



Bringing God's Mercy to the Nations

Watching...Waiting...Praying...Coordinating

Because the countries that we work in are still closed to visitors, we are currently running the ministry remotely from the States. This has been a time of watching, waiting, and praying. We have been asking God for wisdom on how to remain effective and how to accomplish all we are called to do. We are thankful that despite challenges here and abroad, we have been able to coordinate major food relief throughout the Philippines and in Bangladesh.



Philippines: Food Relief

There is a phrase that keeps being repeated to us by Pastors in the Philippines. It is "no work - no eat" members. They have been explaining to us that segments of their congregation are basically daily laborers. When the quarantines and lockdowns went into effect that meant they were not able to earn money for food. The government there has not been able to provide sustainable assistance. Thankfully it has created an atmosphere for churches to shine. We have been sending funds for food relief to pastors in urban areas where the people do not have the land or ability to grow or gather their own food. These pastors have been coordinating continuing food distributions providing thousands of meals and demonstrating the love of Christ in a very practical and desperately needed way. These expressions of God's love are bearing fruit for eternity. Thank you to the many who have given very generously despite the uncertainty we are all facing.



Bangladesh Relief: North and South

In northern Bangladesh there is the Home of Peace that normally houses and provides an education for approximately 500 orphan and at-risk children from around the country. Because of the rapid shut down of busses and transportation for the Covid pandemic, 250 of these children were not able to make it home before the lockdown and remain on site. In addition to the pandemic, the country has also experienced several cyclones and flooding that has destroyed houses and crops and caused food prices to double and triple. So during this time we are coordinating relief efforts to ensure that these children's basic needs are met for the duration of this crisis, as well as providing help for some in the south that have lost their homes in cyclones in addition to the pandemic.



Strengthening and Encouragement:

Along with our daily personal communications, we have continued conducting regular Zoom meetings with pastors in the Philippines. God also put it on Bob's heart to start doing a "Weekly Word" where he records a 10 minute, mini-sermon to strengthen and encourage believers. We are blessed by the worldwide response we have received through this.

We are thankful for the decades of relationships that we have with proven, faithful ministry partners in Asia. They enable projects and ministry to continue moving forward regardless of our physical location. Thank you and God bless you for your continued encouragement, love, and support as we navigate these uncharted waters!

God bless you,
Bob and Darlene