

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

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(Galatians 5:13-14; 6:2, 10).*

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Report from Palm Beach Lakes for
November 1, 2019

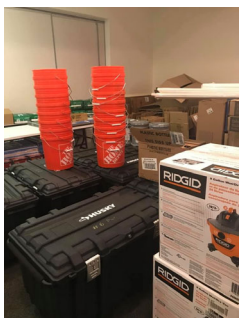
*Thank you for supporting this relief effort designed to help those precious souls who are trying to **recover and rebuild (physically, emotionally and spiritually)**. Every dollar that is donated goes directly to the purchase, shipping and distribution of these much-needed supplies.*

Update on the Churches in Abaco and Grand Bahama

Freeport and Eight Mile Rock

This has been one of the busiest weeks for us in getting help sent to our brethren in several places. We have shipped more containers (some were 40 foot containers) as the opportunities to help increases constantly. Again this week we shipped items to Freeport for the church there and also for the work at Eight Mile Rock and for the displaced members of the church from Marsh Harbour who are now in Nassau.

We are also preparing to send our first team of workers to help in repairing those houses in Freeport which were most damaged. Our shipment included items they will need to do their work. We will be sending nine individuals with construction and carpentry skills from Orlando, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach Lakes. They will be leaving on November 10 to work in Freeport for a week. Please remember them in your prayers. If you have skills and want to be part of another team, let us know.



More houses in Freeport are at the point of needing furniture, so items for six of these houses were also shipped. So many are involved in purchasing these items, getting them to the PBL building, loading them on U-Haul trucks on Mondays, taking them to the Port of Palm Beach on Tuesdays, off-loading them there and loading them on pallets for shipment. The work could not be done without those at Palm Beach Lakes who are working so diligently in these areas. They are truly unsung heroes.



The work at Eight Mile Rock is well under way. Funds for these supplies come from the church in Moore, Oklahoma. This is the newest congregation in the Bahamas and they are doing an outstanding work in using what we have sent, especially in evangelism. Sometimes we forget about how those in Freeport, Eight Mile Rock, Marsh Harbour and Nassau are working so tirelessly after the supplies arrive. Thank God for all they are doing.

Update on the Relief Efforts

The church at Eight Mile Rock recently reported some of what they are doing. "Our Goal is to knock on 250 doors, pray with 250 families and invite them all to an upcoming seminar in the new year to enrich their families in spiritual things. We kindly encourage the residents to call using the numbers provided should they desire to know more about the Bible. The Radio Program information is also provided with each package. Our team of 10 visited one hundred ninety-five (195) homes as of October 30, 2019."

Marsh Harbour

The church in Marsh Harbour is now meeting again. There are no pews, song books or Bibles (these have not yet been replaced), but two weeks ago they conducted the first service. Before the hurricane there were more than fifty who were part of the church and only a handful remain because of the flooding and winds from the hurricane. Imagine the joy they shared as they reassembled in a building which is still so heavily damaged. We can so easily forget the blessing which comes from assembling to worship God. They understand it so well.



We must never forget the words of David, "Give unto the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psa. 29:2) The picture to the right, taken at that first assembly, shows that silver trays for the bread and filled with communion cups are not necessary to have meaningful worship. A paper towel for the bread and some plastic cups work just as well. What a blessing it is to worship God!



South Abaco

We have not given many details of the work about 20 miles south of Marsh Harbour. It is a smaller group and the damage to homes in that area was not as great. The place where they met was damaged so much that they have looked to find other places to meet. We thank God for the help provided by the churches in Nassau to ensure that their needs are being met. There is so much more that is happening, and we will report about it next week. All of these weekly reports are on our website. Read them to see the progress being made.

