



# Haiti: Hurricane Relief

**"Worst humanitarian crisis in Haiti since 2010 quake."**

—United Nations

**"Catastrophic!"**

—US National Hurricane Center

## The Devastation

On October 4th, Hurricane Matthew, a deadly category 4 hurricane, pounded Haiti with 235 km/hr winds. A metre of rain fell in a matter of hours causing flash flooding and mudslides that wiped out everything in their path. Many of the hardest hit areas were cut off due to severe flooding and collapsed buildings and bridges.

Now, three weeks after the storm, the full extent of the storm is being realized: over a thousand people killed, an increase in cholera-related deaths, and complete loss of crops in many areas. Almost 1.5 million people are living without access to food supplies and the risk of famine is high. Entire plantations of banana, coconut and mango trees were destroyed and many farmers lost the tools needed to plant and maintain new trees. Of these essential tree crops, the fastest growing takes at least a year to start producing fruit, so Haitian food supplies may take years to re-establish. The deputy mayor of one community in an interview with Reuters said: *"We have nothing left to survive on. All the crops have gone, all fruit trees are down. I don't have a clue how this is going to be fixed."*

## The Need

Many families have been living in tents and "temporary" shelters since 2010's earthquake, leaving them and their livelihoods exposed to the devastating winds and water. The possibility of landslides, which typically follow the high rains of hurricanes, also poses a threat, and even as the physical danger subsides, access to clean water, food and shelter is a significant issue. The lack of clean water has seen a rapid rise in the ongoing cholera epidemic that has claimed the lives of 9,000 people since the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

## The FAIR Response

A portion of FAIR's response is to help provide clean drinking water and to help address the cholera outbreak. This is being done through a partnership with Baptist Relief and Development (BReaD) Network, an organization with which FAIR has been developing a working relationship over the past year. An initial donation has been made to assist with cholera treatment and prevention in the southwest region of the country where there has been a dramatic increase in cases since the hurricane.

FAIR will also be working to provide food, medical assistance and shelter to those devastated by the effects of the storm. Relief will be distributed through local Haitian churches, enabling them to reach those within their community who are in greatest need.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can partner with FAIR in this project as we seek to extend the love of Christ to those most affected by the hurricane in Haiti, and relieve the immediate and ongoing suffering caused by this event.

Donations can be made by completing the form below and returning it to the address provided or by donating online via our secure website at: [www.fellowship.ca/HurricaneMatthew](http://www.fellowship.ca/HurricaneMatthew).

**Yes!**

I want to partner with FAIR to provide relief to those devastated in Haiti by Hurricane Matthew.  
I have prayerfully decided the following:



[www.fellowship.ca/HurricaneMatthew](http://www.fellowship.ca/HurricaneMatthew)

- ☐ Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. [#3265]  
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**Please make cheques payable to The Fellowship.**