

HAITI UPDATE

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Folks, it looks like if as HAITI CANNOT CATCH A BREAK. New, heavy rains have inundated large parts of Haiti. It has rained in Haiti for 9 days and it has rained hard. The past couple of days it has let up but we are in the rainy season for at least 6 more weeks.

I am happy to tell you that all of our new and all of our restored structures have held up beautifully. It is with great joy that we notice that even the hardest of rains and winds have had no negative effects at all on the buildings. Many people have asked me about this and here is our answer. Praise God.

You can see from my pictures that new roofs that were installed are not just "pretty" but safe and fully functional. I received many e-mails from our good folks from all over south Haiti yesterday telling about how well the structures have held up. People had to wade through rivers (mainly from places where there never were rivers before) to get to the worship services but they were so thankful that all their buildings were dry and safe. They praised God that it took such a short time to finish and in some cases almost finish their buildings.

I want to thank you again for your disaster help and I praise God that we were not only able to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti but also some of our neighbors (some of whom have been baptized since). One new Christian, a lady in her seventies said, I was baptized because I saw how God works among His people. What I have seen here in my village the past few months made me understand that I have been outside all my life. I asked nobody for help but 5 men came and asked me to sleep in their church (building) until they would restore my house. I have heard the beautiful singing of the church of Christ every Sunday but I had never been in any service. Now I saw and heard for 3 months as I lived in the building. I think God loves me even though I was outside the church all my life. I wish my husband were alive to see this. Such a simple, yet beautiful statement!

I just rejoice that I have such wonderful Christian friends all over the world and I thank God daily for you all.

God bless,

Joe W.