tino struck the central Philippines, bringing widespread flooding and destruction. In Cebu City, Balamban, and many of the surrounding areas, floodwaters rose rapidly. Some areas saw water reach the height of first-floor roofs. Several families had to evacuate or seek safety on their rooftops.



*The Church Building in Balamban (top/left photo) and the house of Gina's relative (bottom/right photo) was almost submerge during the typhoon.*

Despite the severe flooding, we thank God that all of our members were accounted for and safe. Many, however, suffered significant property damage and loss. Power and water remain unstable in some areas, and cleanup efforts are ongoing.



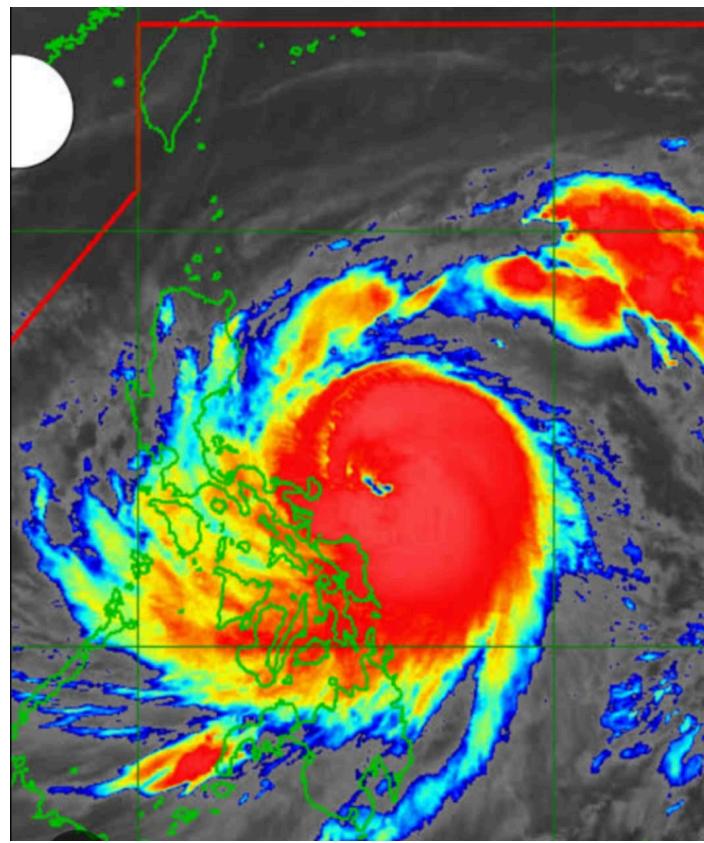
*My wife, Gina, cooked a meal for the people on the mountain where she usually had class with the kids.*

Our brethren across Cebu have been working together to provide food, clothing, and other essentials to those most affected. Some members are still without electricity and running water, so we've been delivering supplies, especially to our elderly members who have difficulty getting out.

### 3. Super Typhoon Uwan – November 9, 2025

Only days later, Typhoon Uwan passed through the country. Cebu was largely spared this time, but the storm hit northern Luzon hard, particularly in Isabela and surrounding provinces. We are in contact with our brethren there and are still gathering information about their situation and needs.

Even as we continue to assist those recovering from Typhoon Tino here in Cebu, we are coordinating with churches in the north to determine what kind of support we can offer once the situation becomes clearer.



## Moving Forward

Our current focus is on continuing relief efforts here in Cebu, bringing food, clean water, and assistance to those still struggling to recover. We are also keeping in touch with our brethren throughout the country to ensure that no one is forgotten during this difficult time.

Please keep the churches here in your prayers. If you would like more information or wish to help in some way, feel free to contact me directly. We're still assessing needs in many areas, but any support, whether through prayer or material help, is deeply appreciated.

Even in the midst of disaster, we continue to see the Lord's hand at work through the love and generosity of His people. Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership in the gospel.

In Him,

Jon and Gina Murrell

"For this is the love for God, that we might keep his commands, and his commands are not difficult." - I John 5:3

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