



# The Homesteader

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Dear Kris

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## Calvin Crest Pool Project Update

The Calvin Crest Pool Project has been an ongoing effort for several years. Many individuals, churches, businesses and foundations have donated towards this project. In 2007, Calvin Crest was in deep financial trouble. There were a host of issues contributing to that situation. In an effort to make payroll and pay bills, Calvin Crest borrowed funds from the new pool fund. There was understandable concern and we broke the bond of trust with our donors, supporters and churches. But, as of this year, we have paid back every penny of the over \$80,000 that was borrowed from that fund. The pool fund has been repaid with unrestricted donations and operating revenue.



The pool at Calvin Crest is a favorite activity for children and families during the hot summers. Built over 45 years ago with a life expectancy of 25 years, the existing pool has served many campers and groups. A new pool and bath house is needed to serve the next generation of campers and families enjoying time at Calvin Crest. Through various fundraising efforts and revisions of plans, Calvin Crest is within \$150,000 of reaching our goal and beginning the construction of the new pool complex. This is an exciting time as we look forward to being able to serve guests with a variety of abilities in a sloped entry pool with water features and plenty of space. For more information, please visit [http://www.calvincrest.org/New\\_Pool.php](http://www.calvincrest.org/New_Pool.php)

Blessings!

## Philippines Typhoon Response Continues

Two weeks after Typhoon Haiyan devastated large parts of the central Philippines on November 8, 2013, survivors are still reeling from shock of

## Advent Devotional

The Homestead Presbytery Advent Devotional is now available to [download](#).

## All Youth Invited to Summer Missions

**Camp** four work days (5-6 hours ea) and a Sabbath/Free Day at the end of the week. Work sites/projects are lined up with help from the Y's Volunteer Coordinator.

**Where:** Estes Park, CO.  
YMCA Camp of The Rockies

**When:** June 2-8, 2014

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the storm and are in need of assistance. Nearly 4.5 million people have been displaced, 2.5 million are in need of food aid, and close to 400,000 are staying in evacuation centers across the six damaged regions.

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Calvin Crest Camp &  
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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has responded with an initial commitment of \$50,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) funds to provide basic humanitarian needs of food, water/sanitation repair and shelter, and has planned for non-food material resources assistance and livelihood restoration programs. PDA is working in collaboration with our mission partners in the Philippines and with our ecumenical partners in the ACT Alliance. "We know it will be a long road to recovery. PDA will continue working with our partners to meet the long-term needs of those affected by the typhoon and to assist with redevelopment efforts," said Laurie A. Kraus, coordinator, PDA.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission co-workers and Young Adult Volunteers in the Philippines are also participating in the response. Rebecca Lawson is collaborating with the National Council of Churches in the Philippines sorting supplies being sent to one of the hardest hit areas. Cobbie and Dessa Palm are helping United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) with ongoing assessment needs. Cobbie will be part of a team to assess and formulate a plan to address the needs in the Philippines over the long term. Young Adult Volunteer Duncan Kirk has been assigned to work directly with the UCCP Task Force Yolanda/Haiyan.

God's people are hurting and we are called to serve them-through prayer, action, and support.

**What You Can Do**-Will you stand in the **GAP (Give/Act/Pray)** to help survivors of Super Typhoon Haiyan?



**Give.** Share your financial blessings by designating gifts to DR000012-Philippines. Give through your local Presbyterian congregation, [online](#), or by mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. You can also text 'PDA' to 20222 to donate \$10 for disaster response.

**Act.** Like us on [Facebook](#) and share updates with your congregation and others.

**Pray.** Please pray that through the response of the faith community, the people and communities impacted by Super Typhoon Haiyan and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met, and be reminded of the hope and compassion that are found in Christ.

Together-we will bridge the GAP (Give/Act/Pray). It is wide, but our faith is deep and our strength is endless through Jesus.

### *Presbyterian Praise Band*



Tell us what's going on in the life of your congregation or ministry - Church news, event promotion, mission articles and photos are all welcome!

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