

Samaritan's Purse rushing to help Philippines typhoon victims

Relief organization has staff on the ground distributing emergency relief supplies

CALGARY, AB – Dec. 24, 2021 — Samaritan's Purse has staff on the ground in the Philippines, distributing emergency supplies to thousands of victims of Super Typhoon Rai.

The Category 5 storm slammed into the east Asian island nation Dec. 16-17, killing almost 400 people and disrupting the lives of hundreds of thousands more. Landslides and flash floods that were responsible for much of the tragic loss of life also destroyed more than 50,000 homes. In addition, hundreds of towns lost power and locals anticipate it may take up to three months to restore service.

The Samaritan's Purse office in the Philippines began preparing a response even before the storm hit and quickly deployed 20 staff members who are working with church partners to meet the urgent needs of those suffering. We are providing emergency food and water, including a large-scale water treatment system. Our plan is to reach thousands of families through these efforts.

"From our previous Philippines disaster responses, we know the level of devastation hurricanes cause—and the misery they inflict on struggling families," said David Bock, Samaritan's Purse Canada's international disaster response manager. "It's spurring us on to quickly provide as much help as possible."

Since the Philippines was devastated by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, Samaritan's Purse Canada has been working continuously to improve lives and responses to typhoons. That work includes equipping partner churches to respond after disasters.

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