

We lost almost everything...

To say that we lost everything with the ravage of Typhoon Ondoy is an overstatement. We lost almost everything material inside the house alright, but the more important element of life which is Christian character, is intact, if not stronger than ever.

As I sat on our rooftop wet and shivering that early Saturday afternoon and watching the floodwaters rise, fear never set in. I knew and was very certain that God was in control over my life and that of my two daughters', who were then busy looking for a way of escape from the rampaging flood.



We were eventually evacuated to higher ground through the help of kind neighbors. For that act alone, I cannot thank Him enough.

Relief came in many forms – the warmth of a house that provided us shelter, rice, canned goods, blankets, clothes, prayers, money, kind words, etc.

The calamity allowed me and my family to experience Christian brotherhood and love at its best. Novaliches Christian Fellowship extended us help without let-up. Name it and it was there. One did not even have to ask. They did the works spontaneously and selflessly. They gave help out of love.



Members, more than twenty of them, came to help clean up the mess, wash clothes, scrub walls, tear down cabinets, throw away trash, repair appliances whenever possible, restore memorabilia – CDs and pictures, etc. These Christian brethren, I am certain, also had their own personal and family concerns. Others, especially some young people not even used to doing house chores, were all there for us. They did this for one straight week.

Others extended beyond that. I came out of this mess a better person – richer in faith and love as they were exhibited to me.

I praise and thank the Lord for seeing us through the mire. He is an awesome God!

I thank Him without ceasing for providing wisdom to the leadership of NCF under the aegis of Pastor Mark Dantes for a very meaningful demonstration of Christian brotherhood at work! I could not ask for more.