

The Aftermath...

It is a series of emotions that I now feel: confused yet content, disappointed yet grateful, broken yet healed. When I found out what happened to my school, the school that I nurture young minds in, the school that I spend endless hours in, the school that I really and truly love, was now partly destroyed and all over the local news stations, I was overwhelmed.

I was in shock for most of Sunday evening, but as I began to assess the situation and reflect on the goodness of God and the support of the people around me, I realized something. G.E. Peters Adventist School is not a building that is now damaged, it is not the roof that is now strewn across the parking lot, it is not the newly installed computers that are now dripping with water, or the books that are now destroyed.

Instead, G.E. Peters Adventist School is the collected body of Energetic and Intelligent Students, Supportive and Amazing Parents, and an Inspiring and Competent Staff. WE THE PEOPLE made G.E. PETERS what it was before the tornado and WE THE PEOPLE will continue to make G.E. PETERS ADVENTIST SCHOOL what it is way after it.

Through God's mercy there was no loss of life! Through God's grace we all have each other! And because of that, we will continue to grow together. We will rebuild. We Will Get Through This!

I realized for myself about 2 years ago that life is like a jigsaw puzzle, except that we don't have the finished picture to look at. There are just all these pieces, and because we have no idea what the finished picture is, we don't understand how this piece fits with that one. However, there is Someone who is in control of putting those pieces together. He knows why each piece is there, and when we have a chance to reflect on the goodness of God, we will be able to see how each piece, no matter how painful, was necessary for the Glory of God and the execution of HIS will.

We must say like Christ, "NOT MY WILL, BUT THY WILL BE DONE!"

I ask you for your continued prayers for the entire George E. Peters Family.

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