

URGENT!!! FLOODS! URGENT!!! HURRICANES! URGENT!!!



“THANK YOU” to the PNBC Family members who have contributed to the flood relief efforts in Baton Rouge, LA! Your loving contributions have significantly helped one of our pastors and his family to begin restoring his house in Baton Rouge and he recently expressed his heartfelt **thanks** to the Convention. With your assistance, he plans to be back in his house this month!

Over 60 members of one of our PNBC Baton Rouge churches, the New Light Missionary Baptist Church, are in need of support and are trying to re-establish their lives in the wake of the devastating floods. The church has also assisted in the distribution of donated supplies.

In addition to Baton Rouge, Hurricane Matthew left its devastating mark in the Caribbean (Bahamas, Haiti, and Jamaica) and along the Southeast Coast (North and South Carolina, Florida, and Georgia). The Southern Region’s leadership has informed of the challenges to our PNBC churches and communities, especially in Lumbarton (Sandy Grove Baptist Church) (<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/weather/article107839997.html>) and Wilmington, North Carolina, as well as in Effingham (Mt. Rona Baptist Church) and Marion (Pleasant Grove Baptist Church), South Carolina. As the televised and cyber news services show, the Carolinas situation is still unfolding with rising water and flooding damages to thousands in the impacted areas. And Haiti is an extreme disaster, especially in the Southwest Region of the country!

Although a few contributions helped one of our Baton Rouge pastors and his family, **thanks** to several churches and the PNBC Southern Region's leadership, PNBC needs ALL CHURCHES AND MEMBERS of the Convention to support these serious recovery situations. We've disbursed funds received to date, but need additional funds TODAY. THE NEED IS GREAT! Your church's contribution of any amount and individual contribution of any amount will be deeply appreciated!

The Missions Ministry urges all of our churches and families to be a **much greater blessing** in Baton Rouge by moving beyond support to one family, to helping the additional 60+ church members, and other sister churches still struggling and in dire need! And the disaster unfolding in the Southeast coastal area, as well as in the Caribbean requires our response now. Per our Baton Rouge coordinator and our Southern Regional leadership, the best way for PNBC to have the most impact for our church families is to give directly through PNBC, as well as support the efforts of the National Baptist Convention of America-Lott Carey National Disaster Relief Network, and the local associations with which we've been connecting. **YOU** can help by:

A) Lifting a special church offering in October/November for the flood relief efforts in Louisiana, the Caribbean, and the Southeast Coastal areas is sending it, clearly marked "Storm and Flood Relief" on the check memo section, to:

PNBC, c/o Missions Ministry, 601 50th Street NE, Washington DC 20019

B) Sending personal financial contributions, marked "**Storm and Flood Relief**" on the check memo, to: **PNBC, c/o Missions Ministry, 601 50th Street NE, Washington DC 20019**

C) Sending the following, most needed supplies (updated October 2016) to Louisiana at:

GSM Hope Complex, 1401 Moeling Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601

Sheets Pillow Cases Pillows Towels [especially] Gift Cards (e.g., Target, Walmart, etc.)

D) Individuals and/or churches/teams interested in volunteering your time and talents in Louisiana are to email Sister Pauline Hurst at bjmaxonjr@yahoo.com for further information about coordination. If you serve as a volunteer, please email the PNBC Missions Ministry at the information addresses provided below.

The PNBC Missions Ministry is gathering information on the required urgent needs/requests of our PNBC Family and communities impacted by **Hurricane Matthew** and will convey them as soon as this information is available.

Let's pray for and move forward NOW, in our witness and commitment in God's Kingdom to the families devastated by the floods and storm damages of Baton Rouge, the Southeast Coast, and the Caribbean, who are recovering and rebuilding their lives and appreciate our faithful support. May the "*author and finisher of our faith*" continue to keep them --- with PNBC's help!

For additional information, contact Rev. Samuel Nixon, VP of Missions, at snixonj2@aol.com or Rev. James Victor, Director of Missions, at jevictor@att.net.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me . . . " - St. Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)