

Scenes from Provident Village, Seven Months After Ondoy

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Provident Village is actually a group of three subdivisions located in one area of Marikina City, Philippines. It has been struck by floods every ten years or so, but the September 2009 floods were the most devastating not only in the history of the village but also for Metro Manila. While I am not a Village resident (and may never will be), I was somewhat awestruck by the residents' ability to wake up from the floods.

Oh, it's been a long while
Since it made the news
Now things there are quite back to normal
With business there stable every day
And with construction there that's happening right now
There are signs that it has woken up and risen from the ashes.

There are still vacant lots, abandoned homes, and of course, those that are occupied
But the truth is, they are seriously moving forward
Even if it's kinda slow
By the time our next President will hold office, I do hope that Provident is fully operating and back to its usual state.