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TYPHOON MORAKOT DEVASTATES TAIWAN—MASSIVE RELIEF EFFORT

At the date of our last newsletter, typhoon Morakot was bearing down on Taiwan. By August 11 the storm had crossed the Taiwan Strait and dissipated over China. **The damage in Taiwan was widespread and deadly.** Typhoons are equivalent to hurricanes. A typhoon is a cyclone that forms in the Northwest Pacific Ocean and a hurricane is a cyclone that forms in either the Northeast Pacific or Atlantic Oceans.

In Taipei, the storm seemed to have little effect. But southern Taiwan was devastated. **Some places received more than 2.5 meters (100 inches) of rain in about 24 hours.** Entire villages were covered by mudslides with the residents buried under several meters of mud and debris. This was the deadliest storm in recorded history in Taiwan. Rail and auto bridges were washed out and several buildings along rivers collapsed.

I'll leave it to the news people to give you more details:

<http://www.taipeitimes.com>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Typhoon_Morakot

For photos, I suggest this photo essay from the Boston Globe:

http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2009/08/typhoon_morakot.html

Prior to the storm, we had planned a family vacation for mid-August to the southeast coast of Taiwan. Most of the damage was in southwest Taiwan, but the area where we were headed sustained heavy damage as well. You may have seen the video of the hotel that fell into the river in the town of Zhiben. This was the area where we were headed.

We went ahead with our trip and were able to deliver a special offering from the Ankeng church and purchase various relief supplies on behalf of generous Christians. Some of your financial gifts have been directed toward some of the relief effort, too. On the back page, I've included some pictures.

Pictures of our Family, Friends, Ministry and Taiwan:

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LEFT:
Delivering supplies to a relief center in a local church.



RIGHT:
Back side of the hotel you saw on the news with the washed out road in the foreground.



LEFT:
Bethanie surrounded by backpacks filled with school supplies. Donated by the An-keng church.



RIGHT:
We were able to get a nice family picture

A Note from Team Expansion's President

Have you ever heard of the term, "force multiplier?" It refers to "a factor that dramatically increases (hence multiplies) the effectiveness of an item or group" (Wikipedia.com). After defining the term thusly, Wikipedia goes on to give several examples, including morale, technology, training and experience. I'll have to admit -- when I read that definition and saw those examples, I instantly thought of Team Expansion's workers worldwide, including your own favorite. You see, in every case, they search for these "levers" that allow them to accomplish more together than they otherwise would be capable of doing. They encourage each other in morale, help each other with technology, recruit in a variety of ways, constantly seek more training, and they're all growing in their experience. Some have been serving now for 25+ years. It's no wonder you regularly help your favorite Team Expansion missionary -- you're getting more than you bargained for! And of course, we covet your prayers on behalf of these hard-working missionaries, in hopes that the ultimate force multiplier could reign down His grace, mercy, power and wisdom, on all Team Expansion workers throughout the globe -- 320+ workers in nearly 50 countries. Thank you for your support and for your partnership.

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Want to try coffee with an innovative flavor? Taipei City will host the 2nd Taipei Coffee Festival, with the winner of the best coffee shop to be announced on Oct. 31. Internet and cell-phone users have nominated 50 coffee shops for the festival. A panel of 50 judges, made up of professional coffee connoisseurs, will select the top 30 contenders on Sept. 10. On Oct. 31, the public will be invited to a creative coffee competition at the Taipei City Hall square, where the judges will name the top three winners. Last year's winner mixed coffee with roselle. The first runner-up won the title with coffee mixed with Muzha's tieguanyin, a Chinese tea. The second runner-up won the judge's favor with coffee mixed with monascus purpureus.

(From: Taipei Times – August 29, 2009)