

Samaritan's Purse Working in Philipines

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Samaritan's Purse is responding to the Philipines where Super Typhoon Haiyan slammed the islands there, raking it with the most massive wind field ever recorded. Winds from the storm approached 200 miles per hour as it slammed the islands, causing massive destruction and massive loss of life, with estimates of 10,000 deaths—1000 in one town alone. Samaritan's Purse says a team of disaster relief specialists, including water and nutrition experts, is on the ground. Their website says they are working with local Christians to deliver relief to those most in need and are also calling for donations to help in the Boone-based effort.

"We've seen the kind of devastation storms like this can bring to lives," Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham said. "We will do everything we can to provide for their needs. We'll be there not only to provide survivors with physical aid, but also to share God's love and bring hope to their communities."

Haiyan was classified as a Category 5 typhoon, and is one of the most powerful storms ever to hit land. For a time, storm clouds covered the entire Philippines, stretching 1,120 miles—the distance between Florida and Canada—and tropical storm-force winds covered an area the size of Germany.