



## Hurricane Matthew Assistance

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Hurricane Matthew is making weather history today. This is the first hurricane to have remained a Category 4 storm in quite some time. It is the most severe hurricane to hit the country of Haiti since a storm named Cleo devastated the nation back in 1964.

A hurricane of this magnitude can cause immense damage, especially when there is virtually no infrastructure to deal with storm run-off. The roads become channels for water to flow. People's makeshift homes cannot withstand the fury of 145 mph winds. Flooding and raging storm water ravages the family gardens that meagerly provide subsistence rations.

The people of the Haiti's cities may fair some better than the people living in the countryside. But in the end, they just have different issues to face. Rushing flood waters from the hills above transform the city streets into virtual rivers of devastation. The water carries disease and various tropical illnesses that affect the citizens of the city and the country.

In the country, the livestock that they depend on often will perish in such a storm. Chickens generally fend for themselves and don't have shelter. At night the chickens fly into the trees to sleep (and crow at all sorts of ungodly hours). The goats also do not have shelter and are usually tied to a stake nearby where they would be in danger from falling tree branches or flying storm debris. Garden crops that yesterday flourished with the promise of food are today flattened in the mud. A shortage of food in the weeks to come is a distinct reality for countless numbers of people.

This is the time that the church needs to band together. New Hope Coalition ([www.NHCoalition.org](http://www.NHCoalition.org)) is seeking to help all who would lavish compassion on the devastated people of Haiti's southern peninsula. We are at this point unable to confirm the exact needs in the communities that we serve in Haiti because the cell phone towers have been damaged. However, we anticipate the needs that will become apparent all too soon. We therefore, seek to provide the following:

### **Water Filters for Families \$20/each**

A filter that is designed to last 10 years or more (with the proper care) without the need for any parts to be replaced. This can provide safe drinking water that will help protect the family from disease that will affect so many. Goal is 175,000 water filters..... Let's treat the cause not the symptoms. If someone contracts cholera they die in one day with no medical care.

### **Livestock Grants**

Provide Livestock Replacements that will help to provide food for affected families. The animals will be purchased and provided to the families with the

Pair of Chickens - \$16/pair Goal 100 pair

Pair of Goats - \$50/pair Goal 25 pair

### **Emergency Food Provisions \$25/family**

For the people of the community around the ministry in Jacmel, Haiti some who have been affected will not have the financial means to replace their crops immediately. They will not have funds to purchase food that will have survived. The Church will become a distribution point to help the families with the biggest need. Goal is 200 families served.

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