



INFANT JESUS ACADEMY  
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Dear Parents,

Greetings!

We thank you all for your generosity in sharing whatever you could for the victims of Typhoon Yolanda. The donations of goods have reached almost 3 small truckloads of water, food, clothing and personal hygiene supplies. We have also received some cash donations which we intend to use as financial assistance to those who have been affected severely.

The media had covered the destruction in Leyte and Samar and we are all moved by the human suffering brought about by this calamity. Aid is pouring into these areas and rightly so. However, there are many other areas such as towns in Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, Coron in Palawan which have also been devastated but do not receive as much media attention. Of the 58 school personnel of IJA-Kalibo, only 5 were spared, 53 have homes that were either completely or partially destroyed. Our school buildings have also sustained considerable damage since the roof that covers the computer laboratory was blown away and the rain damaged all the computers used by the students. Glass windows of our classrooms and other areas were blown away, even our 3-inch diameter flag pole was cut at the base by the sheer force of the wind.

The poor have suffered most. IJA-Kalibo's outreach community, Libtong was 90% damaged. The mayor of a poor municipality, Madalag in Aklan, has personally made an appeal for help since almost 85% of homes, public schools and other infrastructures as well as the people's meager crops in their town have been destroyed. We have decided to send majority of these goods to this municipality. A parent in IJA-Kalibo has volunteered to transport these goods from Manila to the province for free. Truly, the generosity of spirit of our countrymen bring hope that our people will rise above all the suffering and start to rebuild.

The Operation Bulig –Tindog Pilipinas relief effort was also dubbed IJA-IGive and was spearheaded by the Student Coordinating Body together with the IJA Volunteers for the Overall Integration of a Christian Education or IJA VOICE. Our community service efforts in the school under the banner of the IJA VOICE is one way of educating our children that faith alone does not make us Christians but it is the integration of our faith and action in serving others, especially those who need our service the most, that make us real followers of Christ. We ask that this lesson be reinforced by teachers in the classrooms as well as the parents in their homes.

Once again, thank you very much and may the Infant Jesus bless us all and inspire hope among our suffering people. God bless us all!

Sincerely,



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Chancellor