

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

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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

A Great Door of Opportunity—Marsh Harbour Relief

The last four months have been filled with challenges to meet the needs of brethren. We focused our work initially on three places—Eight Mile Rock and Freeport on Grand Bahama Island, having met almost all of their primary needs. In addition, we have sent supplies to Nassau where many of the Christians from Abaco took refuge from the storm.

The port in Marsh Harbour has just opened and we have turned much of our attention to that area. The picture on this page shows how the two buildings of the church were some of the only buildings not completely leveled by the 180+ MPH winds. The picture shows the annex (the building with part of the white roof remaining) and the church



building with a heavily damaged roof and no windows or doors. Several months of help lie before us, as we try to bring normality of those who have lost so much.

One of the first problems to be solved was where to store what is sent until it can be used. In situations like this, there is always the danger of looting. That problem has been solved by purchasing two 40-foot containers, which have been shipped and now are situated beside the church building.

With the opening of the port we can more easily help the South Abaco church, which is 20 miles south of Marsh Harbour. We have purchased another container to be used there.

Update on the Relief Efforts

Containers Arrived in Abaco



Many of the members at Marsh Harbour are now in Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas located on another island. We are assisting the three congregations in Nassau as they help these Christians. As these members continue to return to Marsh Harbour, we will become even more involved in meeting their needs.

Homes of Some of Members in Marsh Harbour



The homes of these members were severely damaged by Dorian, so material and building supplies were part of that

first shipment. As we sent teams to help repair homes in Freeport, we plan to do the same in Marsh Harbour. Please let us know if you have the skills and willingness to spend at least a week in Marsh Harbour.

We stand amazed at how so many problems are being solved. We recognized we would need someone there full-time to oversee this reconstruction. We have hired Ben Allen (he is seated on the right at a recent planning session), a member at Marsh Harbour, to devote the next year in seeing that this work is done. He is a highly respected contractor and we have great confidence in him. He will employ other Bahamians to help, so that the work will not be totally dependent on American workers and can be on-going.



The pallets have arrived (more have been shipped and soon will be at the wharves) and food and other supplies are already being distributed. Please take time to look at the photos and even more importantly please pray for all that is being done. God has used brethren throughout our land to meet the needs of the suffering saints. We thank God for your willingness to be part of His work.

