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Hello Everyone,

Thank you for your prayers and concern as we have suffered two great calamities within the last month. We experienced a 7.2 earthquake, as well as the worst typhoon in history hitting this last week. Physically we are all okay, with no personal injuries or loss of life among our church family. Everyone is an emotional wreck as this has been terrifying and tragic to watch unfold. We were blessed in the fact that the typhoon actually made landfall both before and after us but went right over the top of us. There was major damage to several areas throughout our island but not terribly in our area. We were without power and water from Thursday until Sunday night, but everything is getting back to normal.

Our building suffered much more damage than I realized. I thought we had survived with only minor damage but as the engineer inspected this morning he dropped the bomb on us. He had already told us that we were going to have to replace our support posts and put in steel truss and framework for our roof but we still had some time. Unfortunately with this storm, we now have to do it immediately. We will have to raise \$20,500 to repair everything immediately. This was a big shock to me this morning. I thought we had escaped any major damage and that maybe the Lord would use us to help raise some help for others who were hit worse.

I just spoke with a mission pastor this morning; their building was completely destroyed in the mountains. \$2000 will rebuild this native church building. Too, another friend's church was flattened. They need \$1500 to rebuild. We want to help these mountain churches and many others that lost everything and have very little help from the outside. We need to buy medicines, foods, beddings, clothing items, batteries, and emergency lights to reach out to families that lost practically everything. Only God could supply such a need as this through the help of others. PLEASE PRAY that the Lord will touch the hearts of many people to get involved and help rebuild not only NBBC but so many ministries and families throughout this country.

If the Lord leads you to get involved in this rebuilding process, you may send your help to our mission board and mark it for the Murray – Relief Fund.

God bless you all,

Bro. Chris