

FoCHgram KON TUM FLOOD SPECIAL 2009

A First Report by Y Banh Potter

My dear friends, Thank you very much for caring. It was really a big and serious flood, about 21 die and lots of rice fields are damaged! Luckily, I'm still alive.



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It was very serious flood In Kontum. I have never seen such a flood like this in my life. I walked to see villages and all the people are so scare. Many villages, Konhra chot, Kon moneyl & ,II; Mangla, Yangrong, etc...are covered by the water and deep mud. Vinh Son II had to move to Tan Huong, Wooden church and Seminary or neighbors house.

Now the mud is 1 meter in Vinh Son II. Children have to work hard to clear up the mess from the flood. Today they have to get their water and wash in Kontum Konam village. The kids were very scared and so was I. I could not fall asleep because I was afraid that the flood may come to my house and take me away as I slept. My sister's house was covered almost to the roof. In our house we

just closed the door and pray for the rain to stop.

Thanks God it stops raining today But..... all trees along the river bank are gone. and so many crops were lost and damage and are covered in mud. Everyone is worried about finding food for the family and children tomorrow, and in the near future. We do need your helping hands. And my dear friend please pray for us

Yours sincerely, Banh

A First Report by VP Thien

Hi everyone, Thank you for your concern and support. I was busy last days at my office and one my staff loss his house. Today it stopped raining and it is sunny again and that begins to dry things out. Kontum has had no electricity for the last days, and today just center area of town is supplied while the countryside still suffers.

I called the nuns to get information updates. All of children are safe but the assets are severely damaged. I visited VS1 & 2 as soon as I could and all the children are busy cleaning up, but there is no water. They are using muddy waters from flood for clean up.

VS1 has a wall broken, but all of VS2 area was flooded and the water damage is great and all the stored food is wet, a total loss.

I will visit VS today and take some medical supplies to them. I will write more later when it is less busy. Thien.



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