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Dear Pastor and Friends,

The rainy season got into full swing in late July and August. We had several back to back typhoons blow by, although none of them hit us directly. Lots of rain but no wind until September 3. We were going to bring over 20 ladies to a ladies fellowship meeting but had to cancel going to the village because of the storm. The next day at the church, tree branches were broken and some knocked down part of our fence, but there was no other damage.

We managed to have services anyway. Attendance was down to 70, but that left more food for everybody because we had planned for about 160. Our average attendance the last two months has been around 150, plus we have 19 kids being tutored now and we've served as many as 200 meals after church. Most of the children come to church without having eaten anything on Sunday mornings and they are hungry.

We've also been helping with school uniforms and supplies for the kids being tutored. Some have never been to school before and Lhey, Fen and Shirley are helping them with their ABC's. Lhey has been helping a dozen or more women getting birth certificates for their children to enroll them in school, and death certificates for others so they can collect social security benefits. Lhey is also trying to help them with basic math and bank accounts so when they get government subsistence payments they can figure out how to budget their money. Many of them have people "helping" them, and leaving them with very little.

We had three funerals in July and August, one for a one year old child, and two for ladies, Rosa and Carmen, who have been with us since the beginning. Carmen had been an alcoholic, but she trusted Christ as her Savior. We've had 34 professions of faith since our last letter.

We are trying to raise ten thousand dollars for a kitchen and classroom building. We've received \$1200 so far. We will start as soon as the rains stop. Would you consider helping with this project?

We appreciate your prayers for our oldest son, Jonathan. He's been having heart and breathing problems. He was on a heart monitor for two weeks and when he turned it in it took the doctor two and a half weeks more to get the monitor to the lab. We are still waiting for the results.

Thanks for your prayers and support. To God be the glory.

*Lance Patterson*