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Hurricane Dorian
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Generally, much recovery and restoration have taken place over the past 20 weeks since Dorian left us. However, for the vast majority of the affected person's, normalcy to any meaningful degree is an extremely long way off. Visible signs of the destruction are everywhere, despite the herculean clean up that has taken place on both islands.

The most pressing need is for housing and employment.

Grand Bahama Island has a population of 53,000. So far some 3,929 residential structures have been surveyed and are classified as follows:

256	destroyed
670	major damage
737	moderate damage
2266	minimal damage

Unemployment has been estimated at 50%.

Abaco Island has a population of 17,000. So far some 920 residential structures have been surveyed and are classified as follows:

242	destroyed
245	major damage
180	moderate damage
253	minimal damage

Unemployment figures for Abaco are not known at this time.

Since the Hurricane several thousand persons from Abaco and Grand Bahama have been displaced to other islands.

We have also surveyed Anglican homes and can report that in Grand Bahama 326 Anglican homes have been affected in 3 categories:

Total loss/unlivable	61
Major damage	221

Minor damage 44

In Abaco 189 Anglican homes have been affected as follows:

Total loss	53
Major damage	81
Minor damage	55

That makes 515 Anglican homes affected by the storm in some way, to the best of our knowledge.

Generally, many people remain displaced from their homes or from their island.

However, optimism and enthusiasm are generally high, and particularly remarkable to the external observer. No doubt this reality has fueled the accomplishments thus far and the incredible drive moving things forward. Notwithstanding this fact, we cannot downplay the heavy emotional and psychological scars that will take a long time to heal.

Repair of Properties:

ABACO -Parish of Sts. Peter and Anne, North Abaco,

Green Turtle Cay:

Rectory- new roof is completed

St. Peters Church- roof dried in, complete shingling yet to be done

- Church was in use for regular worship within 2 weeks of the hurricane.
- The church remains a relief distribution center, also

One rental property has been repaired fully.

Treasure Cay:

St. Simon's Church (includes two wings for office and chapel)- roof dried in and shingling to be done

- Chapel being prepared for regular worship
- mold remediation needs to be done
- office interior ready to be refurbished for use

Roof repairs advanced on one adjoining building that is rented.

Repairs on parish hall and adjoining back house will begin shortly.

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Blackwood:

St. Saviour's Church was the first flooded building to be cleaned up and back in use (within two weeks of the Hurricane).

St. Chad's, Fox Town, & St. Anne, Crown Haven, had no significant damage and never went out of use.

ABACO-Parish of St. John The Baptist, Marsh Harbour, with St. Martin, Sandy Point:

St. John The Baptist Church & Rectory- temporary repairs to the roof done,

- both buildings still not in use
- initial clean up done immediately.
- detailed clean up about to begin.

Plans to move the building to a place where worship can resume within 4 weeks.

GRAND BAHAMA

Christ The King- (flooded in 4ft of water)

- church cleaned up and functional for worship within 3 weeks of the storm
- refurbishments in the office and conference room are well advanced
- electronic organ will be sent to factory for extensive refurbishing
- balance of pews and privacy screens have been refurbished
- work on the parish hall has begun
- The kitchen is still being used by The Rand Memorial Hospital for preparation of breakfast and distribution of lunch and dinner

Good Shepherd, Pinders Point

In the first instance, buildings seemed minimally damaged (there was no flooding here).

After the passage of time, they now realize the following hurricane related damage:

1. Rectory roof needs replacing. Building needs mold treatment
2. Church has roof damage and wall cracking
3. The parish hall/office building has similar damage

Parish of Sts. Michael & Nicholas, East End

Both St. Michael's, Sweeting's Cay, and St. Nicholas, High Rock, experienced flooding. Both churches have been cleaned up and are functional. Regular worship resumed at St. Nicholas within a month of the storm. No services are being held in St. Michael's because there are so few people and fluctuating numbers on Sweeting's Cay.

St. Nicholas Church, Parish Hall and Rectory

Rectory roof dried in. Building still used as a distribution center. Full roof repair not done yet

Parish Hall roof not yet repaired

The kitchen and bathroom roofs have been repaired but the bathrooms are not functioning yet.

Church- two damaged windows have not yet been replaced. Water is still coming into the church in heavy rains.

No electricity has been restored to the eastern end of Grand Bahama as yet.

Other parishes and rectories with minor damage were all cleaned up and immediately functional.

St. Jude, Smiths Point

Ascension, Lucaya

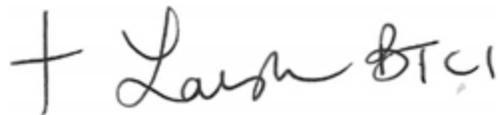
St. Mary Magdalene, West End

St. Stephen's, Eight Mile Rock

Bishop Michael Eldon School

Minor roof damage was repaired but time has revealed that 80% of the school's roofs will need to change within the next 8 months. Some of these roofs are 40 years old.

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