



Philippines Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda)

- 6 months on

Post trauma counselling and pastoral care workshops, an MVA and Liberty World Missions relief operation.

Report tabled by Richard and Dianne Kerridge who delivered trauma workshops in Leyte and Behol Island in response to the devastation caused by typhoon Yolanda, one of the strongest tropical cyclones ever recorded on November 8, 2013, killing at least 6,268 people.

"Upon arriving into Leyte and Samar the destructive power of Yolanda was increasingly obvious. By the time we reached Balangiga (Samar) every building was either gone, destroyed or damaged in some way. Palm trees were snapped like toothpicks and people were still traumatised by the typhoon.

Our plan to come and hold a seminar on trauma counselling and responding to crises proved to be very timely and greatly appreciated by the pastors and leaders who attended. We were also very thankful that we brought some finances for those who were most severely impacted.

In spite of the hard beds (a very small sacrifice) we were greatly blessed by the kindness and hospitality of the people and are very thankful that we had the opportunity to do something to help them recover.



We also visited Behol Island, which had been impacted by an earthquake (many died) only weeks before Yolanda impacted. Many homes suffered severe damage and because of the damage and the many aftershocks there was a considerable amount of trauma amongst the people.

It is hard to imagine the terror and trauma that so many people have suffered and continue to suffer as a result of the typhoon and the earthquake. Even the mention of low-pressure system or the slightest earth-tremor can cause people to suffer a great deal of stress.

Once again there was a very good response from the delegates and strong confirmation that what we had come to share was appropriate, relevant and helpful.

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There is still a great deal to be done to help the communities we visited recover and there have been requests for us to return and help train people in other parts of the Philippines."

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