

Caribbean

BAHAMAS

Methodist Habitat - Priority Project list

All projects listed below are secondary to Hurricane relief. For the latest in hurricane recovery news and connections contact UVMIM, SEJ

Central Eleuthera - Camp Symonette - Staff Cottage

At the front entrance to the campsite is a two story structure that is used by the caretaker of the camp. The top portion is a two bedroom apartment that is used by our caretaker Mr. Martin Gaitor. The bottom portion has been used for storage. The intent is to convert the bottom area into a living space for interns, staff and other visitors to the campsite. The top portion is also in need of repairs. This will be used for as housing for a fulltime coordinator of Camp Symonette which we are in the process of acquiring.

North Andros - North Andros

parsonage repair (drywall, electrical, carpentry.)

South Eleuthera - Tarpum Bay Manse

The Tarpum Bay is ideally located on the Southern end of Eleuthera, thus providing an excellent staging area for Methodist Habitat activities on the Southern End of the island. It is located on the water front in beautiful Tarpum Bay. It has a two bedroom apartment upstairs, with an open meeting area below. There is also an office attached with access to a phone line. There is also a storage area attached to the back ideal for the storage of tools and materials.

Tarpum Bay Methodist church has graciously allowed us to partner with them in the restoration and use of their manse. We have agreed to assist with restorations. In return we will be able to use the manse and office facilities for interns, staff, rentals and other activities.

Central Eleuthera - Gaitor Residence, Camp Symonette

Martin has been living and working with his family at Camp Symonette for the past ten years. Martin has sometimes gone months without salary and has taken a personal interest in the protection of the camp. Martin is a committed employee and a great ambassador for the church and Methodist Habitat. We would like to assist Martin to move into his own home soon. Because the residence will also

double as a commercial property, we would like to assist Martin in completing a portion of the unit.

Abaco

Teams traveling to Abaco can fly directly into Marsh Harbour (MHB). Numerous airlines fly from South Florida into Marsh Harbour.

During the summer months, there are opportunities for construction and VBS teams.

Cat Island - Great Bethel Methodist Church

Carry out repairs to the Manse/Parsonage. There is need for painting, drywall and wood and masonry work.

Central Eleuthera - Camp Symonette

There is a need for ongoing repairs at the Camp. We are in the process of getting quotes to upgrade electrical and plumbing services, repair water system, replace furnishings and linen, upgrade kitchen facilities and provide a reading room for clients.

South Eleuthera - Methodist Habitat Administrative Building

A suitable place is being sought to develop a Disaster Response/Mission Centre in South Eleuthera. This center will also serve as the central administrative building for Methodist Habitat. Work is expected to begin in early spring.

North Eleuthera - Bluff Community and Mission Center

The Bluff community is located on the northern end of Eleuthera. It is a growing community that is in need of more coordinated activities for its youth and young adults. Completion of the Bluff Community and Mission center will enable the church to be a more life changing force in the community. The center is currently has its roof on and will need some masonry and carpentry work to complete.

Cat Island - Orange Creek Residence

Completion of a home for a senior citizen. This project already has its siding and part of its roof in place. Teams are needed to complete work here.

Nassau - Coke Memorial Methodist Church

Coke Memorial Methodist Church is situated in an area of Nassau that is economically and socially challenged. However, the church is experiencing

tremendous growth under the leadership of its Pastor and lay leaders. They are quickly outgrowing their facilities. This new facility will include a sanctuary for worship, youth meeting rooms and rooms for other social outreach such as soup kitchens, a clothes closet and church office.

Because Nassau is a modern city built around tourism there are numerous banks and sightseeing facilities. Team will live in Nassau.

Central Andros - Camp Makepeace

Andros is the biggest island in the Bahamas. Camp Makepeace is located in Central Andros. The site is a five-acre beach and creek front property that has a church and Mission center already onsite. Work has already begun on the expansion of the site. (There are two fulltime missionaries living at the site).

This site will become a retreat and mission centre. It will be the headquarters for Habitat work on Andros. There are dormitory style sleeping quarters here and also kitchen facilities. Teams will live work and swim on site. There is also opportunity to visit blue holes, the batik factory and the barrier reef. Majority of materials will have to be shipped in ahead of time as hardware stores have limited supplies.

Disaster Relief Centers - Disaster Relief Centers

The church is working to establish such centers throughout the islands. Teams are sought for construction and to train disaster volunteers.

All of the BCMC projects are contingent on the support received for them. While the goal is to eradicate substandard housing in the Bahamas, be aware that disasters do arise that call for immediate attention. Until November, you will also have to be cognizant of the fact that this is the active hurricane season.

Members of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church have met with the new Government Minister of Social Services and have expressed confidence that the government is interested in partnering with us, especially in cases of inner city projects and aid to senior citizens. All projects are carried out in consultation with the Department of Social Services.

Central Andros - Mastic Point

Completion of the Mission Centre in Mastic Point. This center is a 1500 square feet manse/parsonage that will house mission teams and other church groups. After the site is complete, work teams will begin to work on homes in the surrounding communities of North Andros.

CUBA

Repairs to churches - Churches & parsonages throughout the island request teams for construction & repairs. Because of Cuba's special circumstances, only deeply committed United Methodists with previous volunteer experience should participate in teams going to Cuba. There must be no drinking alcohol or smoking, & teams must avoid giving the impression of going as tourists. Shorts of a decent length may be worn at the work site, but not in other places. Teams are assigned by the Methodist Church in Cuba as needed.

[\[#08575N - Repairs of Cuban Churches and Structures\]](#)

Additional information on the Methodist Church of Cuba is available through the Cuba-Florida Covenant website, a partnership promoting fellowship and mutual support between Methodists in Cuba and Florida.

COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

Wesley Church Hall – Building of church hall with concrete bricks. Medical services needed. VBS possible in July and August.

Church Vestry in Marigot – Church vestry with office and restrooms. Medical services needed. VBS possible in July and August.

Wesley - Rebuilding old school destroyed by hurricane. Building to include wash rooms, office space, store room, kitchen, and a large hall for meetings. Youth accepted.

Wesley Church office and vestry – building of church office to include wash rooms using concrete blocks.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

UMVIM Individual Volunteers Kim and Damon Bland help coordinate teams to Dominican Republic, and there are many opportunities for youth teams in the area. [Visit their website](#) for projects, itineraries, and contact information for the Blands.

Church of Buenos Aires Santo Domingo - This quickly growing church is located in a far west neighborhood of Santo Domingo. The people are very poor. The new church will have three levels. The first level has just been completed where the church is meeting. During the weekday, this area is used as a school. The next two floors will eventually house the sanctuary, more classrooms, and a medical clinic. Stay in hotel with meals prepared by church members.

Church of Santiago, Santiago - There is new excitement in this church and the church is growing by numbers each week although they meet under a tarp. Most of the walls are up but a lot of work is still left to do. They lack columns, cement

roof, stucco, windows, doors, pews, pulpit furniture, electrical work, installing of bathrooms, and much more. Teams can stay in hotel, local university campus, or with families. Meals prepared by church members.

Chapel of San Rafael San Cristobal - This poor village is located in the east hills of San Cristobal. This growing little church is meeting in a termite infested building (12 x 20). The new chapel has been started and the walls of the basement are up. We are still lacking the cement roof of the basement which will be the floor of the sanctuary, block walls for the sanctuary, stucco, windows, doors, zinc roof over the sanctuary part. Teams could stay with families, hotel, or during the summer in the church school.

Church of Ensanche Quisqueya Santo Domingo - This church is located in a modest section of Santo Domingo. The church has been growing rapidly and no longer has room for all of its members. Enlarging the present sanctuary is truly needed. Groups could stay in a hotel or with families. Meals prepared by church.

Chapel of El Zero Higuey - This congregation has been meeting in homes. Recently, they purchased a piece of land and the church has begun the project. We are lacking stucco, cement floor, furniture, doors, electrical work, and windows. Teams can stay in a local hotel and church members would prepare meals.

Church of Los Soto Higuey - This congregation has recently purchased a piece of property and now is ready to begin the construction process. Their dream is to have a small chapel with a zinc roof. Teams would stay in a local hotel and church members would prepare meals.

Chapel of La Pina Sabonetade Yasica - The members of this congregation have purchased land. It has been a dream for many years to have an actual church building. The plans are to build a small chapel with a cement roof due to severe weather. The idea is that this chapel would be a place of refuge for this poor community. A well has recently been dug on the church property to provide water to the community as a means of outreach. Teams could stay at local school depending on the time of year or in a hotel in a neighboring town called Cabarete. Meals would be prepared by church members.

Chapel of Villa Clara Samana - Located in a poor community, this rapidly growing church has purchased its own land and begun building a large church by faith. Through their sacrificial giving and hard work, the walls and roof are up. Now they need stucco and a floor. Teams can stay in a hotel and have meals prepared by church members.

Manse of Duverge - The old wooden manse is termite infested, very small and not salvageable. It has been decided to build the manse by adding a second floor to the new church structure. The idea is to build the manse with several

bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom, and a living/dining room. If the ministry in Duverge is to prosper, it is essential to build a suitable house for the pastor. Stay in a modest hotel in Duverge with meals prepared by church members.

Manse of Mella - This poorly constructed home needs to be remodeled. Interior walls need to be knocked down and new interior block walls need to be laid. Groups can stay with church families or in a hotel in Duverge. Meals will be prepared by church members. Alternately, groups can stay in Barahona which is a 30 minute drive.

Church of Yaguatae, between San Cristobal and Bani - Yaguatae is a small town among the sugar cane fields, a forty-five minute drive southwest of Santo Domingo. The building directly behind the church will be used primarily for educational and medical purposes. The first floor has been completed and the church school is up and running. The immediate need is laying block, installing windows and doors, putting in electrical fixtures, stuccoing inside and out, laying the floor, and painting for the second floor. The group can stay in the homes of church members, or in a hotel in Santo Domingo. Members of the church would prepare meals.

Second Church of San Pedro de Macoris - The congregation is building a block annex behind the church in order to provide day care for working mothers.

First Church of La Romana - The church is buying an adjoining lot and partially build structure to use for their over-crowded Sunday School and outreach programs. They wish to complete the building in order to continue growth.

National Church Office Santo Domingo - The national D.E.C. office has lacked sufficient space for offices, meetings, etc. for many years. The church has begun expansion of the first floor and is building a second floor in order to add offices, a kitchen, meeting room, and resource areas. Teams could stay in a hotel, and church members would prepare meals.

Villa Consuelo Evangelical School Santo Domingo - In a poor neighborhood in central Santo Domingo. Urgent need to finish the second floor of this overcrowded school. Two additional classrooms and two bathrooms are needed. This school still needs: lying of blocks, pouring of cement roof, adding doors, windows, stuccoing, electrical installations and sanitary installations.

Las Arras Evangelical School Santo Domingo - Las Arras is located in a very poor section of Santo Domingo. They do have a strong outreach program within their community. They have started a school for children but are now in need of more room to house all the students. A second floor is needed. Laying lots of blocks, stuccoing, pouring the ceiling, electrical work, installing doors, installing windows, and painting is needed. Teams could stay in hotels or possibly with church members. Church members would prepare meals.

Samana Evangelical School - The central church has begun building a school to help the community with its lack of classroom space. The foundation and part of the walls have been laid. Everything else needs to be completed.

Church of Mella Village of Mella - This is a small church located in an isolated town near the Haitian border. The church is fairly new but lacking bathrooms and a cement roof. Team would stay with families or in a modest hotel in the neighboring town of Duverge. Meals prepared by church members.

Bombita and LaHoya - Two year volunteer to handle sponsorship details, and help with assemblies in two schools and youth groups in the villages of Bombita and LaHoya.

National Church Camp in Bani - The National Camp is a site that has needed renovation for many years. Dormitories need new cement roofs, new dormitories need to be built, and the chapel needs some minor renovations as well. Lots of painting, electrical, carpentry and block laying work are needed. It will take a number of volunteer teams to complete this project.

Manzanillo and Dajabon: Water filters need to be installed in 6-8 communities. Cost at \$100 apiece

The church in Dajabon needs to be finished. The construction cost is \$4000.

Dajabon - medical teams needed to work with a gynecological clinic in the border region

Bible School programs working with the young people. Each group would have to make the decision about what they can spend. Concerts, skits and talks with the young people here are greatly needed. Playground for the park, swings and other equipment can be made from used tires. These cost about \$20 or less. The poles to mount the tires would run about \$25 each. Chain and bolts could be brought from home.

A clinic needs a roof. Construction costs are \$12000. Rooms after the top is on could cost about \$800 per room. Two groups of 4 to 5 people could finish two rooms in 4 to 5 days. That would include putting stucco on the walls, tile on the floor, installing the one window and light fixture.

Santiago--Evangelical Dominican Church. Construction of local church and school; provide basic needs (bathrooms, food, etc.).

Barahona--Several projects are needed, under the supervision of Pastor Pedro Kery Johnson.

1. Flooring

2. Painting of the school, \$1000
3. Building of a classroom for a women's school, \$2800
4. Painting the parsonage, \$800
5. Bulding a block wall around the church, \$4000
6. Upgrade the library, \$1200
7. Build a church for the area, \$9200

Meals and lodging are \$27 per person, per day

GRENADA

Wesley House -- The building requires general maintenance and upgrading, with special consideration to be given to the lower level of the building, with the intention of leasing out the excess space as office accomodations.

St. George's Methodist Church -- The building needs substantial restoration and renovation, including replacement of the roof structure and roof cladding, and replacement of the timber floors with reinforced concrete floors.

Bethel Methodist Church -- General renovation required, with focus on rebuilding the roof, strenthening the walls, replacing some windows, upgrading bathrooms, and replacing bell cupola lost in hurricane.

Constantine Methodist Church -- The original church building was destroyed by a hurricane. A new church building (for approximately 300 worshippers) needs to be constructed, but not in the exact location, as there are plans for road improvement adjacent to the site.

Donation from teams for each of these projects is approximately \$4-5,000 for each trip. Housing will be at Bethel Hall UMC, where room and board costs \$20 a night.

HAITI

[\[#418812 - Solar Oven Project\]](#)

COCINA School in Ouaniminthe – Construction needs at school and medical needs at adjoining clinic. Guest house here can host up to 40. Teams fly into Santiago.

Methodist Church at Gebeau - Needs seating upgrade, building painted, floors finished, and altar area completed.

CHOPD Children's Home in Jeremie - Construction teams needed to upgrade an existing building and build new buildings to accommodate the children and house manager. Vocational training needed in the area of wood and metal working, agronomy, operating the grain mill, and livestock management.

[\[#3020507 - Haiti Children Project\]](#)

Fund-raising, policy development, and consultants needed for micro-credit program. Particular program foci are livestock management, sharecropping, and agronomy.

Lay preaching training needed, along with French language Bible dictionaries, study Bibles, and concordances.

JAMAICA

The Jamaica Project--Construction teams needed:

May 19th – May 26th

June 16th – June 23rd

June 23rd –June 30th

June 30th – July 7th

July 7th – July 14th

July 14th – July 21st

July 21st – July 28th

For more information, [click here](#).

Brown's Town/Edmondson Circuit - St. Ann - Central Jamaica - Eccleston Chapel

Eccleston Chapel roof damaged by hurricane winds

Lucea Circuit -

Indigent House

A work team from the North Carolina Conference built this house after Hurricane Gilbert when they came to work at the Riverside Methodist Chapel which was damaged by the above Hurricane. The church uses this house to assist the poor people in the community.

Riverside Methodist Church

Hurricane Ivan damaged this chapel last year. After several months of fund raising including the assistance of the District, the members were able to replace

the entire roof. Our present need is to paint this chapel and re-dedicate it to the glory of God.

Manchioneal Circuit - Portland - Eastern Jamaica - Kensington Manse

Hurricane has damaged roof and doors

May Pen Circuit - Clarendon - Central Jamaica - Mitchell Town Chapel

Hurricane damaged the roof and furnishings

May Pen Circuit - Clarendon - Central Jamaica - Watsonson Chapel

Repair church building, organ and furnishings due to hurricane damage

May Pen Multipurpose Center -- Centre to be constructed on 40 acres of church lands situated at Bryan's Pen. Site is already home to May Pen Methodist Church and borders on the Central High School grounds. Team contribution \$7-10,000.

Montego Bay/Mt. Ward Circuit - Western Jamaica - St. John's Action Center

Roof damaged by hurricane

Montego Bay/Mt. Ward Circuit - Western Jamaica - Porter's Mountain Chapel

Roof damaged by hurricane

Mt. Fletcher Circuit - St. Andrew - Eastern Jamaica - Content Gap Chapel

Content Gap Chapel needs a roof from hurricane damage

St. Elizabeth Circuit - Western Jamaica - Mountainside Chapel

The hurricane has damaged the organ.

Medical

* Methodist clinics: Doctors, nurses & dentists to work in Methodist clinics. Certification takes approximately 6 months.

* Kingston - Renal Foundation: Requires doctors and nurses to run dialysis units, which are currently under-used due to limited staffing, despite a great need for them.

MONTserrat

Cavalla Hill - Tile, paint, and install cabinets & plumbing fixtures in a three apartment project at Cavalla Hill, for housing relocated persons.

Bethany Methodist Church - Tile a Vestry at the Bethany Church.

Housing, northern part of the island - Assist in housing construction on the northern part of the island.

PUERTO RICO

Camps - [\[#352140 - Camp Ministries\]](#)

* Guardarraya Patillas - Centro Conferencial Mujeres Metodistas: Repair to kitchen and other facilities. Housing on Campus.

* Arecibo - Cumbres del Calvario: Build additional camp facilities. Housing available on site.

Region ABC

* Priority 1 – Albonito Pasto Albonito Pasto: Repair roof, paint sanctuary and parsonage, electrical repair, fence repair

* Priority 1 – Comerío Primera Iglesia Metodista: Build a chapel for worship

* Aguas Buenas: Build Sunday Bible school facilities, and a fellowship hall.

Build a security fence

* Coamo: Finish roof for the educational building. Finish parking area for church.

Region Metro 1

* Priority 1 – Levitown: Two bathrooms; dividers between classrooms; install moving walls for community activities; replace windows; install floor tiles.

* Country Club El Buen Pastor church: Building and roof repair; build gazebo; complete fence; repairs to parsonage

* Vieques, Pueblo: Repair church facilities and painting; repairs for parsonage - roof, windows, doors, painting

Region Metro II

* Priority 1 – Los Angeles: Repair bathrooms, install tiles, construct handicapped bathroom, interior stairs

* Priority 1 – Culebra - Jerusalem: Tile annex; fix doors; repair bathrooms in both church and annex

* Vistamar - Juan Orlandi Balrán: construct facilities in daycare building (bathrooms, kitchen)

Region Montaña

* Priority 2 – Dos Bocas (Arecibo): New church building, worship and educational facilities.

* Sabana Grande (Utuado): Roof repair and painting

Region Norte I

- * Priority 1 – Rincón (New Mission): New worship facilities.

Region Sur

* Priority 1 – Aguirre - Elizabeth Burnham Memorial - Priority 1: Complete work in parsonage; minor repairs in church building

* Priority 1 – Jobos - Mesón de Amor: Concrete floor 40x40; shelter for Sunday School

* Maunabo - El Aposento Alto: Urgent need to build 4 classrooms for Sunday School

* Priority 1 – Juana Diaz (New Mission): Build new facilities for worship

* Maunabo - Palo Seco Peña de Horeb: Fence; painting of church and fence; parsonage arrangements

* Salinas: Parking area

* Jacaboá: Build new facilities for worship - steel/concrete

* Mayagüez Methodist Church: Painitng, doors, facilities for disabled persons. Continue and finish work on a new sanctuary and educational facilities initiated by UMVIM teams.

Schools, Colleges and Daycare

* Vieques - Esperanza Methodist Kinder: Construct roof.

* Villa Palmeras Santurce - Centro Met: Interior and exterior painting, tile floors

ST. THOMAS, US VIRGIN ISLANDS

None at this time. Call the UMVIM SEJ office for latest info.

ST. VINCENT

Chateaubelair - Installing a new galvanized roof and tile floor on the Methodist Church. Roofers needed.

Hospital at Chateaubelair - Medical team and construction teams needed: 1-2 physicians incl. family practitioner, pediatrician or internist; optometrist and dentist.