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Today is a very good day! God has blessed us with such caring and compassionate fellowmen/women who offered prayers, love and financial help for the people who lost their homes and belongings and in some cases family members during the typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda.

When I met Ms. Le at the IMF campaign for the typhoon victims, I did not have any inkling that the organization I and my husband belong to, FEED THE HUNGRY, INC would be the beneficiary of their community's generosity. She called me a few weeks after to inform me that she is recommending Feed the Hungry Inc to the Tu Bi Foundation under the auspices of the Viet Nam Buddhist Center she belongs to, to receive some funds they have raised for the typhoon victims!! And gave me the good news after, that Feed the Hungry was approved to be the recipient of a grant from the Foundation!!



And today, I was invited to join them at the Philippine Embassy , to accept checks totaling \$19,120: from the Vietnam Buddhist Center (\$13,020.00); Vien Thong Pagoda (\$3,000.00); Hue Nguyen Insurance Agency Inc (\$2,000.00); Can Nguyen/Tuyen Le (\$1,000.00); Huyen Le (\$100.00). The checks were presented to Ambassador Cuisia, who in turn presented the checks to me, as representative of Feed the Hungry, Inc. Also present were some of the students led by Ms. Hoan Q. Nguyen,



who made the 1,000 crane origami representing Hope, Health and Happiness which the students made during their lunch hours and would like the children of the devastated area have, to give them hope during this difficult time that things will get better and that people care; teachers who taught them how to make the origami; members of their community and a Buddhist monk to present to the Ambassador a framed letter with the cranes.

Feed the Hungry Inc. will use the funds to build a 2-classroom building designed to be resistant to typhoons and earthquake and can be converted into an evacuation center when the need arises. Feed the Hungry, Inc will keep the donors updated on the project. We are leaving for the Philippines on January 28 to join other volunteers to visit different areas devastated by the typhoon to search for sites for the classrooms, look for ways to help the victims to be able to help themselves through livelihood projects, help their children go back to school and try to lead normal lives after their losses.

On behalf of the victims of the typhoons and Feed the Hungry Inc, we are very grateful for the compassion and love you have shown to the Filipino people in time of need.

We can't thank you enough and may blessings follow you always.



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