

RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

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Philippine Bishop Reports On Volcanic Destruction

The eruptions of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines have left crops and houses buried under thick layers of volcanic ash.

In a report from United Methodist Bishop Emerito Nacpil of Manila-received June 20 at United Methodist Board of Global Ministries' offices in New York-he said that many church people have lost homes, farmlands and animals and agricultural businesses.

"We need to bring immediate relief to the victims of the disaster in terms of ready-to-eat food, ready-to-use clothes and medicines," he wrote.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief already has dispatched a \$20,000 grant and is raising funds through Emergency Advance No. 240225-1. Donations should be earmarked for the Mount Pinatubo Emergency.

Once immediate needs are met, the church faces the long-term task of rebuilding homes, farms, and church buildings and facilities.

About 80 United Methodist churches have been reported destroyed by the volcanic eruptions, which began June 12. Although at least 140 have died, none has been reported to the bishop as United Methodist.

Districts particularly hard hit, according to Nacpil, were Zambales, Pampanga West and South Tarlac. The Western Luzon mission district, where the church worked with the Aetas tribe, "has practically disappeared," he wrote.

Reports from the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, which includes the historic Evangelical United Brethren Church, indicated 28 local churches severely damaged and at least 17,000 members evacuated from homes.

A number of churches, particularly in the Manila area, have been turned into emergency shelters. Examples include Apalit United Methodist Church, with 40 families; Johannah church, 300 evacuees; and Central church, San Fernando, 20 persons.

In total, about 3,000 United Methodist families were evacuated from their homes, Nacpil said.

The total cost for cleanup in the Philippines is estimated at hundreds or millions of dollars. In addition, the volcano wreaked havoc on the economy by destroying fish and prawn farms and dumping mud and sand on rice, sugar cane and corn fields.

Divorce Group Stresses Concerns Of Fathers

A unique program addressing issues faced by divorced and divorcing fathers is now available for men throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

"Divorced Fathers' Group" is the title of a four-week program which will identify the social and psychological problems specific to divorced and divorcing fathers and their children. The program will be offered Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Pacific University Psychological Service Center, 511 SW 10th Ave., in downtown Portland.

Sponsored by the Pacific University Psychological Service Center, a division of the University's School for Professional Psychology, the program will be instructed by Joseph Gretsche, M.S., an experienced family therapist and psychological intern with the Psychological Service Center.

Fee for the program will be \$150. Enrollment is limited to between six and 12 participants. For pre-registration and more information, please call the Pacific University Psychological Service Center at 220-0390.

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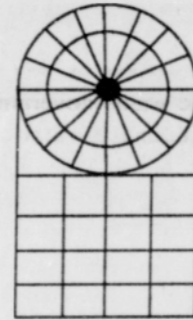
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