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Dear Supporters and Friends,

**SECOND SEMESTER READY TO START IN SPITE OF HARDSHIPS.** In the middle of December, a Category 5 Super Typhoon, locally known as Odette, barreled through the Philippines leaving a wide path of destruction. The Visayas (the middle region of the Philippines where Haven of Grace Seminary is located) were hit especially hard. The Center for Disaster Philanthropy reports over 400 deaths with close to 1.5 million homes damaged or destroyed. Almost 8 million people were affected by the storm *[these statistics are taken from: <https://disasterphilanthropy.org/disaster/super-typhoon-odette-rai/>].*

The level of devastation is hard to put into words. In the aftermath of the typhoon, the people remained without electricity, access to running water, and encountered food shortages. I am grateful that our Mission Board, Pacific Rim Missions International, was able to quickly send relief funds to help support our students/pastors in the middle of this crisis. Thousands of dollars have been sent and relief goods like rice, clean water, and canned goods have been distributed to communities all throughout the island of Negros. Also, churches have received funds to help rebuild in the aftermath of the destruction.



