THANK YOU for your assistance and support in serving the needs of the Christians and communities in **the Bahamas** following the devastation of Hurricane Dorian. Through your efforts, great progress was made in helping them rebuild (physically, emotionally and spiritually).

"As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

Hurricane Relief



Bahamas

Churches of Christ

Report from Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ November 21, 2021

On September 1, 2019, a Category 5 hurricane hit the Bahamas, causing major flooding and mass destruction, especially on the northwest islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama. According to the Inter-American Development Bank, Dorian caused about \$3.4 billion in damages, which is equal to one-quarter of The Bahamas' GDP.



The Devastation Was Catastrophic!



With YOUR help... The Palm Beach Lakes church immediately got to work!

Only SEVEN days after Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas, the first shipment of relief supplies was purchased, packaged, loaded and shipped.





Only 11 days after Dorian hit, the first shipment of relief supplies arrived and was distributed.



And shipments continued, with YOUR help, almost weekly for the next year.

Relief efforts focused on FIVE congregations:

• Freeport – Grand Bahama

- Marsh Harbour Great Abaco
- Eight Mile Rock Grand Bahama South Abaco Great Abaco
- Nassau (where many from Abaco fled when their homes were destroyed)

Every supply imaginable was secured and shipped, including:

- Food .
- Water .
- Toiletries .
- Hygiene products
- Clothes ٠
- **Baby supplies** •
- Paper products ٠
- **Cleaning supplies**
- Generators .
- Appliances ٠
- Furniture .
- Lumber .
- Tools .
- **Construction materials** .
- Donated vehicles •
- Shipping containers for storage



Our UNITED purpose (from donors, to shoppers, to packers, to shippers) was to help families, like this one, who lost everything.



Before and After Pictures Are Stunning!



Because of YOUR financial help:

- Over \$1.5 million in aid was sent to the hurricane victims
- More than 30 homes were restored and repaired
- The Marsh Harbour church building and Education Building were fully restored
- 8-10 full-time Bahamian construction workers were supported for two years to repair homes and buildings
- 75 to 100 refugees were assisted in Nassau after fleeing from Abaco
- Temporary meeting space was provided for the church in South Abaco
- Hundreds upon hundreds of church members and nonmembers received basic necessities for over a year
- Care packages were passed out in local communities
- Sufficient funds were available to continue support of these efforts all the way through October 2021

Thank you for ALL of your help! We thank God for allowing us to serve!

Visit our website to learn more about our church:

pblcoc.org

To watch a 17-minute video report on the relief efforts, visit https://youtu.be/vsgVIyVxEIA?t=4443

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