

*Serving the needs of the brethren and communities in Abaco and Grand Bahama following the devastation of Hurricane Dorian.*

A work in partnership with the  
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*"...through love serve one another....You shall love your neighbor as yourself...Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ...As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially those who are of the household of faith"  
(Galatians 5:13-14; 6:2, 10).*

# Hurricane Relief

# Bahamas

Churches of Christ

Report from Palm Beach Lakes for  
**October 4, 2019**

*Thank you for supporting this relief effort designed to help those precious souls who are trying to **recover and rebuild (physically, emotionally and spiritually)**. Every dollar that is donated goes directly to the purchase, shipping and distribution of these much-needed supplies.*

## Update on the Churches in Abaco and Grand Bahama

It has been another blessed week working with our brethren and lots of folks from across America who are providing the funds, and it's been even more blessed to receive videos and photos from the Bahamas as so many are being helped. Who would have ever dreamed that so much could be done in such a little time!

This week three more containers were shipped and all arrived right on time. One Bahamian, whose business is shipping and receiving his supplies to the Bahamas, remarked that he could just not understand how many who are shipping containers often have to wait a week before they get access to their containers, and he is amazed how the church of Christ containers are always the first to be delivered. Our God is working in the shadows to answer the prayers of our Bahamian brethren.



One container was shipped to the brethren in Nassau where many of the members of the church who fled from Marsh Harbour are now being housed and taken care of by the brethren in the capital city. The brethren in Nassau are also getting the supplies to the South Abaco congregation. That is one of the two congregations on the island of Abaco. The other congregation is in Marsh Harbour where almost the entire city was flooded and left in shambles. Perhaps as early as next week we will begin helping those who are seeking to return and reestablish their lives there.

In addition to helping the church and community in Freeport, we are shipping containers to aid the church in Eight Mile Rock. Most of the funds for that work are supplied by the church in Moore, Oklahoma. They are overseeing and supporting the Bahamian preacher in a new congregation which was established less than two years ago.

## Update on the Relief Efforts

### Life Is Improving in Freeport

Each week the various Bahamian congregations let us know their most urgent needs by Thursday and usually those needs arrive within a week. This is so wonderful in assuring that the Lord's money is being spent in the best way and the most pressing needs are being addressed. On Tuesday we ship their request and within two days they receive them.



We are seeing the changes each week in the list we receive and it constantly changes. Much of their furnishings were lost where roofs were destroyed. Think of how difficult it is for them to function each day with no refrigerators, beds, tables and chairs. It varies from house to house but some have lost everything. Those scenes you have seen in the flooding in Houston and the Carolinas where useless furniture lines the streets are now seen in Freeport.



Yesterday and today, Jeff Leslie, our deacon heading up this program, is in the Bahamas visiting with the brethren in both Freeport and Marsh Harbour. Hopefully brethren from Eight Mile Rock and South Abaco will be able to connect with him. Having his report will certainly help us know how to proceed in aiding the Bahamians. We envision that over the next several weeks we will be shipping much more to Marsh Harbour.

### Skilled Workers in the Bahamas

Several have asked about craftsmen in America going to help in the rebuilding of the houses and church buildings in the Bahamas. We believe that time is approaching, but we will leave it up to the Bahamian brethren to let us know when they are needed. Details are being worked out, so if you know of those who can go and volunteer to help, contact us. Let us know what skills you have and how long you might be able to stay and help. Please note that at this time we are only making a list and not sending actual workers.



This is the fourth weekly report we have made and all of them are available on our website for you to use. We trust that viewing these you will have much greater insight into the help that is being sent. Your prayers are playing a vital role in this work.

Pray for us, but more importantly, keep praying for those in the Bahamas.

