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When Typhoon Haiyan slammed into the eastern coastal provinces of Leyte and Samar in the Philippines last Friday, it left an estimated 10,000 people dead and hundreds of thousands of people displaced or homeless.

Thankfully, the four living brothers and two sisters of Lolita Todd of Imperial "are all OK." They all live around Manila, which is "way far away" from any major destruction, Todd said Tuesday.

Asked if transportation or communication in Manila had been affected, Todd said no. "Thank goodness for Facebook and the Internet," she said, adding that she is in regular contact with her family.

Todd said she has never been to the area most damaged by the typhoon. She left the Philippines in 1975.

Todd, a Registered Nurse in the Chase County Community Hospital specialty clinic, said she has been asked "a lot of questions" about her family's safety.

"I appreciate the concern and am amazed" by people's kindness. "I'm thankful they're not affected."