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Philippines Typhoon Relief: We're pleased to report that our recent collection for assistance to the brethren in the Philippines following the devastating super typhoon raised a total of \$6700, including some generous donations from individuals and congregations, as well as from our brethren in Vanuatu. The funds have now been sent to the Philippines, and Mission Director Eugene Guzon has replied with this note: "Thanks very much for this love offering! We really appreciate it very much and yes, this will go a long way in helping people get their homes repaired and help them either get their business going, or helping the displaced people get some retooling, find some new employment. We are also launching a feeding program for about 300 kids every other day for a month. When other relief agencies are gone, we still keep going, by God's grace and through your help! We are overwhelmed at the response of prayers and financial help that is much needed and appreciated. Again, THANK YOU TO THE GCI NEW ZEALAND FAMILY! Please relay our thoughts and gratitude to all of them. God bless!"

Invercargill: Last weekend I visited the church in Invercargill. A lively interactive service was held at the home of Gordon and Sue Wood, followed by a potluck dinner. Les and Kaye Evans kindly put me up at their home overnight, and we were able to visit Michael and Ana Wright in Southland Hospital. Mike is surprising the nursing staff with the speed of his recovery after the stroke he suffered last Wednesday night, improving daily but still feeling exhausted and not yet having full use of his left arm. He was expected to go to Dunedin Hospital this week for more specialised rehabilitation treatment.

"Inside Life": I received this nice letter this week: "Thank you so much for your letter and back copies of 'Inside Life'. Also thank you for adding me to your mailing list. Your magazine is awesome to say the least!" --JF, Mt Albert, Auckland

The next issue of "Inside Life", featuring a cover article on "Does God have Favourites—Will Everyone have a Chance?", is now in the final stages of editing and will be printed in January.

Best wishes to all for a relaxing and refreshing Christmas/summer holiday season!

Regards, Rex