

## HURRICANE DORIAN RESPONSE UPDATE



## **RESPONDING IN THE BAHAMAS**

The Samaritan's Purse emergency field hospital in Freeport, Grand Bahama, is meeting a variety of critical medical needs for residents who have no other access to a fully-functional medical facility. In the first three days of operation, our hospital staff have treated more than 300 patients—meaning we are operating nearly at full capacity. "You cannot pick a time when people need healthcare and Jesus more," said Shannon Wood, one of our intensive care nurses.

Meanwhile, our DC-8 jet continues to transport relief supplies to the Bahamas, where our teams and church partners are reaching hurting communities by sea, air, and land, with aid such as tarps, generators, solar lights, hygiene kits, blankets, and water filters.

The small town of Cedar Harbour was cut off from the main island of Abaco when the bridge was swept away, but we were able to reach it with emergency aid via helicopter. "We are so grateful for you," said one of the residents. "It shows you care. We don't have any boats, so we have to rely on others."

In the coming days, there's a high probability that an approaching storm could become a cyclone and hit areas already affected by Dorian, so our teams are preparing for the likelihood of heavy rainfall and wind.

## **RESPONDING IN ATLANTIC CANADA**

Our disaster relief teams have arrived in Summerside, Prince Edward Island to help the region's residents hit hard by Hurricane Dorian. The storm tore off roofs, broke windows, and toppled massive trees onto homes and other property.

Volunteers began removing fallen trees on Sept. 12, bringing help and hope to residents. "Some of our people are really suffering," said Rowan Caseley, mayor of Kensington, PEI. "We invited Samaritan's Purse into the area...and we're thankful they are here."



ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEER TEAMS BEGINS THE HARD WORK OF HELPING RESIDENTS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RECOVER FROM DORIAN.