

PHILIPPINES' NEWS FLASH

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Friends have inquired after news from Cubao Reformed Baptist Church and Christian Compassion Ministries here in Manila following the passage of tropical storm Ondoy or internationally known as Ketsana internationally.

Many parts of Manila have been inundated and have been under flood waters. This has been the worst flooding for 40 years. Hundreds of thousands have been affected including many of the members of our own church. Particularly affected have been recipients of CCM who live in squatter areas on the sides of a local creek. This creek overflowed and many homes completely went under water with people having to climb on to roofs to save themselves.

Official count at the moment is over 140 dead and folk still missing. However many reports have not been received from more remote areas. The official news is that two more storms are expected to hit the Philippines later this week.

Christian Compassion Ministries the main benevolent arm of Cubao Reformed Baptist Church is involved in helping some of our church members who lost everything when their homes were completely submerged. We are also helping all our recipients of the Educational Assistance Program in the communities affected by the floods. Food is being distributed and used clothing which we have available. Also money is slowly being given but initially all relief work in being given in kind.

Today relief goods have been distributed by the CCM staff at the Church to recipients in need. Members of the church particularly in need are Bambi Montejo, the CCM



Accountant whose whole home was inundated and they were not able to save anything due to the speed in which the flood came in. She is the older sister of Pastor Ismael. She is a single mother and her mother lives with her.

The same happened to Emie Abulag, one of our members who lives in a squatter area. She went up to a neighbours room above hers with some of her things. She



has eight children. However they had to climb onto the roof and all her things were swept away in the flood. She is probably our poorest member. Her husband is of little help to her and is often a real problem. She is the main provider for her family.

Newly married Virgo and Anlyn Ablao had to flee their small rented home which quickly filled

with water. Other members have had their ground floor half filled with water seriously damaging appliances like refrigerators. The water in Pastor Mon's home was up to the edge of the table that contained his computer.

The Children's Homes are fine. The Boys' Home is located in about the only road in their subdivision which did not experience flooding. We thank the Lord for that. The main Children's Homes for girls in Masinag was just one of two building where the flood did not reach in their subdivision, for which we thank the Lord.

Currently the CCM staff are distributing relief goods and we are collecting clothing for those in need. We value your prayers. If any wish to help financially please send to

Christian Compassion Ministries. Address checks to CCM.

Thank you for your loving concern and prayers.

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