



## Protection from Above, by Edgar

You may have heard of the many typhoons that tear through the Philippines, leaving death and destruction in their paths. Palawan is fortunately situated where it is missed by most of the havoc-makers. Still, the recent Typhoon Odette destroyed gardens and wiped-out banana plantations, both a source of income and food for the people here. Fallen trees littered the roads, making traveling impossible. Power lines were downed, and we had no electricity or phone signal for nearly six days.

At the church, the outside bathroom was almost hit by a large tree but was spared and all the other buildings at the church were intact. We praise the Lord for His watchful protection over all of us and that the destruction was not worse in our village, church, or at the AWA base. God is very, very good!

## Most Wonderful Job, by Edgar

Out of all the jobs that I've done in my life, the most wonderful job is the job of giving! When you see people's smiles it makes it all worthwhile and we are blessed.

On the night after typhoon Odette hit, we had the privilege of distributing a complete spaghetti set to cook for families. This simple gift was a great blessing to the families after the destruction of the typhoon. Prices rose sharply after the storm, and many can't afford the food they need, especially the people in our village. God always supplies every need of His people, just when they need it. He only asks that we trust in Him, and He will protect and provide.





## Dare to Share the Truth, by Betchie

On December 24th, after our evening worship we conducted home visitations in our village. One home had a 16-year-old who revealed that he wanted a gift from santa for Christmas. My heart melted. My fiancée then hugged the 16-year-old and explained that we take our needs to the Lord in prayer, not santa. The teenager said he didn't know how to pray so the family asked us to return so they can learn. We visited their family again and shared some groceries. I can see in their eyes their happiness and delight. They asked us to visit them again and hopefully, to share more truths.



On December 25th, my friends and I drove from the city of Puerto Princesa to the village of Sagpangan. We brought rice, bread, fruits, and groceries. The apples and mandarin oranges were a treat since they are available only around Christmas. Children and senior citizens were overjoyed that Sabbath, many trying to lug off 5kg of rice and 5kg of groceries. Thankfully, the mission truck was there ever to provide help when needed.

We praise God for the opportunity to give. In giving, we receive a double portion of blessings. To God be the glory!

## In Giving We Receive, by Christine



## Prayer Request and Project Need

Willing hearts to serve as missionaries with AWA in the beautiful island of Palawan ministering to the beautiful people of the Philippines.

*God bless you!*

*Your AWA Philippines - Palawan Mission Families*

Holiday season was fast approaching and so, I asked a few friends if they would like to share their blessings to the less fortunate in the form of sponsoring grocery packs for the children in Sagpangan.

December 25 was the scheduled date of giving. Typhoon Odette struck the country a week before and our island was the exit point. Many homes, property and crops were destroyed. For five days, we had no water supply, electricity, and communication signal. We were shut out of the world. Thus, our gift giving program turned out to be a sort of relief operation for many families lost their means of income brought about by the typhoon.

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