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to me

Hi everyone,

I hope this finds you well. We are still doing alright. It has been 17 days so far since the storm hit. We still have no power and cell service is spotty at best. On a positive note, the water company has returned water service so we have running water again. Last week, the owner of the building had a group of workers come and replace the missing roof with corrugated tin. Thanks to that, the Bible Study Center has a roof again, but there is still a few minor things to fix before it's completely repaired but at least its not raining inside the building anymore. As far as the inside is concerned, the day after the storm it looked like the inside of the BSC sustained a lot of water damage. We had standing water everywhere and water running down walls. However, we couldn't fix anything inside until the roof was fixed. Once we got the roof back on and assessed the inside, we have thankfully found that there is not as much damage as we originally thought. Over the last few days, we have been working to clean up the BSC as well as replacing/repairing things that have water damage. Gotta love the positives.



I know a lot of you have been wondering if there are needs that we have financially and while I truly appreciate that you all are willing to help out, the team is currently in a good place. We (the team) have had meetings over the past few days to figure out the needs of the BSC as well as the needs our brothers and sisters in the church have here in the city. We have also discussed what we have available to work with financially. While we were trying to figure out what the needs are, over the last few weeks, several

of our (the teams) individual supporters have already sent funds our way and we have pooled our resources to work on meeting the needs of the different families that have been affected by the typhoon. While there was some major damage throughout the city, the majority of our brothers and sisters have had minimal damage. The biggest issues we have had to deal with is the lack of food and water and so what we have been doing is finding ways to assist them meet these needs.



We have used some of the funds the team has collected to purchase rice, instant noodles, canned goods etc. and packaged them up to provide families with food to help augment what they currently have which has been good for them. We have also taken a bunch of these packs up to the mountains where we have been working with the kids and their families in the area who have sustained major damage to their homes.



Knowing this, if you would still like to help out, the funds we receive will be used to continue assisting the different families until such time as everything settles down. We are also looking to use some of the funds to help some of the families with their medical needs that they may have.

We thank you all so much for your prayers and willingness to help out while we go through this challenge and wish you all the best. If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to send me an email or if you would like to chat we can easily get a zoom or skype call set up. May the Lord continually bless you in all you do.

In Him,

Jon, Gina, Sean, Jasmin and Liam Murrell

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