

Information for Planning Possible Volunteer Team Engagement on North Abaco

December 2019

Recovery efforts have begun in all four CBF Bahamas church communities on North Abaco.

Due to limited lodging space at the guesthouse in Fox Town (22 beds total), only one to two teams can be hosted at a time on North Abaco (open dates are the second and fourth full weeks of each month). To register, a non-refundable \$500 registration fee must be paid via the CBF Disaster Response Bahamas page (<https://cbf.net/dr-bahamas>) in conjunction with reserving a time slot and location of service.

CBF Bahamas will select the North Bahama community or communities that each team will serve and will communicate the type of work (i.e., roof repair, interior repair, clean up) that each team will engage in. CBF Bahamas will also coordinate with CBF Disaster Response to order and ship needed building materials.

Teams are requested to travel to North Abaco via Marsh Harbour on Sunday to serve from Monday through Friday, departing on Saturday morning. For more information about plane tickets and travel logistics support, contact Sabine Crysler, CBF Travel Manager at travel@cbf.net or call (866)291-7809.

CBF Bahamas church communities in recovery on North Abaco

New Hope Baptist Church

- Pastor: Bishop John McIntosh
- Location: Mount Hope
- Number of affected households: 21
- Church was severely damaged; pastor's home - extensive roof and inside damage and 3 homes were completely destroyed while all the other ones received roof and some inside damage.
- Assistance needed: repair church roof, replace all drywall and carpet inside of church and repair to church members homes (mainly roofs and some dry wall).

St. Thomas Baptist Church

- Pastor: Rev. Elon McIntosh
- Location: Wood Cay
- Number of affected households: 10
- No damage to church building but homes of the pastor and all members received roof and some interior damage
- Assistance needed: roof repairs to all church members' homes

Ebenezer Baptist Church

- Pastor: Rev. Marvin Mills
- Location: Cedar Harbour
- Number of affected households: 14
- Church received roof damage with 10 homes having minor roof damage and four severely damaged
- Assistance needed: roof repair for church and members' homes

Lifegate Ministry

- Pastor: Terrance Strachan
- Location: Blackwood/Treasure Cay and Coopers Town.

- Number of affected households: 5
- Although the church received minor roof damage, the pastor's home was completely destroyed and the homes of four members were extensively damaged.
- Assistance needed: Repair of church members homes in Coopers Town.

Estimated costs of lodging, food and local travel on North Abaco

- Lodging is \$70 per night for one room or \$35 if shared
- Meals will be prepared by the guesthouse at a cost of \$10.00 for breakfast and \$10.00 for lunch (e.g., sack lunch that can be taking to the work site). Supper at the guesthouse generally runs between \$10.00 and \$20.00 depending on the choice of food and beverage.
- Local transportation is \$50 per person
- No guarantee of wi-fi but cell phone coverage is available

Additional information

After registration, a more detailed information sheet regarding service on North Abaco will be sent to each team leader.

Questions? Contact Rick Burnette, CBF Disaster Response Manager, rburnette@cbf.net