

## Samaritan's Purse helping Bahamas hurricane victims

*Christian relief agency airlifts emergency shelter materials, critical supplies on DC-8 cargo plan*

**CALGARY, AB – Sept. 3, 2019** — Samaritan's Purse is preparing to fly its DC-8 cargo plane stocked with critical supplies to the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian pummeled the island—leaving thousands of people without basic necessities. The first plane load includes emergency shelter material, household water filters and two community water filtration units specially designed to turn saltwater into drinking water.

“Samaritan's Purse has been watching and preparing to respond to Hurricane Dorian. We are loading our DC-8 with supplies that we plan to take down as soon as the storm clears, and it's safe to land,” said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse.

“Families in the Bahamas are suffering and millions of others are bracing for Dorian's impact as the storm continues to move. Please join me in praying for everyone affected by this hurricane, and for our teams as we respond in Jesus' Name.”

### Media opportunities:

- [Broadcast quality b-roll](#) of Samaritan's Purse Aid
- [High-quality photos](#) of Samaritan's Purse DC-8 and Disaster Relief Units

Canadian members of Samaritan's Purse's Disaster Assistance Response Team are already en route to begin assessments immediately after the storm passes. Key Canadian personnel and Disaster Relief Unit tractor trailers, packed with chainsaws, generators, tools and supplies, are on standby to assist recovery efforts along the U.S. coast as needed.

In recent years, Samaritan's Purse has helped victims of a wide variety of international disasters including hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. In Canada, the organization has assisted victims of flooding in New Brunswick in 2019, 2018, 2014, 2012, 2010 and 2008; the catastrophic 2016 wildfire in Fort McMurray, Alberta; and flooding in Quebec, southern Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, and British Columbia.

### Donations Needed

To support Samaritan's Purse's disaster relief efforts, please visit [SamaritansPurse.ca](http://SamaritansPurse.ca) (click on “Donate”) or call **1-800-663-6500**.

### About Samaritan's Purse Canada

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian relief and development organization that takes its name from Jesus Christ's biblical story of the Good Samaritan. Like that Good Samaritan, who found a beaten man and helped restore him, we aid victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty, famine, and persecution. Besides disaster relief, our work includes collecting and distributing gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, providing safe water, teaching vocational skills, and providing agricultural supplies and training to families in the developing world. Learn more at [SamaritansPurse.ca](http://SamaritansPurse.ca).

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