

November 8, 2013

Hey Everyone!

How are you all on the other side of the world?? I'm writing you from the Philippines. We are currently about halfway done with our outreach and it has been amazing!!!

## September

So September was our last month of lecture phase. We started off with a YWAM conference in Tijuana. It was amazing to meet with hundreds of YWAMers and hear about what God is doing in and through YWAM and YWAMers around the world. Much of our focus this month was also on raising our finances for outreach. It is always amazing to see how God is so faithful to provide.

## Outreach

At the beginning of October, we headed out from Mazatlan to the Philippines. It only took us 3 days, a bus, and 5 planes to arrive! This is the farthest I have ever been from home and my first time in Asia, and I am loving it!!! The Philippines is such a special mix of cultures and the people are the most hospitable people I have ever met! We spent the first 2.5 weeks in Cebu doing kid's ministry in different poor communities, giving out hot meals to the people there, praying for people at the hospital, ministering to men and women at the local prison, helping out at their farm, and working with different churches. The base here has been so welcoming and I feel so at home here. Then we spent a week on a little island called Siargao, working with Hope for the Island ministering to kids of all ages.

## Earthquake

Many of you may have heard of the 7.2 earthquake that hit the Philippines a couple of weeks ago. It hit on Bohol, the island just southeast of us, about 35 miles away from where we were. Everyone from my team and the base here is fine but this has really shaken the local people. There are still aftershocks and many people are afraid to sleep indoors. This has really opened the way for us to talk and minister to people.

## Typhoon

Currently the biggest typhoon to ever hit land is hitting the central part of the Philippines where we just were. Many people just lost their homes in the earthquake and are now homeless and in serious danger. I haven't heard anything from our friends there to know the extent of the damage yet.

## Prayer Requests

- \* for those being hit by the typhoon right now
- \* for the people whose homes have been damaged or destroyed and for those that are living in constant fear
- \* for more unity in our team and wisdom to know how to deal with each situation that comes up
- \* for energy and strength for me and health for the whole team - we've been battling a lot of sickness

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support! I've haven't had internet all the time, so I'm sorry if I've been less responsive.

Blessings,

Cassandra

[www.mcii.org](http://www.mcii.org)



*Earthquake damage in Cebu*



*Me with the staff of Hope for the Island*



*Me with the base directors of YWAM Cebu*



*Kids ministry in Cebu*