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There is always **HOPE**

Our hope - and prayer - is to try to raise \$50,000 this Christmas season to give the best gift possible – a safe and secure home for the families we care for and serve. Jesus says to us, over and again in the Scriptures, **“what we do for the least, we do for the Lord.”**

Join us in Prayer

Heavenly Father, we bring before You all who are victims of a hurricane. May they know that You are their shelter and their stronghold in this time of distress. We ask that You restore what has been lost and set them in a place of safety.

Provide them with all that they need right now and show us how we can best minister to their needs.

Amen.



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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2022

All I want for Christmas...

All I want for Christmas is a roof that doesn't leak!! Not for me, but for those in our mission community as we continue to rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Ian back in late September. We've made GREAT progress - thanks to wonderful people like you who have been so generous - as we demolished 4 homes and installed roofs on the houses that completely LOST their roofs in the storm.

For the others, we 'patched' together their roofs by using scraps and pieces and parts. These roofs give them cover and some shelter but they aren't good at keeping rain out of their homes. They need to be replaced. There are about 50 houses that need help. So all they want (and need) for Christmas is a roof!!!

As you can only imagine, the wonderful people we care for in our mission have had quite the few years. If the pandemic was tough here...it was much tougher there. If gas and food prices are high here...they are much higher there. And on top of it all, the hurricane was devastating and really the 'frosting on the cake' of almost three very difficult years.

Your help and support makes all the difference.

It's going to cost about \$1000 per house to replace the roof and make some basic repairs along the way. **Our hope - and prayer - is to try to raise \$50,000 this Christmas to give the best gift possible – a safe and secure home for the families we care for and serve.** Jesus says to us over and again in the Scriptures, "what we do for the least, we do for the Lord." Like the innkeeper who welcomed Mary and Joseph, working together we can create safe homes for those in our mission and for the Lord.

God bless you for your support for Mission Possible. Over and again, you make the mission possible. Be assured of my prayers this Christmas and always. You and the Mission Possible Team and Supporters are remembered every week at Mass in our mission community.

Father Bob Stec
on behalf of Mission Possible



What remains of a home following the hurricane.

Full circle.

16 years ago, God brought us to Higüey because of a hurricane.

At that time, the Dominican Republic was still recovering from Hurricane Jeanne, that had destroyed countless homes and swept away the belongings of thousands and thousands of people who live along the rivers in what we've come to call 'tin city'.

This past September, following Hurricane Fiona, we returned to the Dominican to a painfully familiar scene, homes destroyed, countless belongings swept away and incredible damage...it all came full circle.

For the members of our community though, this time was different. Because of your goodness, and the work we've done over the past 16 years, the 600+ people in our communities had a safe place to go in our community centers and church. They did not need to worry about the river washing their lives and possessions away...and they knew we would be there when the storm settled to help them rebuild.

We got 'hit' by the storm in 3 big ways (and many more):

Our first neighborhood saw four homes completely destroyed.

They were in the direct path of the hurricane. Walls completely collapsed, steel twisted windows and doors blown off and more... We demolished these homes for safety and have moved these families into other homes. In addition to these homes, just about every roof in the first community is damaged and leaking. We are working through options of redesigning this first community to make it safer, flow better and create more green space.

The baseball field took on some damage.

We lost the roof of the bleachers, a large section of fence was washed out/away, and there were trees fallen/blown into the outfield that were removed.

Community Two also took a direct hit.

Eight roofs were severely damaged and caused incredible debris from trees and the surrounding area to be blown in.



Tin City

The real and perhaps most distressing damage was found in Tin City.

If you've been with us on a trip, you've stood there and saw the river and its tin shacks (homes) stretch on as far as the eye can see. You also know how close the homes are to the river.... When the storm came - the river rose and flooded and destroyed many of these homes - and washed away people's clothes, mattresses and so much more.

Many are now homeless, living with family and working to rebuild their lives...



With nowhere else to put the debris from the storm, it gets piled into the streets waiting for the city workers to haul it away.



Father Bob Stec sits down with the Bishop, Mayor and representatives from Caritas International to discuss how we can best collaborate and rebuild.



Garbage and debris line the shrubs and trees along the river bank.



The week of Christmas we distributed rice, beans, oil and salami to each household so they will have a substantial meal to share on Christmas Day. Your continued support makes this possible.



English remains critical as the pathway out of poverty. Each day we have hundreds of kids (and some adults) taking English classes so they can find meaningful work in the resorts.

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50+ roofs damaged that need to be replaced.



8,000 pounds of food distributed.



600+ lives safe because of your goodness.

You make the Mission Possible!