

HAITI UPDATE OCTOBER 21, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Here is the latest update on the situation of our Haitian churches and their buildings and personal dwellings.

Information is always very sketchy in the beginning but soon all the pieces fall into place. Our TIMOTHY TEAMS report that many of our members cannot be reached yet. More information will come as soon as roads open and bridges are rebuilt. Some will take more time to reach than others.

Church buildings that are totally destroyed (incl. all furniture, benches, etc) in the following locations:

1. Citron
2. Rousseau
3. Lassile
4. Chantal
5. Torbeck
6. Bedimel
7. Aquin
8. Camp Perri

Church buildings suffering severe damage in the following locations:

1. Maturen
2. Jeremie
3. Febre
4. Cavaillon (received additional damage due to strong storms today, taking the life of a brother).
5. Cayes
6. Petite Tru
7. Petite Guave

More reports will follow as soon as our TEAMS can get to remote, cut off locations.

We are sad to report that 80 to 85% of our members in these locations either lost all their possessions (houses, furniture, livestock, gardens, etc.) or had moderate to severe damage.

There were a total of 12 dead among our members. Many injured. How so many were preserved is, humanly speaking an enigma to us all. Only God's mighty hand could have preserved so many lives. Some people were holding on to branches and trees and remaining parts of their homes for hours until floods abated.

Now we need to feed our many members and provide potable water until the big organizations arrive. We need to help (in some cases it has already begun) to restore homes that are not too badly damaged. Then we need to help our elderly to get a roof over their heads. Then we will tackle the many destroyed and damaged church buildings.

With your precious and generous help we are already on the way. Thank you so very much. Thank you for helping to save lives and to restore some kind of normalcy.

Please check WEST BROWARD'S CHURCH OF CHRIST website @ www.wbcoc.com. for updates and ways to donate. THANK YOU ALL!

God bless, I wish I had better news but we will all understand better by and by.

God bless, Joe Worndle, Haiti Missionary