

## After Super Typhoon Yolanda...



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The Philippines is made up of thousands of small islands located in the Pacific Ocean. Many typhoons sail through these islands during the rainy season.

November 8, 2013, Typhoon Yolanda struck the Philippines and brought lots of rains.





The heavy rains caused floods and mudslides. The flood waters swallowed many houses and buildings and the mudslides destroyed many villages.



Many people lost their homes and belongings. They didn't know what to do and they waited for help.

> Soldiers, doctors, nurses, firefighters and many volunteers came right away to the rescue.



The rescuers were tired but they didn't stop because they wanted to save more people.



Some people were saved. Some children lost their family members, homes, schools, friends and toys. They have nothing left. What would happen to these children? Don't worry! Many people will lend a helping hand to these brave children!







Where are they going to study? Don't worry! Lots of people will help them build a even bigger school! If you still have your family, friends and toys, what can you do for children who had lost many things? You can draw or write to these children. You can donate money to them.







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If you lost your family, friends and toys, what can you do? You can cry on an adult's shoulders. You can draw pictures so your sadness and fears will disappear. Or you can write about it!



Dear children, you must believe many people will help you. If you miss your loved ones, you must believe they are watching over you above the sky. They love you and will be with you forever!









But you may ask, "Will I be safe? Will Typhoon Yolanda come again?" My dearest child, we don't know if typhoons will come again, but we do know one thing is for sure...



12 Despite the strong winds and heavy rain, we will try our best to protect you! But how? We will hold you and take you to a place where you can sleep peacefully and have hot food to eat and ... We will give you 100 kisses! es 25 24



After the disaster, what can you do? - If you were not a typhoon victim - If you were typhoon victim - If you were an adult









If you were not a typhoon victim,

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- You can draw pictures or write a letter to the victims.
- You can be a volunteer to help the victims to build a new school.
- You can donate money or toys to the victims.
- You can play with the victims who come to your school.





If you were a typhoon victim, you can:

- Draw about all of your fears and sorrows.
- Express your feelings.
- Talk to someone about your fears or sadness.
- Believe that people will try their best to help you.
- Be brave!

If you were an adult, you can:

- Hug the child.
- Let them cry on your shoulder.
- Listen to their fears, anxiety, and stories.
- Reassure their safety.
- Let them know you will love them forever.



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Yuju Chen was born in Taiwan in 1970 and raised by two artistic parents. She received a Master's in Fine Art for painting from Long Island University and had done numerous exhibitions around the world. In 2012, Yuju discovered her new writing talent and published her first Chinese fantasy novel, Xiu Lian, which was one of the best sellers in Taiwan, and the press critiques called YuJu the "Chinese J. K. Rowlings." The motive for Yuju to write a Chinese novel was her desire to pass her passion for reading fantasy stories to her two American-Born-Chinese children. There was no culturally appropriate Chinese fantasy novel existed at the time, so she created one for her children and ended up attracting many young readers in Taiwan, China, and the USA. Yuju resides in the USA and continues creating new art pieces and fantasy novels.



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