

Rudy's Report

September 2015

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world ... Matthew 24:14

On the Impact of the Translated Word

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

Their rice field was at ripening stage when a strong typhoon passed through their place in August. What should they do? This 72 year old Isnag man said, ***“I died praying (meaning ‘I prayed earnestly’) to God that my rice field will be spared.”*** Not a portion of his rice field was blown down by the strong wind. He praises the Lord for a good crop this year. It was a joy harvesting with him these full rice grains.



His wife shared with me the difficulties she had when she was weeding their rice field. She said, ***“I cried to the Lord and asked for strength, so I could finish weeding this big rice field. The Lord gave me strength, and I did finish this huge rice field by myself! I am so thankful to the Lord!”***

- ◆ **Praying to God is now as natural to them as telling their friend their problems.**



However, the rice story in Tubongan, our outreach village north of Dibagat, is not as good. Many of their rice fields were flattened by the typhoon. The wind was stronger in their area. Even if the rice stalks were still standing, there were no grains left. They were blown off. Several families gathered what was left, and they only have enough to last them a week. They did not despair. They said ***“We know the Lord will provide for us.”***



On September 9, we delivered 100 kilos of rice to Tubongan for our brothers and sisters there. The roads were not yet passable at that time, but the NTM aviation were very kind to extend their service toward the need.

The families with immediate needs received 22.5 kilos of rice each family, including non-church members.

- ◆ **They don't despair over their hardships in life. They depend on the Lord God!**

Praise the Lord

- ◆ For the impact that His translated Word is making in the daily lives of the Isnags. They have learned to pray in whatever situation they find themselves.
- ◆ For the good harvest in Dibagat this year.
- ◆ That the Tubongan believers do not despair over their almost nil harvest, but rather they are trusting the Lord to meet their needs.
- ◆ For the fast and easy transport service provided by NTM aviation.

Please pray

- ◆ That the Lord will impress into the hearts of the Dibagat believers to share their blessings with their brothers and sisters in Tubongan.
- ◆ That God that in His own way He will provide the Tubongan believers their daily food.
- ◆ That the rice crisis in Tubongan will bring glory to God, just as He is glorified through His blessing to His children in other places.

Joyfully serving the Lord Jesus among the Isnags in partnership with you,

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