



Dear Family and Friends

Jinky and I would like to thank you all for the concern about our safety during the flooding that hit the Philippines due to the typhoons. The eye of the typhoons rarely hit Palawan directly but we do experience high winds and much rain.

We are very thankful that Jinky's relatives were unaffected by the floods in Manila

During the first storm Jinky and I were traveling back from Port Barton about 150 Km north of Puerto Princesa City. The road through the Jungle was fine but on the sea road we had to contend with driving rain and the jeep was buffeted by the winds coming off the sea against the Mountains. We arrived home safely but the strong winds had flattened our ripening rice crop, all would be ok if the weather stayed dry. Unfortunately that was not the case when 10 days later another typhoon came in and we struggled to harvest the crop, thresh and dry. Even with the set backs we harvested 5 tons/ha which is good for Palawan. Other farmers were less fortunate, down the road the rice crops were totally submerged and sadly in the town of Tay-Tay in northern Palawan 5 health workers lost their lives when a clinic was hit by a land slide. All was relative light compare to the damage in Luzon

A few days later when Jinky and I drove back to Port Barton there was much debris of landslides, fallen trees and damage to the road.

It is a time of extremes with dry season coming and this will be harder this year due to the El Nino weather phenomenon. We have continued our training on rain water harvesting and how to construction ferro-cement water tanks and we are see some fruit already



**A New Tribes Missionary who attended our ferro-cement water tank training is now building tanks around his house. The locals are excited because they have no fresh water on the island and water is brought by boat from another island**

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**An archive picture of flooding in our rice field caused by a typhoon**

#### Prayer Concerns

#### Thanks

For the protection through the typhoons and please continue to pray for the victims that are still suffering.

The lord has opened a door so we can start a new project called farm to resort were we train the local farmers to grow the vegetables need by the local resorts. We are starting a pilot project in Port Barton

#### Needs

Please pray for us in the coming year for the continual growth of the ministry and that it will be a blessing to many people.

Please continue to pray for the new staff we will need to recruit as the ministry grows. The main need is for a community organizer and administration staff to free Jinky and I for other work.

Please pray for the finance we need to purchase the neighbouring land for our Upland Agricultural Area demonstration plot.

*Thank you for your prayer and support*

*Merry Christmas  
Simon and Jinky*