

HAITI REPORT

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Filipino Missionaries in Haiti report the loss of ALL POSSESSIONS as Hurricane Jeanne slammed into that Island nation. Rev. Leny Funtecha, our missionary who is presently here in the Philippines, received a phone call from Juanito Genada in Gonavies, Haiti, one of the hardest hit cities, at 4 am Sunday morning, 4pm Sunday afternoon Philippine time.

Juanito and his family were on the roof of their church about 20 feet off the ground. Both church and house, along with the rest of the city were under 9 feet of water the results of a hurricane Jeanne. At the time his wife was about a week from delivering a baby. Juanito told Rick Martin, pastor of his sending church in Iloilo City, Philippines, he thought they would not make it out alive.

I do not know how long they spent on the roof of the church or how they were rescued but they finally were taken to a hotel that was on higher ground. They only had the clothes on their back and a small bag of things. Not long after they arrived at the hotel Juanito's wife was taken to the hospital where she delivered a baby girl. Mother and baby are fine.

I have not had any other word since. I did see on Fox news this Saturday morning that over 1,000 people have died so far with many more bodies expected to be found. It is reported that over 2,000 are still missing!

You can imagine the hardship this will cause. May I ask you to pray definitely to pray for our missionary family there as well as the people involved in this terrible hardship. We will be taking an offering for the work there in Haiti this morning! I am sure that the BBFI Missions Office can get the funds to these needy people if we will just send it.

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