**Elijah’s Care Ministry Hurricane Dorian Relief**

With a desire to continually focus on administering Biblical compassion to others, with the express desire to alleviate and/or minimize their pain, anxiety, and needs, this policy is established.

The overarching purpose is to provide assistance/relief to persons after a personal, community, island, and/or national disaster (e.g. fire, flood, hurricane, etc.).

Our desire will be to remain faithful to the Word of God in the prioritizing of assistance. Galatians 6:10 and Matthew 5:13-16 present the strategy that will govern our efforts in this exercise of love.

1. Ministers and their families will be given priority (35% of resources distributed)
2. Followers of Jesus Christ – household of faith (20% of resources distributed)
3. Wider community (45% of resources distributed)

Balance will be exercised between these categories so that resources are maximized effectively and efficiently.

Our strategy will be to provide long term assistance based on the need of the individual (e.g. 3 months, 6 months, 12 months) up to one (1) year. In order to facilitate this, an assessment team will be organized/implemented to determine the needs of those affected. We will utilize national agencies (e.g. NEMA – National Emergency Management Agency – in the event of a hurricane), churches of like faith, civic organizations (e.g. Ministry of Social Services), and charitable organizations (e.g. Salvation Army, Red Cross) to help us in our assessment.

The following will have to be determined:

1. Extent of property damage
2. Ownership of property to be verified
3. Basic necessities (food, hygiene products, rent, water, transportation, etc.)
4. Restoration assistance of houses if uninsured
5. Medical assistance
6. Employment assistance
7. Counselling
8. Presentation of the gospel

The assessment team will monitor the utilization of funds through **paid** receipts and inspection of work in progress from start to finish (funds will have to be made available to the assessment team in order to facilitate their tasks).

**HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF EFFORTS**

The following is a proposed budget for sponsored families of four (4) living in The Bahamas:

800.00

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|  | Monthly rental ElectricityTelephone | - $- $- $ |
|  | Water | - $ |
|  | Transportation rental | - $ |
|  | available) |  |
|  | Cooking gas | - $ |
|  | Grocery | - $ |

200.00

40.00

35.00

800.00 (optional – public transportation is

35.00

600.00

**MONTHLY TOTAL - $2,510.00**

As we assess the family, they may only need partial assistance, hence funds will be distributed based on their need.

*N.B. Policy items may be amended as deemed necessary*