

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
September 20, 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

What a tremendous week of activity this has been and so many have been involved here in getting supplies to our Bahamian brethren and their communities with funds supplied by those who are receiving this report. Right now each week is somewhat like the week(s) before. We believe the Bahamian brethren know their needs clearly and we are letting them tell us their most pressing needs.

We are in contact with brethren throughout the Bahamas, and by Thursday, their lists of pressing needs are emailed to us and members at Palm Beach Lakes (PBL) spend the next two or three days purchasing their needs (see the photos on the next page). On Monday, these items are taken to our shipper and on Thursday the Bahamian brethren have them to begin distribution on Friday.

Location of Places Most Heavily Damaged

Until now, few have known the location of the two

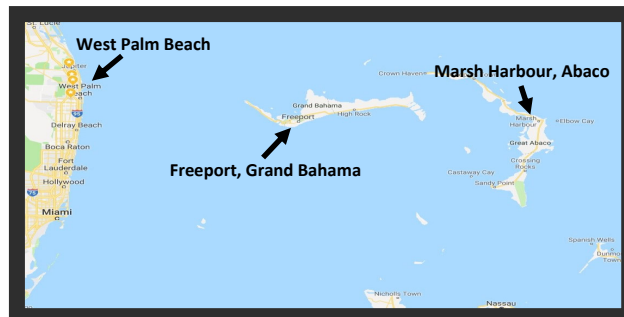
major islands impacted—Grand Bahama and Abaco. The largest cities on each island are Freeport and Marsh Harbour. We are just 80 miles from Freeport on Grand Bahama, and 160 miles from Marsh Harbour on Abaco.

The Needs Change Constantly

At first, the items most needed were water, clothes, food, generators, chain saws, etc.

This week we sent two containers filled with supplies to be used in Freeport and South Abaco. The pictures can give you some idea of the items we sent, but included in this week's shipment were building supplies for damaged homes. Fourteen homes of Bahamian brethren in

Freeport were severely damaged by the hurricane and the flooding it brought. Today they will receive these supplies of plywood, drywall (sheetrock) and other items to help them. We are putting together a list of skilled tradesmen from American churches to volunteer their time to help in this matter. Let



Update on the Relief Efforts

you know if you have interest in helping in this area, when that time comes. The conditions there will make it hard for those who go, but we are looking for those who have hearts of compassion.

Thursday: Arrival in the Bahamas, Ready for Distribution

As soon as the supplies arrive in Freeport, our brethren get them, load them into their personal vehicles and distribution begins. These brethren know the needs of worthy families and these needs are being met.



We have also been part of helping the church in Eight Mile Rock about 15 miles outside of Freeport. The preacher there is Tavaro Hanna. Just one month ago, fifteen members

from PBL spent a week with Tavaro in door-knocking and evangelistic efforts. This new planting of this congregation is overseen by the church in Moore, Oklahoma. Tavaro let them know specific needs of the members of this new church, and the church in Moore met this need by placing the order with Sam's Club in Oklahoma and we picked the order up at Sam's Club in West Palm Beach. It is wonderful to see how God is working in amazing ways to answer the prayers of Bahamians.



It appears doors are opening and we pray that we will very shortly be able to begin helping in Marsh Harbour. Perhaps more about that next week, in our third weekly update.

Planning Meetings on Sundays & Wednesday at PBL



Items Delivered to Shipper and Shrink-Wrapped, Ready to Go



Purchasing of Goods, Often at Discounted Rates



Thank you so much for your support! You may have friends or neighbors who are wondering how they can help. Share with them what is happening and the opportunities God is giving to us. Tell other congregations, even the smallest ones, about this work.

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to: Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ, P.O. Box 33688, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420