



RESOURCES:

Ways to help Puerto Rico

Hurricane Maria destroyed the infrastructure and communication systems on the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico. Its residents—our fellow American citizens—are challenged even now to gather the necessities for their survival: clean drinking water, food, first aid, medications/prescriptions, access to money in their bank accounts, gas for their vehicles, and fuel for generators, given that electricity has been restored to only 20 percent of the island to date. Flooding continues with heavy rains across Puerto Rico this week. Internet connections and cell phone service have been very difficult for most residents, and frustrating for their relatives living here on the mainland who are desperate to learn of their well-being.

Wondering how to help Puerto Rico recover?

- Pray for the 114 congregations in this ABC Region, its missions, and seminary
- American Baptist Women's Ministries is raising funds through its Women and Girls Mission Fund to provide **2018 budget funding to Ministerios de Mujeres Bautistas de Puerto Rico** (Baptist Women's Ministries of Puerto Rico). Our goal is for American Baptist women stateside to collectively give \$10,000 to help fund the region Baptist women's organization and empower its board to continue its vital ministries with women and girls in 2018. [Click here for more information.](#)
- Use and share [Litanies](#) for congregational worship
- "Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico" seeks to [raise \\$1 million](#) within the next three to six months through **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** to support rebuilding the homes, churches and lives of our brothers and sister in Christ.
- Stay informed. [Sign up](#) for updates.
- Church World Service is in urgent need of **Hygiene Kits and Cleanup Buckets**. Hygiene kits meet immediate needs, and Emergency Cleanup Buckets mean critical supplies for families who are re-entering their homes. [Click here for more information.](#)

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