



Newsletter of Jeff, Diane, Daniel & Alyssa ~ living and working in the Persian Gulf & Central Asia.

## Diane Training in the US ~

Diane is in the United States for just over three weeks attending some trainings to equip her to participate in our Cedars Solutions consulting and management business here as well as to participate with a Lebanese woman in her educational & self-development consultancy business. She will train in Denver and New York City. She will be able to see friends and family in the Midwest as well.

## Kids in Sports ~

Alyssa decided to try almost everything this year, now that she is in a school that does sports. She is on the Under-14 teams, because she was still 13 on September 1<sup>st</sup> -- her birthday is September 11<sup>th</sup>. She just finished the volleyball season. They played four matches against area schools, winning two and losing two. This was her first foray into volleyball (other than in the Kentners' front yard in Osceola on 4ths of July). She did well – and we're not just saying that. Unlike most of the girls, she gets most of her serves in. Now she has tried out for the gymnastics and soccer teams, making the soccer team. She might try out for the swim team. But she says she will pass on the rugby team. **J** Alyssa also has non-sports after school activities of band/chorus and something else.

Daniel also just finished his Junior Varsity volleyball season at his school. They played more matches than Alyssa, and won about half. Daniel also did well and enjoyed it. Basketball season is next for him. Try-outs are in December. He is currently in the non-sport after school activity of Frisbee football.

We were bad about taking photos of volleyball. If we can dig some up, we'll include them later.

## Cyclone Yemyin ~

We are still working in flood relief. It's a simultaneously gratifying and frustrating work. On the one hand, we have been able to help approximately 13,000 people with food, drinking water, and roofing with the \$50,000 we had available for the emergency response phase in the aftermath of the cyclone and flooding.

On the other hand, the suffering of many storm victims is worsening as the nights get colder as winter comes, and we are not receiving additional donations. The average overnight

temperature is 32F. One of our flood relief partners who is from that areas wrote this week:

"Do you remember that I said one of our leaders donated us 200 goats. We cut all of them after a day then I took the animals skins for selling them to the city we sold these skins but we did not get that much money. They are in a very hard position now they do not have enough food, blankets, water, and clothes, every basic life facilities. I was with a family they don't have even house they were just burning the fire all the night for spending the nights because it's very cold they can't sleep. Just sitting over the fire all night and day time they sleeping under some bushes. I was in that area around five days but people were every day doing like that."

55,000 houses were destroyed in this disaster, and, unfortunately, there is no such thing as insurance, and, more unfortunately, many, if not most, of them also lost their livelihoods at the same time: crops, herds, fishing boats, etc.

In the last BrowNews we showed photos of the cyclone's destruction along the seacoast. Here are a couple of the flooding destruction inland in the desert. They look like ancient ruins, but people were living in them when the flood hit.



This 2-room house was hit by flash flood water racing behind it. (Photo taken from the back of the house.)



This house has only part of one wall left standing. (Photo taken "inside" the house.)



These photos show a well obliterated by the flood, and a new well we funded in the same village.

We wish we were able to do more. We are working in two isolated rural areas where no government help or large charities (UN, Red Cross) have reached. In these two areas alone, where about 50,000 of the 2,000,000 flood victims live, we have documented \$3 million in relief and recovery aid needs, which would not even get most of the people back to the poor living conditions they had before the disaster. You can read more about our flood relief work at <http://brownnews.org/CycloneYemyin.html>.

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