

Garage sale to assist the Philippines

More than five months on, West Australians are continuing to do their bit to support victims of the devastating Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. A garage sale in Ocean Reef last week raised an incredible \$9,000 as Michael Soh reports...

AN OCEAN REEF family's successful garage sale last weekend raised more than \$9,000 to build homes for Typhoon Haiyan victims in the Philippines.

Peter and Margaret Laundy's home welcomed several visitors and volunteers during the weekend, who grabbed a bargain for a great cause.

Among the items bought were clothes, toys, bikes, books, furniture and various household items.

Donations had started pouring in weeks before the event, and Mrs Laundy said she was grateful for the support of the buyers and volunteers.

"The magnitude of effort was well worth it, as 90 per cent of the buyers were thankful and generous," she told *The Record*.

"The band of volunteers were literally a Godsend. I cannot express my appreciation enough."

Lorraine Graham was among the hundreds of shoppers in the garage sale and said there was plenty to choose from.

"I think it's fantastic, the array here is just amazing," she said.

"Everyone will come away with some bric-a-brac that they require."

Mrs Laundy was inspired to host the event after witnessing first-hand the wreckage caused by the catastrophe when she and her two daughters travelled to the Philippines in January for a two-week mission trip.

They assisted the Buckets for Jesus team in bringing relief to some of the worst-hit areas.



A garage sale last week raised more than \$9,000, which will be used to fund the construction of homes for families affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Perth-based Buckets for Jesus is leading the way, building new homes in the Philippines for as little as \$2,000. PHOTO: MICHAEL SOH

Mrs Laundy said she was deeply affected by what she witnessed during the mission.

"I have never seen so many tarps in my life. I witnessed thousands of families living under them or at best a sheet of tin. Their eyes

glowed with thanks to receive an empty cardboard box," she said.

As previously reported in *The Record*, Buckets for Jesus recently launched an appeal aiming to provide new homes to affected families for as little as \$2,000.

After seeing the poor living conditions of typhoon victims, Mrs Laundy believes building new homes for them would be life-changing.

"A purpose-built house that the appeal proposes will make

such a difference to the quality of life to these homeless but hopeful families," she said.

For more information, contact bucketsforjesus@gmail.com or visit www.bucketsforjesus.org.

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Adopt A Family Appeal JULY 5 • 7PM - 12AM
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All proceeds from ticket sales, auction and raffle sales will go towards the 'Adopt A Family' Appeal to build homes for Typhoon Haiyan victims.

Saturday, July 5th, 7pm - 12am
Mercure Ballroom at the Mercure Hotel
10 Irwin Street, Perth

Tickets: \$75 per head. Any additional generosity is greatly appreciated.
Table of 10 for \$680: Valid before May 15th

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'Adopt A Family': Our goal is to assist in the repair, design and build of low cost houses for the poorest of the poor rendered homeless by typhoon Haiyan or Yolanda. We also intend to design cluster dwellings for areas with land limitations. We are in contact with Mayors of 5 affected areas who have allocated land where these home will be constructed.



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