

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40

Rice Bowl Mission is a partnership between the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar.

Dear Rice Bowl Supporters,

As you've heard, over the past week Myanmar has been hit by severe flooding and our partners the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (PCM) have been offering support wherever they can.

Our relationship with the PCM stems back to 2007 when a few members of PCANZ went to visit the PCM for the first time. Since then, our relationship has grown and strengthened into a partnership and in 2009 the "Rice Bowl Fund" was formed. We now have annual trips to Myanmar that enrich our lives and strengthen our partnership. All that we do is founded in a relationship of mutual love and respect. It is only with this foundation that we are able to work so closely with the PCM to empower their mission.

We have regular correspondence with our brothers and sisters in Myanmar and support a number of projects each year. These projects include: development projects, income generating projects, mission work, scholarships and training, and emergency relief.

We are deeply saddened by the news of this flooding and the wide spread devastation it has caused. You can make a difference in the lives of our friends in Myanmar.

I encourage you to take action. You can help in various ways:

- 1. Stay connected and be advocates for our friends in Myanmar. You can get all the up to date information by visiting the Rice Bowl website: www.ricebowlmission.org.nz or by following us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RiceBowlMission/.
- 2. Pray with us for the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar, for their work in serving those in need and for the many people affected by this flooding. Pray for their safety, for encouragement and for wisdom to know what to do next.
- 3. Consider becoming a regular donor of the Rice Bowl Fund. This fund helps finance numerous projects each year including offering support in times of emergencies.

If you have any questions about the flooding or the wider Rice Bowl Mission please do not hesitate to contact me.

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