

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

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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).*

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Report from Palm Beach Lakes for
October 18, 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

Bahamian Report and Dorian—Week Six

It is remarkable that we have been involved in helping those in the Bahamas for six weeks. It has been one of the most rewarding efforts for all who have been part of it. We are adding these weekly reports to the Palm Beach Lakes website (www.pblcoc.org) and recognize that this may be the first one you have seen. We urge you to go to the church's website, click on Bahamas Hurricane Relief (you will see this banner at the top of the page) and read all six reports. You will come away with a renewed faith in how God works to take care of His people.

From the beginning we have let the Bahamian brethren determine their most pressing needs. Instead of those of us in America trying to determine their needs, we let them decide. By Thursday of each week they send us lists and immediately members at PBL begin purchasing exactly what they need. All of this is purchased by Sunday and it is brought to the

church building, where it is carefully inventoried to ensure that the Bahamian customs officials will know what is in each container being shipped.

Then on Monday, these items are removed from our large classroom, loaded into U-Haul trucks and driven the five miles to the Port of Palm Beach on Tuesday morning. We load the items on wooden pallets where they are then placed in shipping containers (some of these are 40 feet long) and shipped by Tropical Shipping

Company to various locations in the Bahamas. Because Freeport is just 70 miles from West Palm Beach, the items arrive there by Thursday and on that afternoon the Bahamian Christians have access to precisely what they need.

We are able to purchase many items at wholesale or discounted costs which means we avoid the cost of American brethren purchasing items and shipping them to us. All of this is working extremely well. God is taking care of the Bahamians!

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Update on the Relief Efforts

This week, containers were sent to the church in Freeport (which also serves as a place where the church in Eight Mile Rock can get what is sent to them) and to the brethren in Nassau. The churches in that capital city are caring for those Christians who fled from the flooding and damaging winds of Dorian which destroyed Marsh Harbour, and also are ensuring



ing that the needs of the small South Abaco congregation are being met.

Our focus so far has been to help those two congregations on the island of Grand Bahama, Freeport and Eight Mile Rock (funds for the work in Eight Mile Rock are supplied by the

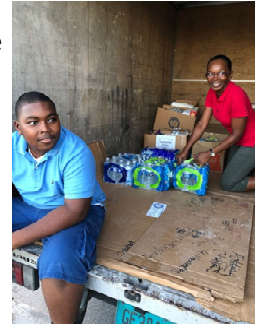


church in Moore, Oklahoma, but they are shipped through us). Very soon we will begin helping those on the island of Abaco, where the devastation is overwhelming. The port on that island will open soon and we will be restoring the church building there and begin helping those who were forced to flee to return to resume their lives.

Our report next week will focus on the work there.



Be sure to take time to look at the photos on this page which show the items being sent delivered to those who need them most. The Bahamian Christians are doing such a wonderful job of seeing that the gifts supplied by you are restoring order to their lives. We know that it is more blessed to give than to receive and part of that blessing is to see the joy that your gifts of love bring to those being helped each week.



What More Can You Do?

Continue to pray for our brethren who are suffering. Continue to thank God for the funds being supplied. Then, consider helping us by asking your young people to write cards to

be included in each shipment to our brethren, letting them know that even young Christians in America are praying for them. Ask other special groups in your congregations also to write cards. It impacts the lives of those who write the cards and those who receive them. There is so much more to do. Brethren, pray for us.



God cares

You care

PBL cares

Freeport church cares

Bahamians know He cares!