

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 11, 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

Looking at Dorian Differently

It is overwhelming to see the devastation that Dorian has brought to the Bahamas. However, there is another way to look at all that has happened—Dorian has changed the lives of some for the better. Right now at Palm Beach Lakes, we have nearly a hundred members involved and they are blessed every day in having the joy of serving. The same is true of the churches in the Bahamas. They are hurting so much physically, but so many Christians there are working so diligently for the Lord. Our God is truly helping us do His work, even in the midst of disaster.

One event which happened this past week shows us the remarkable impact what you are doing is having for the cause of Christ. As the brethren in Freeport were distributing small "care packages," they gave one to a Bahamian who was not a Christian. His response was to do a fist pump, while saying, "Freeport Church of Christ, yea!" The long term impact of your efforts will be seen for years.



More Is Being Done Each Week

We continue to ship containers each week to various congregations. Almost all of the Christians who fled from Marsh Harbour went to Nassau, the capital city of the Bahamas, where the Christians there are caring for them. We now are sending whatever the Nassau brethren request to help those who now are living among them.

Most of the containers are those twenty-foot ones and this helps up to send individual ones to various places. We are sometimes using the forty-foot containers as we are now more involved in the work.

Deacon Goes to Freeport and Marsh Harbour

On Thursday of last week, Jeff Leslie began a four-day evaluation trip to both the islands impacted by the hurricane. He is only one of several members who are playing such a vital role, with each one doing their part. He was able see firsthand all that is now being done by our brethren in Freeport and what potentially will be done as we are able to work in Marsh Harbour.

Update on the Relief Efforts

The Work in Freeport

Almost every home of members in Freeport had some damage, but fourteen homes of members there were heavily damaged. We have already been shipping plywood and sheet rock to help, but look at the photos on this page to see how severely they were impacted. A month ago these homes were places where members were living normal lives. Now imagine what their lives must be like and the impact that is having on them, especially on their children.

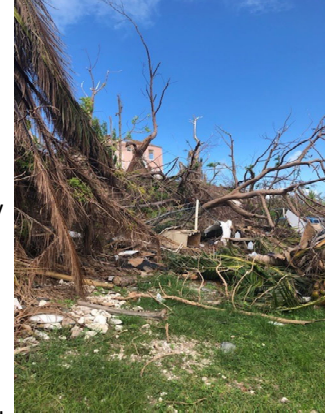


We have begun shipping larger items—like furniture, beds, tables and chairs, and also several water heaters. Much of Freeport now has electricity, but what a blessing it will be

to them not to have to shower in cold water. In addition we continue to send food items they need. The work in Freeport is far from being over, but we are beginning to make inroads to aid them. Please keep these brethren in your prayers.

Grateful Brethren

Jeff was able to speak to the church in Freeport on Sunday morning, and as he spoke on Sunday evening at Palm Beach Lakes, he told of the experience. He described how the Christians all expressed their gratitude. If it were not for Christ, where would they have been? He said that as he spoke there was not a dry eye in the entire church, where tears of joy expressed their gratitude for all that they were receiving.



This could never have happened without you. Palm Beach Lakes deserves little credit for this work. By the grace of God we are just five miles from the port where all of these items leave to go to the Bahamas.

The Work in Marsh Harbour

Jeff was able to spend parts of two days in Marsh Harbour. He described what it looked like as he spoke to us on Sunday night. "Many of you were able to see firsthand what Andrew did years ago when it hit Miami. You saw the damage. Multiply what you saw by ten times and you will begin to grasp what Marsh Harbour looks like." The port in Marsh Harbour is opening soon and we plan to be actively involved in that city.

Almost Every Building Destroyed in Marsh Harbour

