Sister Brigid who is actually in India for the Provincial Chapter sent the following message:

“Let us unite in prayer for the people in Philippines, especially our sisters as they begin relief work. Their suffering is profound and touches our hearts with sadness.”

Here are some news that we received from our sisters in the Philippines.

More than a week after super typhoon Yolanda battered eastern Philippines, thousands continue to suffer the loss of loved ones and properties including their homes. Typhoon Yolanda is the 25th typhoon in the Philippines this 2013.

In an earlier report, families of several sisters and staff were not able to be contacted. Four days after the super typhoon, the family of Sr. Regina Pil was given good news that her two sisters, Soledad and Teresita, already in their 90s were safe in their family home in Tacloban City.

In Cebu City, the apostolic sisters welcomed into the convent, 17 families from the neighborhood whose houses were made of light materials while the contemplative sisters allowed the use of their basement for the families of their “Altar Bread” staff. They returned to their homes when the typhoon left Cebu City, which did not suffer much this time.

On October 15, many buildings, including our Good Shepherd Training Center, Maria Droste Training Center in Cebu City, were damaged by the earthquake. Though prepared with food in their homes for signal # 4 typhoon Yolanda, (Haiyan) the people were caught off-guard by the storm surge, so powerful that it claimed lives, destroyed buildings, bridges, houses and churches, raging waters swept away cars and strong winds felled trees that blocked roads in affected areas. Roads and highways were impassable and delivery of food and supplies were slow.

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Sisters, girls at Euphrasian residence and Heart of Mary Villa joined the Adoration, and prayer for the victims of the recent calamity on November 16.
Sr. M. Cecilia Torres, province leader, received emails from Good Shepherd Sisters worldwide offering prayers and assuring the province of help for the victims.

During the November 12 meeting of delegates to the 2014 Province Chapter, participants called for a meeting of Good Shepherd Sisters to share information on how best to address the issue and how to be effective in relief and rehabilitation of victims.

Before typhoon Yolanda struck, Sister Felicidad Maningo was in Bohol to attend to the needs of those affected by the October 15 earthquake.

She and a group of Good Shepherd Sisters will plan to help the victims, especially in stress-debriefing sessions.

These are the bank account details for those with an interest in donating to this worthy cause:

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**Swift Code:** BOPIPHMM

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**Account Number:** 3084-000-484