

Pegg's Extra

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Dear prayer partners,

A number of you have contacted us after the recent devastating flooding in Manila. Thank you for your concern, texts and phone calls. Praise God we are well and safe as we live approx 260 kilometers north of Manila.

Tropical storm Ondoy (the fifteenth big one this season) dropped the equivalent of all of Septembers expected rain in nine hours. The estimated losses of rice and other cash crops is over five million pounds and the Pasig river burst its banks sweeping away hundreds of shanty homes. An eighteen foot high wall of water roared down the surrounding streets in parts of Metro Manila sweeping all before it.

Although we do not know anyone personally who has been affected, we feel again the burden to pray for the Philippines. In the midst of tragedy there have been heart warming stories of bravery and generosity. A local Mayor launched his jet-ski and pulled a hundred people out of the water and took them to safety. A wealthy Chinese family fed over a thousand people sheltering them in the grounds of their home and found clothes for many of them.

Please pray for the on-going care of the displaced, comfort for the grieving and that there would be no large outbreak of water born disease.

To quote from today's Philippine Daily Inquirer, "The prospect of yet another tropical storm...hitting the Philippines next week... calling for prayers so the weather disturbance would spare the country. Tropical storm Pepeng (international name: Parma) has intensified into a typhoon and entered the country's area of responsibility yesterday afternoon.

As it this were not enough, another tropical storm is moving towards the Philippines."

Steve and Joy