GREETINGS FROM TACLOBAN CITY PHILIPPINES; 81 DAYS AFTER THE SUPER TYphoon HAIYAN (YOLANDA)

SPIRITAN RELIEF OPERATIONS, SANTA FE, TACLOBAN CITY, PHILIPPINES.

GREETINGS AND SMILES FOR YOU FROM THE CHILDREN IN TACLOBAN CITY. AFTER SPENDING 9 DAYS IN TACLOBAN, I WISH TO TESTIFY THAT; GOD PROVIDES, NOT ONLY MATERIALY, BUT GRACE, HOPE AND COURAGE EVEN IN THE MOST DIFFICULT SITUATIONS OF OUR LIVES.
After 81 days of the super Typhoon, it is just like it happened yesterday. The suffering of our people is still at the extreme. Food and shelter still remain the most difficult challenge here. In this place, everybody needs help!
No words can describe how desperate our people are in here. A visit to Brgy. Anibong, Magallanes, San Jose, San Joaquin, Sagkahan, Baras, Candahug and Palo proper will show you a clear picture of how people are suffering and remember, this report is mainly about Tacloban city, there are other 7-9 provinces were thousands of people were also affected by the typhoon.

Current situation in Tacloban city.

People are returning and trying to rebuild their destroyed houses, still by the sea, and in the slum. You cannot blame them so much; they have no real place to go. The Church, the Government, the UN and all the NGO’s are working so hard, but it is just too difficult.
DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF GOODS BY THE SPIRITAN RELIEF TEAM, MAGALLANES, TACLOBAN

SOLAR LAMPS, FOOD, CLOTHES, TARPANLt, MOSQUITO NETS, ETC

NOBODY CAN SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS, BUT EVERYONE CAN DO 'SOMETHING'.

Fr. Illah, CSSp and Fr. Edwin, the parish priest, St. Anna Church, Santa Fe
SPIRITAN SOCIAL ACTION (JPIC): OUR INVOLVEMENT AND STRATEGY

- As Spiritans, we are “Defenders and Advocates of the Weak” (SRL 14). We are mandated by our vocation to respond to the poorest of the poor, victims of war and natural disasters.

- Although, the Spiritan relief Operations in this situation is only a minor response, depending on our resources, we are privileged to be involved in the experience of the people we serve.

Through the generosity of our Congregation, our partner Congregations, (missions etrangeres de paris (MEP), Duquesne University, associates and friends, we have decided to respond and focus on a small community of poor farmers who were made homeless by the typhoon.

- Working together with the Diocese of Palo, we are based at the Municipality of Santa Fe, about 15 minutes drive off the city of Tacloban proper. It comprises of 20 Barangays and 8 Sitios.

St. Anne Cath. Parish Santa Fe, Leyte. (our operation center point)
A SOLIDARITY VISIT TO THE ARCHBISHOP IN HIS RESIDENCE, PALO

Archbishop's Chapel

Visit to Archbishop of Palo in his dilapidated residence, Most Rev. John Du, standing second from left
The adopted community for the initial temporary housing project: SITIO TINGPUS, BARANGAY SAN JUAN, SANTA FE, LEYTE.
The Beginning of the construction of the temporary houses; first 40 families for a start.
Current stage of the temporary housing project, St. Fe
CONGREGATION of the HOLY SPIRIT SPIRITANS' FATHERS & BROTHERS THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE YOLANDA TYPHOON VICTIMS OF BARANGAY DOONG ISLAND, BANTAYAN, CEBU. = DAGHANG = SALAMAT !!!

SPIRITAN RELIEF OPERATION IN BANTAYAN ISLAND, CEBU, LED BY FR. MARTIN ILOZUE, CSSp.
Our responses are in three Categories; Category A is distribution of relief goods, mainly food. *(Any Amount will help)*

Category B is building of temporary shelter for the victims who have no land of their own (tenants). (13,500 pesos per house (about $300 USD)

Category C is building of Permanent shelter for victims with land of their own. (50,000 pesos about $1000 USD)

**DO SOMETHING TODAY! TO WORK WITH US, PLS CONTACT**

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**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US! You will always be part of our lives...**