

Dear friend,

As an Islander, you know that life can be tough when bad weather strikes. But imagine if a typhoon hit your Island, destroying homes and jobs. And then, you lacked the resources to rebuild your life and earn a living.

In 2013, a million homes were destroyed when Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines. In 2018, the Philippines have gained the world's interest once more, as Typhoon Mangkhuthas caused yet more destruction across the country. While many communities were prepared for the storm, there is an ongoing concern that landslides and flash floods may exacerbate the damage caused by the initial typhoon.



The Island-to-Island appeal is a three-year initiative designed to enable island communities to build a better future in the face of a changing climate. The money raised goes directly to Christian Aid partners and projects that support fellow islanders to build secure homes and livelihoods for their families, and reduce their vulnerability to natural disasters.



We are inviting a team of up to ten people from across Island communities in Great Britain to join us in March 2019 to see the difference your money has made, and to see how we can continue to work together to build a secure future for those living on vulnerable islands across the Philippines.

If you decide to join us for this unique experience you will join with Christian Aid staff flying from London into Manila before travelling onwards to more remote island communities, where you will have the opportunity to meet Christian Aid partners and see first-hand the life changing work that they do.

Key Information

When: Departure: Monday 25 March 2019 **Return:** Friday 5 April 2019

Cost: £1250, inclusive of flights from London, visa, travel insurance, hotels, food and travel within the Philippines. (Flights will be arranged by our travel partner and will be ATOL-protected. The balance will be administered by Christian Aid, which is not ATOL-certified).

What you will see/do: Starting and ending the trip in Manila, you will travel to island communities, to visit projects supported directly by funds raised through the Island to Island Appeal. Accompanied by Christian Aid staff from Great Britain and hosted by our in-country team in the Philippines you will have time to meet with those communities and walk in their shoes. You will hear and witness the challenges and tremendous resilience and courage of these communities and have the opportunity to share your own stories and build relationships.



Despite the turbulent weather that has afflicted the Philippines, it remains a remarkable country, and you will have the opportunity to see its stunning beaches, breath-taking landscapes, and for those interested in history, there will be an opportunity to do walking tour of colonial Manila. There will also be time to reflect and share island experiences as a team.

Travel and accommodation: As well as flights and vehicles the trip will involve boat travel to remote islands. Background information and a full security and programme briefing will be given prior to departure.

What is expected of me: We are looking for people passionate about ending poverty and tackling injustice and willing to use their experiences on this trip to support the Island to Island Appeal back home in your own communities. This could include local media, fundraising, talks and events.



How to join: if you would like to participate in this trip or to find more information, please get in touch with me, lwhitelegg@christian-aid.org or telephone 474275. All applications for the trip must be received by **Friday 21 December 2018**.

About Christian Aid: Christian Aid is a Christian organisation that insists the world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. We provide urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes.

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