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PHILIPPINES DISASTER RELIEF FUND ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

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This report is written as part of our commitment to communicate with Haiyan (Yolanda) relief fund donors and those processing fund donations about how the money is being put to work to directly benefit those for whom the gifts were intended to assist. We are extremely grateful on behalf of the Filipino typhoon victims for your abounding generosity. God has supplied over and above what we could even imagine possible. Our present situation reminds us of the story of giving associated with the building of the Tabernacle – *“But the people still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning. 4 Finally, all the skilled craftsmen came to Moses. 5 They said, “The people are bringing much more than we need for doing the work the LORD commanded us to do.” 6 Then the people stopped bringing gifts. 7 The material they had was more than enough to do the job.”* This is our message to the generous Church all over the world.

Our desire has been to act prudently by using the funds to meet the most urgent needs quickly and in the most effective way possible during the initial phase of the relief effort. Now that the immediate emergency is past and there is no apparent threat of people starving to death, we plan to use the remaining donated funds during the second stage to help reestablish the people’s means of housing and livelihood in a manner that does not promote dependency.¹²

Some have asked, “What percentage of funds donated to the Haiyan (Yolanda) Relief Fund are designated to directly impact those affected by the disaster?” The answer is 100%

This is possible because all NTM missionaries are required to raise their own financial support and live by faith in God's provision for their personal and ministry needs. Therefore, no part or portion of the relief fund has been used for wages or salaries for the missionaries involved in the relief effort.

¹ See point 2 – How we intend to spend the remaining relief funds.

² Note; This report is not intended to be used to solicit funds. Rather, we desire to communicate that at this point in time we have sufficient funds to meet the present needs.

NTM Philippines has a fully functioning, permanent administration staff and offices to take care of normal missionary activities. The NTM Manila office staff has handled administrative tasks performed during the relief effort. The cost of running the office is met by the combined fellowship of NTM missionaries on the field. Therefore, there have been no administration costs taken from the relief fund. All administration costs for the relief effort have been fully covered by NTM Philippines.

This report has two components:

1. How donations were used during the initial emergency phase
2. How we intend to spend the remaining relief funds.

1. HOW DONATIONS WERE USED DURING THE INITIAL PHASE

- **AVIATION EXPENSES** – During the initial phase of the relief effort, NTM’s focus has been to aid remote island communities unreachable by conventional means of transport. Our aircraft were a vital part of the relief effort. They carried food, cooking pots and pans, temporary shelters and building materials to people who had lost everything. Our aircraft also flew NTM, Red Cross, church workers and local government officials directly involved in the relief effort so that the relief effort could be coordinated and needs could be assessed and met.

Approximate aviation totals to December 19th. Some statistics not included in breakdown.

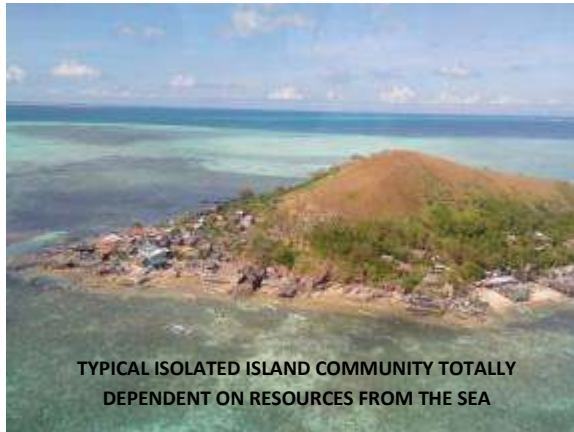
AIRCRAFT	FLYING HOURS	FLIGHT TOTALS	WEIGHT TOTALS	PERSONS
R44 – Helicopt	124.9 hours	268 flts	26,585 kgs	98 pax
185 – RPC660	72.1 hours	48 flts	7,548 kgs	44 pax
185 – RPC405	66 hours	40 flts	6,004 kgs	23 pax
Caravan	5 hrs	4 flts	1,820 kgs	
Jet Ranger	40.6 hours	106 flts	15,375 kgs	56 pax
Kodiak	43.4 hours	31 flts	9,019 kgs	25 pax
Totals	367.4 hours	595 flights	83,264 kgs	287persons

- Costs in the aviation include buying and positioning of fuel and aviation personnel, travel and budget accommodation for pilots (living away from home for a long period), maintenance of aircraft due to flight hours logged during the relief effort, and official processing of government aviation requirements.
- **OTHER EXPENSES** - Buying of relief goods of all descriptions for distribution e.g. rice, canned goods, hygiene items, shelter, and etc.
- Snacks and other expenses for Filipino church volunteers who helped pack relief goods ready for flights.
- Transport of relief goods via trucks, vans, boats and ferries.

2. HOW WE INTEND TO SPEND THE REMAINING RELIEF FUNDS

In the past week, NTM has transitioned from a focus on emergency relief to assisting in rebuilding communities and livelihoods. As the emergency has passed, we have transitioned from using aircraft

and have begun using more cost effective, local shipping options which are now functioning in a limited



TYPICAL ISOLATED ISLAND COMMUNITY TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON RESOURCES FROM THE SEA

manner. We expect that the rebuilding phase will take between 6 to 8 months and that by the end of that time the remote island communities that we are working with should be able to produce food for themselves. Over this period of time we will gradually reduce the amount of food we provide as the people's ability to feed themselves increases.

You might be interested to know something about the location and culture of the people that we have been working with.

We have focused our relief efforts on the remote islands of the central to western portion of the Philippines. The inhabitants of these islands are almost exclusively fishermen and seaweed farmers. Their boats and nets have, to varying degrees, been damaged or destroyed. The seaweed farms have been destroyed.

Seaweed farming is an intriguing and fascinating industry. They grow the seaweed on nylon ropes floating on the surface of the ocean, and anchored down to the bottom. The seaweed grows from seed. The rope is untwined at regular intervals just enough for a seaweed seed to be placed in the rope, ready to germinate. It takes 6 to 8 months before becoming mature enough to begin harvesting.



We intend to assist these island communities to reestablish themselves to the place where they can once again provide for themselves. This will mean providing rope and seaweed seeds for initial planting

of their seaweed fields, repair or replace destroyed boats, fishing nets, engines, provide materials for the repair of houses and public buildings etc etc. This restoration / rehabilitation project will involve both the expatriate and Filipino national New Tribes Mission organizations.

During this process of restoration, the provision of rice from NTM will gradually decrease as the people's ability to harvest seaweed and fish from the sea increases.

We have already seen abundant opportunities for the Word of God to enter into these areas as a result of the love of God that has been shown to them through the relief effort, and we are trusting that the Lord will multiply His blessings to these unreached people by them having the opportunity to clearly hear the Word of God in their own language. Please pray towards that end. It is all worthless from an eternal perspective if we fill men's stomachs and leave their souls starving.

Thank you for your investment in eternal souls through your support of the Philippines Typhoon Relief Fund.

Serving others because of Calvary,

Ross Ginn for the Philippines Field Leadership and Typhoon Emergency Relief Team

