

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).

Hurricane Relief

Bahamas
Churches of Christ

Report from Palm Beach Lakes for
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*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

Exciting News—Marsh Harbour Relief Begins

While we have not written an update recently, we have continued every week to work with the congregations on Grand Bahama Island (Freeport and Eight Mile Rock) and helping three congregations in Nassau as they provided for those who were forced to flee from Marsh Harbour. We are thankful and pleased that the port to Marsh Harbour has finally opened and we can now become heavily involved with the two congregations there.

The Impact of Dorian on Abaco

It has been over three months since that hurricane brought winds of 140+ MPH for 36 hours on Abaco and its principal city, Marsh Harbour. When it finally left, winds which reached 210 MPH had devastated the city. There were few buildings which survived. There was no infrastructure—no power, no police, no firemen, no drinkable water—almost

nothing. The Christians fled and most went to Nassau, the capital city on another island, where there was little damage. The accompanying picture on this page is an aerial view of the two

buildings owned by the church in Marsh Harbour. The area around them is like a war zone. While there is no official number of how many were killed, with many of the bodies being washed away as the waters receded, thankfully every member of the Lord's church survived.

The Building in Marsh Harbour

Amazingly, one of the buildings which was not totally destroyed was the auditorium of the Marsh Harbour church. On the back page you will find photos of the building before the hurricane, then of photos just days after the storm. Notice the contrast of the auditorium before the storm and then the destruction in the



Update on the Relief Efforts

photo showing the damaged pews. There was eight feet of water in that building.

Building before storm



After the Storm



Photo inside building and severely damaged annex



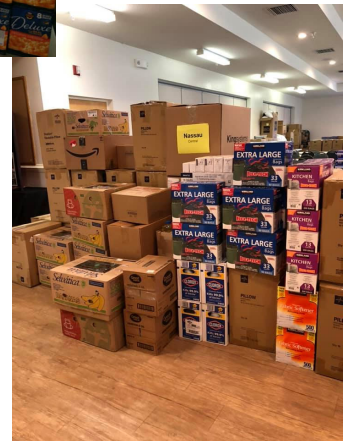
God Is Providing Help for the Saints

You have been, and continue to be, part of the way God is answering the cries of His people from the Bahamas. Hundreds of churches and individuals have sent funds and they have been used in Freeport and Eight Mile Rock, and now that the harbor is open, thousands of dollars are being spent each week. The work has also been possible because so many members at Palm Beach Lakes have become involved.

There is no secure place to store the food needed by those who are returning to Marsh Harbour, nor any place to keep building supplies. We have purchased three 40-foot containers, painted them and put the name of the church on them, and they are on their way to be placed outside the building at Marsh Harbour. We are shipping four vans and trucks, which American Christians have donated, so the Christians there can deliver the supplies. The work is just beginning.

We Need Your Help

Take time to look at the photos below and then just imagine the joy American Christians are bringing to these four congregations on two islands. We need your prayers. It is God who has made it possible. While we have made great progress in Freeport and Eight Mile Rock, the work in Marsh Harbour is just beginning. The storm happened months ago, but a new door of opportunity has opened before us. Join us in praying for those who have lost so much and are hurting so badly!



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