

Crisis Relief Humanitarian Missions

With the rise of natural disasters around the world, Trinity rises to the fore by giving towards crisis relief efforts in our neighbouring countries – India, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines and Vietnam.

What happened?

The floods in India – the worst in 100 years – have caused 2.5 million to be homeless and hundreds dead. Imagine 50% of the people in Singapore losing their homes overnight – this is the

number affected in India; it blows our minds and breaks our hearts!

The earthquake in Indonesia killed more than 1,000, turning villages into mass graves. Only God knows how many are still missing.

The typhoons – Typhoon Ketsana went on a rampage causing mass devastation in Philippines and a trail of destruction in Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia. Taiwan was also not spared from Typhoon Morakot.



Vietnam: A child in Huong Hoa lays out his precious books and notebooks to dry.



Philippines: More than a week after Typhoon Ketsana hit Metro Manila, San Vicente, Angono and Rizal remain under water, with some areas reaching chest-level. Government officials say it might take another three months before there is dry ground again. Residents use makeshift boats made of corrugated iron, wood and rubber to navigate their flooded neighbourhoods in the aftermath of the country's worst flooding in four decades.



Philippines: Extreme rain brought on by Typhoon Ketsana submerged 80% of the Philippine capital and affected over 400,000 people in Manila and neighbouring provinces. More than two weeks after the typhoon, many areas remain submerged and inhabitable. Numerous people, especially children, were forced to take refuge in cramped evacuation centres, inevitably exposing them to health risks and unsanitary conditions.



What did we do?

Trinity partnered with trusted local pastors and churches and reputable missions agencies and organisations to send aid for the basic needs for the many that have been greatly traumatised by these events.

We also contributed to the funding of the crisis relief efforts for:

- Medical relief work where most of the patients were suffering from trauma, fractures, high blood pressure, diarrhoea and skin diseases
- Medicines and infant formula were sent to these crisis-hit areas
- Provision of food, blankets, cooking pots and stoves
- Building of temporary shelters and tents for many families and children and even the building of wooden houses
- Provision of temporary premises and lessons for the children.

In addition, **Trinity funded crisis relief efforts through our Filipino Ministry to sponsor care packages** to 13 affected families in the congregation.



A teenage boy guards the relief pack his family received while the rest of his house sits submerged under the waters. Each relief pack contains 25 kilos of rice, food and non-food items and six litres of water.



Two days after the typhoon, as much as 80% of Metro Manila remains submerged. Flood waters are still at least 15 feet high, trapping thousands of people in the cities of Cainta and Pasig. Besides distributing relief packs to affected households by boat, packs containing food and bottled water were also airdropped to the rooftops of residences.

Recipients from different churches and organisations have written in to thank Trinitarians for their generous giving. Here is a personal note from one of them.

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for your concern and care for the plight of our people. Rescue and relief operations are still going on right now as our church coordinates with relief efforts with other NGOs and government agencies. We have already distributed food, water, clothing, mats and blankets. We are also facing the challenge of diseases in refugee centres and makeshift shelters. We are organising medical teams and will be needing medicines.

There is still audible weeping among those affected and the families who lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods. The needs are already overwhelming, and continue to rise daily as the devastation from two more typhoons, flash floods and landslides cause increasing destruction.

Rey Calusay, general superintendent
Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God

Other forms of Humanitarian Missions

Countless lives around the world continue to be impacted because Trinitarians are praying, giving and going.



Giving gifts to our sponsored children

Trinity has been sponsoring 100 children and youths in Thailand through the Childcare Plus Programme (CCP).

Ten Trinitarians during a September Missions Impact Trip to Chiang Mai had the privilege of presenting the cards that Trinitarians wrote during the Missions Convention to their CCP coordinators. They also had the opportunity to pray for the children and bring some gifts from Trinity to the sponsored children in Chiang Mai.





Distributing food, building toilets and offering medical consultation

Twenty Trinitarians also went to Cambodia that month to distribute food and build public toilets. Team members packed a little mini bus with nearly 200 packs of food rations which were later distributed at the different villages. A team member also had an opportunity to share the word of God at the food distribution centre. The locals were literally blessed with both physical and spiritual food! The team also felt daunted by the task of having to set the foundations for five toilets they were to build. But God provided assistance through a boy from the village, who came by to help. **They even held a toilet dedication service and a baby dedication service that weekend!**



In another Missions Impact Trip to northern Thailand, 11 Trinitarians were involved in a food distribution programme, giving out about 1,000 bowls of noodles. They also gave out about 300 bags of clothes and toiletries during our home visitations. We also set up a medical booth in two communities, which about 160 locals came for.