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# Hurricane Damage as Evaluated by Pastor Marky Kessa

# Pastor Kessa's report of the Hurricane's Devastating Impact to Haiti

We are requesting support for critical repair initiatives in several regions of Haiti severely affected by Hurricane Melissa, with an emphasis on supplying essential materials such as lumber, sheet metal, and nails to churches, the Guesthouse, and the Orphanage, and church members whose roofs have sustained damage.

### **Project Highlights:**

- 1) **Beaudouin Evangelical Lutheran Church:** Full roof replacement utilizing trapezoidal sheet metal, lumber, and fasteners. Roof measurements: 9.5m x 19m. Total estimated cost, inclusive of labor: \$8,800.
- 2) **First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jacmel:** Roof repairs employing sheet metal, cement, sand, gravel, and lumber. Total estimated cost: \$10,780.
- 3) **Guesthouse:** Restoration of ceiling, walls, and roof, along with painting. Total estimated cost, including labor: \$7,500.
- 4) **Orphanage:** Ceiling and roof restoration. Total estimated cost, including labor: \$3,500.
- 5) **Raymond Lutheran Church:** Roof repairs with sheet metal and lumber. Total estimated cost, including labor: \$1,050.



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Jacmel Lutheran Home



Roof Damage

Additional churches require repairs ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, with minor repairs at some locations costing less than \$500. Overall, we are seeking more than \$40,000 in aid to address widespread structural damage, particularly in the Deep South, where some members of our churches have lost portions of their roofs and urgently require building materials. They are requesting assistance from the church in the form of corrugated roofing sheets, lumber, nails and taps. A contribution of \$25,000 would enable us to assist those most at risk. The aftermath of Hurricane Melissa has left many members in dire circumstances, with destroyed gardens and lost livestock. For those living in the city, the situation is very precarious and had already worsened even before Melissa.

Our efficient humanitarian distribution system in Jacmel, managed by Jackie and Sydney, facilitates timely fund allocation for district-level support to those most in need. We appreciate your previous assistance and respectfully seek your continued collaboration during this challenging period. We extend our gratitude to Reverend Ted, Director of the LCMS for the Caribbean, South, and Central America, for ongoing support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti.

There is no fixed donation amount for humanitarian or reconstruction efforts; each and every contribution is valued, especially considering current global difficulties. We understand that your communities are also facing challenges, yet our circumstances here remain dire. Sustained aid would be immensely beneficial.

We urge you to contribute today so we can begin repairs and provide relief to those who need it most. Thank you for your consideration. God Bless.

Pastor Marky Kessa

#### A Note from Jackie:

Ministry in Mission is eternally thankful for God's blessings. *If you have thought about donating or have the means to do so, we appeal to you now. Please help us finish the job and provide much needed assistance to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are enduring such hardship in Haiti.* 

God's Blessings to you all!

# Contributions to support reconstruction and repairs, and humanitarian aid are tax deductible.

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