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## Hurricane Matthew Hits Our Families In Haiti

We could hear the wind howling in the background as we spoke with Pastor Brucely by cell phone at 4am. He and his family had taken shelter in one of the bin houses as Hurricane Matthew made landfall just fifty miles from their village. He told us that in all his years in Haiti, he has never seen a storm that powerful come through Ti Goave.

Before the hurricane hit, the church and school families as well as families from the community began to pour into Pastor Brucely's compound to find shelter. The bin houses and church which were built by the teams are the most substantial buildings in the community. Thankfully, they held up very well.

As the winds subsided and the storm moved north, Pastor Brucely began to assess the damage. Most of the homes across the hill sides were either damaged or completely ruined. We asked Pastor Brucely, "What can we do to help?" He



told us, "The people are hungry and need food." Immediately, we began to share this need by emails and Facebook and you responded! Within a few days, Pastor Brucely bought and prepared food for hundreds of people (*right*). The response by the people of Ti Goave was tremendous!

At Joineau, *(above)* we found that their greatest problem was torrential flooding.

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You can give to Food For Families at missiontohaiti.org

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Junior and our Haitian partners went to Joineau to assess the damage. The dirt road which is usually dry is now covered in kneehigh water. They found that the homes in Joineau are soaked and filled with mud.

As we write this newsletter, we are preparing to send more money to Haiti to buy and distribute food and necessary supplies. Your response at this critical time will make the difference in how we can respond to these families in desperate need. Thank you for making the difference!

## Founders' Challenge \$34,105 Continues To Reach Goal

Thank you for giving to our Founders' Challenge! When we began this challenge in April, we did not know what the response would be, but God knew. We still need \$34,105 in order to reach our goal of \$100,000 by the end of this month. By faith, we are trusting the Lord to reach this wonderful goal.

In light of Hurricane Matthew, let us tell you why the Founders' Challenge is so important.

As the hurricane was approaching Haiti, we realized that it was going to have a devastating impact on the people whom we serve. Within a few hours, we were able to devise and begin implementing a plan to bring relief to families in Haiti. This was possible because of the operational structure we have in place. The primary source of funding for this structure has come through the Founder's Challenge offerings. Because of these offerings, we were able to immediately mobilize our partners in Haiti. We cannot wait for a crisis to happen to get ready. We have to BE ready! Operational funds are crucial to the success of every ministry within Mission To Haiti. Please help us reach our goal and always be ready to serve the people of Haiti!



### Evening Of Vision Feb. 10, 2017

For the past several years, our annual fundraising event has been in October. It has been the highlight of the season for us.

This time, we have moved our Evening of Vision to the new year. We have also moved the venue to the Renaissance Hotel in Plantation, Florida. It is a beautiful location.

We plan to have a silent auction, dinner and a special speaker. We will give you more information in the coming days. We look forward to seeing you there.







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