

## Typhoon Haiyan Relief

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*"It was sad. Our first relief project was to ship this box of noodles, rice, sardines and his own copy of "Our Daily Bread". It was packed by one of our inmates who gave up some of his own food for his elderly parents whose home was wiped out and they were living in a tent with no food or water. Trying to help, it was all he could do. He cried as he watched the desperate survivors on TV."*

**...excerpt from communication from Will and Joanie, American missionaries who have a ministry inside the Manila prison**

*"...tidings of comfort and joy."*



Do you have a few minutes to read an update from The Martin and Gracia Burnham Foundation? What a blessing you have been to us this year! Thank you so much!

If I could do anything today, I would pack up and head for the Philippines to help with disaster relief. I see several friends on Facebook that are doing just that — and I have to say that I am a bit jealous.

I have seen typhoon devastation first hand. I remember the Christmas that my kids and I "snuck" back to the Philippines for a visit.

Just a few weeks before we arrived, a typhoon had hit the Philippines and caused lots of flash flooding and mudslides. So the Sunday morning after we got there, we went to town and bought food. Gobs of food. Canned goods, milk packets, coffee, sugar — and we put them in big round plastic tubs that people use for their laundry—and that afternoon we went to the area of devastation that was a few kilometers down the road and gave them out to the victims.

These were people who had almost nothing before the flood. Now they had even less. And in each house, we heard stories of loss. One man had lost his wife and two sons and had found her body two days later downriver. He never found his sons. As he walked away that day towards the little shack that he had rebuilt, I realized that he was going home to an empty house. There was no one there to even share his food.

My heart went out to those people. We stood and sang Christmas carols and—of course, they were surprised to see ME—and we told them that we loved them but more importantly, that God loved them and sent his Son, Jesus to be their Savior. As we drove back home that day, I couldn't get that man who had lost his wife off my mind and I began to pray for him, that God would somehow comfort his heart.

A whole lot of people need comforting in the Philippines right now! Since I can't go myself, I will just do the next best thing and send my donation. I hope you will do the same. There are many ways in which you can give but one that has come to my attention is through a missionary couple that our Foundation has partnered with to minister in the Manila prison. They have set up a typhoon relief fund through their mission agency. This will enable them to direct finances specifically and personally to the affected families of their inmates with whom they have already established relationships. This fund will be ongoing for one year. Please remember, even \$ 10 goes a long way in the Philippines.

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The use of the latest technology by Trans World Radio is impressive. Even the coffee maker was technologically sophisticated!



In an instant, you could have a fresh, personal cup of expertly roasted coffee from almost any country in the world...lots of choices. I'll confess, at first we needed the help of a TWR employee (we called her "the coffee angel") to help us figure out how to use this. But after that, it was easy. Because of tools TWR uses – like MP3 type players, mobile websites, phone apps, and SD cards— in addition to radio, the Gospel in much of the world is as easily accessible as the coffee coming out of this machine!

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## *It's Going to Take a Miracle!*



2014 is just around the corner. I am planning something **HUGE** this next year and wonder if you could help me?? For several years, Trans World Radio has been encouraging me to do a radio show that would be aired in the Philippines. Filipinos remember our hostage story and a radio program would allow me to communicate to them hope in the Lord despite adversity.

But there were always reasons I couldn't do that. ***I don't have the time. I don't have the talent, I don't know HOW to do that. I've never "done radio" before. I don't have the money for buying air time*** and all the other stuff that will go along with that kind of project.

Several months ago, it seemed like God just tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Gracia. It is time." So I called TWR and flew to their headquarters in Cary, North Carolina for a few days. To make a long story short, I am going to do a year of broadcasting into the Philippines. I will do it in English. (A high percentage of Filipinos speak English.) Then, we will have the program translated into the other 3 main languages in the Philippines: Tagalog, Ilocano, and Cebuano.

So that's the plan. But if this is going to happen, it will be because people are praying for ME—and for IT—and FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED. Because the same things are still true. ***I don't have the time, or the talent, or the money for this project.*** For this to happen, God is going to have to work. I will need to do 250 scripts/shows. So far, I have the rough draft of 10 done. God is a God of miracles and it is going to take one for this to happen! But I think it can—IF YOU WILL PRAY and I will work.

I have found a friend from my college days to produce the show. I have found another friend to write music for the "intro" and "outro". So we are off and running. Well, maybe not running. A slow crawl might be more like it. Thanks for your prayers!

*Gracia*

At one point in our captivity, Martin got up the nerve to ask Sabaya if he could borrow the radio. He let us! We were searching around looking for Voice of America or anything English speaking to get some news, when we came across a Christian Radio station out of Alaska. We tuned in just as a guy was reading verses about how Christ is seated at the right hand of God making intercession for us. He said, "If you could hear Christ in the next room praying for you, you would not be afraid of thousands of enemies." Then he went on to pray for those who were suffering hardships for the sake of the gospel...those living under oppression...those in war torn areas. Martin said, "that's us—He's praying for us!" That message on the radio was the first spiritual input from the outside that we had had in over a year. And it was so good!!!

Now I find myself unable to return to the land that Martin and I loved, sort of like we left an unfinished task. But MAYBE—just maybe—I can return on radio waves. There might be dear Filipinos who are walking down a very difficult path. One they would never have chosen if they had been given the chance. But they have access to radio. Maybe I can be the one who encourages them with words of truth that will turn their hearts and minds to the Lord.