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{xtypo_quote} The second incident which Jesus addressed was a natural disaster, a tower in Jerusalem which unexpectedly collapsed, killing 18 people. The Jews often associated such calamities and disasters as a consequence of sin. Scripture does warn that sin can result in calamity! Though the righteous fall seven times, and rise again; the wicked are overthrown by calamity (Proverbs 24:16). --Don Schwager {/xtypo_quote}

As found in this website' section, The Daily B.R.E.A.D., as edited by Bobot Apit, evangelist Don Schwager talks about calamities causing the overthrow of the wicked. To read Reverend Schwager's spiritual writing in its entirety, please click on this link, [Oct 24, 2009 - Saturday Meditation \(REPENT! - Unrepented Sin Destroys Heart, Mind, Soul and Body!\)](#)

As reported by Philippine Peasant Support Network (Pesante-USA), a United States-based environmental-and-peasant advocacy group, “President Arroyo coddles the National Power Corporation's (NAPOCOR's) criminal neglect. And now the Arroyo administration plays dumb and blind to the Department of Social Welfare and Development's (DSWD)'s incompetence.”

Here is the complete press release issued by the Pesante-USA:

[The US-backed Arroyo Administration's Gross Criminal Neglect Is Part of the GMA Legacy](#)

The Overseas Filipinos have long been cynical about the honesty and competence of the Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (GMA) Administration. There were reports about disaster relief supplies being channeled to the Black Market by corrupt Philippine-government functionaries after disaster hit the Philippines in the past. But the current situation in the Philippines – after the two recent storms in the Philippines that happened just five weeks ago and the continuing chaos over relief distribution – must prompt law-enforcement officers (LEOs) in the Philippines to arrest the crooks and remove the incompetent that are bungling again the distribution of relief supplies.

The Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development’s (DSWD) belongs to the Cabinet of President GMA. The Defense Secretary who heads also the Philippine National Calamity Coordinating Council is also the alter ego of the President. The LEOs must act swiftly and if the President and her Cabinet members hinder their efforts of arresting the crooks who divert relief supplies to the Black Market and/or to politicians, then they too should be arrested.

Here is more documentation of how the DSWD is bungling the distribution of relief supplies, which lead to the belief by many Overseas Filipinos that they are being channeled to the Black Market and/or favored politicians who belong to the Administration’s political party:

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According to Blog Ni Ella, these goods have not been distributed to the typhoon survivors. WHY?

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Ella wrote on her (now blocked) blog:

Aanhin pa ang damo kung patay na ang kabayo? (A special report from a volunteer)

Oct 21st, 2009 by ella

Dear friends,

I'm asking your help to spread the word. Tulungan po ninyo akong ikalat ito. Beyond this, we should also demand action. I disabled a plugin so you can copy the photos of relief goods rotting in DSWD warehouses. You can link this post to your blogs, facebook, websites etc. You can also email the photos.

(The) *Philippine News* (US based Philippine newspaper) will use this as its front page story this week. Every Filipino has the right to know where the tons of donations from the UN and other countries go. *Kahit po nakakahiya sa mga nag-donate. Kung sa ganitong paraan, matutulungan natin ang mga nasalanta*, then by all means, let's do it.

For those who have the time, please try to volunteer sa DSWD warehouses. Getting in was not easy. A friend had to put in a word for us. Let's see *kung madali nang makapasok sa DSWD warehouse ang mga* volunteers.

Please read on and good luck to us.

Ella

(This post was last edited Oct 22, 12:30 pm)

Kahapon, tinanong ng Philippine News si DSWD Secretary Esperanza Cabral:

Editor of *Philippine News*: Why are the relief goods in DSWD warehouses not moving?

DSWD Secretary Esperanza Cabral: *Wala kasing* volunteers.

This short interview was done over the phone. *Philippine News* wanted to hear her side *pero ayaw niyang makipag-usap sa* press. After four tries, *pinasabi na lang niya ang maikling sagot na ito sa* secretary *niya* - "*Walang* volunteers".

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I don't want to accuse her of corruption but at the very least she is showing signs of being totally incompetent. We are in a state of calamity where every second counts. *May namamatay araw-araw dahil sa sakit.*

In my opinion, these deaths could have been prevented if Secretary Cabral had tried a little harder to do her job.

Deaths from Philippine storms nears 1,000

“Tropical Storm Ketsana left 420 dead and 37 missing when it flooded 80 percent of Manila on September 26, a disaster the government said affected 4.35 million people.

Some areas are still flooded three weeks later and 189,000 people remain in evacuation centres,

Typhoon Parma hit the northern Philippines on October 3 and lingered as a tropical storm for a week, triggering landslides that killed 438 people and leaving 51 missing mostly in mountain communities.

The government agency said Parma affected 4.16 million people, including more than 32,000 who remain at evacuation centres.”

During the first week after the storm, *lumabas ang “bayanihan spirit” ng mga Pinoy. “Makatulong lang kahi’t konti,” katwiran nila.*

Kung walang volunteers, ano ‘to, komiks?

From Stella Arnaldo's blog:

“At the offices of many civic groups and private organizations, hundreds of people showed up to volunteer in packing relief goods.

At the Tulong Bayan center at the Expo Centro in Cubao, Most of the volunteers were adolescents as young as 10 years old, along with their *kuya* or *ate* in high school and college.

They came in huge numbers, many of them *barkadas*, classmates or siblings, dressed just in their tees and shorts, wearing their Havaianas. All were just enthusiastic to do their share!

Photos by Leah Navarro (SORRY READERS, WE COULD NOT UNLOAD THE PHOTOS IN

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Even grade school kids pitched in to help!

Youth volunteers repack detergents for distribution

Making beds from carton boxes

GMA asked world for donations

Our government begged the world for more donations. *Sumagot ang buong mundo sa ating panawagan.* In less than three weeks, *d*
umaong ang mga barko, ibinaba mula sa mga
cargo planes,
i-diniliver ng mga trak at container vans ang sandamakmak na
relief goods. Cash donations were in the millions of dollars.

But these donations must be coursed through DSWD

Nagpalabas ng directive ang pangulo. Individuals, private companies and other nations were ENCOURAGED to send their donations to DSWD. I blogged about it here and the video of her announcement here.

This PGMA directive sounded suspicious to me then. Now I know why. Here's the story.

A group of eight people, your ate Ella included, went to one of DSWD warehouses to help in repacking relief goods. We know they need volunteers *pero hindi namin akalaing WALANG TAO TALAGA SA LOOB NG WAREHOUSE!*

As in *sa isang* humongous warehouse (1000++ sq.m) *NA PUNONG-PUNO NG RELIEF GOODS* *HANG*
GANG BUBONG, ISANG
DSWD
employee lang at ISANG SECURITY GUARD ang tao
!!

Kailangang magpa-register at i-schedule ang volunteering

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1) UNICEF Registration (as a volunteer)

The warehouse can only take as much as 50 volunteers at a time or per shift. Here you will find that there is a 4-hour shift, and an option for a 6-hour shift for the volunteers to indicate their availability.

What "volunteers"? *Nasaan?*

Aside from the 8 of us? Nope, there was nobody there. *Bakit kailangan ang scheduling? Feeling hindi ba magkamayaw at nagu-unahan ang mga volunteers?*

I know somebody who wanted to volunteer many times. She was always bumped off, *laging nirere-schedule kasi*
"there were too many volunteers"
daw

.
At tuwing Sunday lang daw puwede
. What the hell is going on here?

Nakatambak ang donations ng UNICEF sa warehouse, local and international

Mga banig na dapat ay nahihigaan ng mga nasalanta. Mga imported camp beds na hindi na yata masisilayan ng mga biktima. Mga kumot na hindi naman nakabalot sa katawan nila. At mga pagkaing hindi sumasayad sa sikmura nila.

The relief goods are not going anywhere

We arrived at about 8 am and left by mid-afternoon and yes, you guessed it right. *Kami pa rin ang tao bukod sa isang DSWD employee sa loob ng warehouse maghapon. Walang ibang dumating*

The relief goods are not moving. By the way things look, they are not going anywhere. *Hindi maglalakad mag-isa ang mga donations na ito papunta sa mga evacuation centers. (Snipped)*

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