

MISSIONBAHAMAS

Hurricane Relief | Spiritual Growth | Sustainable Agriculture

Giving Update

We are thrilled to have been accepted as a project with the New Horizons Foundation a 501(c)(3) in Colorado Springs. New Horizons who acts as an additional layer of financial accountability and provides the opportunity for our donors to receive a tax-deduction letter for their gifts to MissionBahamas. Click [here to be taken to our account at New Horizons](#) or click the Donate Now button at MissionBahamas.org

A Taste of Worship

Rev. Jessica preached for Father’s Day at New Hope Methodist Church, and the men of the church gave a special musical offering to celebrate our Father in Heaven. Enjoy it by following the link below.

Link: [Music during worship!](#)

Mission Success!



In the middle of June, we welcomed a 12 person mission team from St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem, NC. They tackled two projects. The first was rebuilding a retaining wall at St. David’s Methodist Church that had been knocked down by a drunk driver. Had it not been for the wall, the driver would have gone right through the wall of the church. 82 cinder blocks and 5 bags of mortar later, the church has a sturdy wall that just needs a little paint.

The second project was to build a picnic table for the church courtyard so folks have a place to gather outside under the palm trees.



With the projects completed, they enjoyed a day of snorkeling, shopping at the straw market, and another delicious meal provided by the ladies of St. David’s Methodist Church. Is your church the next to experience [MissionBahamas](#)?

Ice Cream!

We have felt so much love from the people we are in ministry with, and they especially love doting on our boys. Alexander and Zachary were very excited



when one beloved church member brought over strawberry ice cream! You may not realize that ice cream in the Bahamas is a BIG deal!

Support our Ministry

1. Bring a Mission Team: We welcome teams of all ages and project types year round.
2. Church Financial Support: Ask your Mission Committee to sponsor a MissionBahamas Sunday special offering. We will provide worship materials, including a sermon, if desired. Or consider ongoing support to missional programs.
3. Individual Financial Support: Click the **Donate Now** button on our website to make a tax-deductible donation.
4. Spread the Word: Share this newsletter or our website on your social media, with your church, family and friends.

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Bringing Hope

We've spent the last year getting acclimated to our new country, learning to drive on the left side of the road and how to extract the juice from a coconut, but we've also focused on the most important aspect of mission work: learning what the people actually need from us.

As the youth mission team worked on the wall outside the church, we noticed an increasing number of people slowing down to watch or walk past to see what we were doing. As the week went on, people began to stop and talk to the group, thanking them for coming. One of the comments we heard often was how difficult it has been to recover from Dorian because it just seems hopeless. They had just recovered from Matthew when Dorian hit, and the devastation was everywhere. Why rebuild when it is just going to be destroyed by the next inevitable storm?

Sometimes we need other people to believe in us before we can believe in ourselves, and sometimes we need other people to have hope before we can truly believe in the future ourselves.

We bring wood and nails and paint, but the most valuable thing we bring is hope. Hope that rebuilding is possible. Hope that we can build in ways to protect against future storms. Hope that they are not forgotten. We knew the people of Grand Bahama needs supplies and helpers, but we never anticipated how much they needed hope, or that we would be able to provide that simply by showing up.

Beachside Worship

Mornings and evenings during their mission week, the youth of St. Timothy's had devotionals on the beach, just outside their hotel rooms. The gentle waves and soft sand are a magnificent setting for reminding us of the glory of God.

