

Siguatpeque Flooding

“...at least seven people have died in floods... As many as 2,000 people have been left homeless in Siguatpeque and the local authorities there have declared a state of emergency”.

—FloodList (October 19, 2015)

For almost 10 years Fellowship International has had a presence in Honduras through the ministry of Melodie Francis. Serving at Casa Hogar, Melodie and other staff members provide a home environment for 40 street children.

The region's rainy season began in May and currently the rain-drenched soil is incapable of holding excessive water. On October 17th a significant system hit the region causing flooding which has killed seven and left over 2,000 homeless. Located near the town of Siguatpeque, one of the hardest hit areas, Melodie writes:



“Please pray for people in Siguatpeque (in light of) incredible flooding and rain (which fell) last night. Lots of families have been evacuated and lost everything. The children's home is okay, my parents are okay. But the community is overwhelmed. It is being said that it's the first time a natural disaster (has) hit this area in such a way.” The current crisis has been far more devastating in Siguatpeque than the flooding caused by Hurricane Mitch in 1998.



Fellowship International missionaries John and Lise Francis, also serving in Siguatpeque, are involved in national leadership training and report that their local church is, “...helping out three of our own members who have been affected. Some men from the church went on Saturday morning to help clean (shovel) the mud out of (one of) the houses. The family will have to buy new beds and other furniture.”

In part, FAIR exists to respond to natural disasters and emergencies which arise where our missionary personnel are on the ground and connected directly with the community in need. We have established an account to receive donations that will be forwarded to help reestablish families in need. **FAIR is preparing to advance \$5,000 to assist with the immediate devastation and loss of livelihood.** We encourage your partnership as together we help those impacted by this crisis.