

CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Corinth Family and Friends,

Let me get right to the point. Johnny and Barbara Daniels are missionaries to Puerto Rico. The Daniels are members of our church. Hurricane Maria devastated the ministry in Carolina, PR. The roof on the church is gone. All the college buildings are gone, and the Christian school buildings are severely damaged. The college has 23 young people that are preparing for the ministry. Eleven women and 12 men. Bro. Johnny and Mrs. Barbara have taken the ladies into their home. They are sleeping on floors and eating whenever and whatever is available. The young men have been doled out to church families and are basically doing the same. Hundreds of school aged children that attend the Christian school have no school right now. The Daniels' daughter Jennifer called David Fenley, the West Indies Director for Macedonia Missions, and told him, "*I've never heard my Dad this discouraged.*" Phone service is very limited, and they still have no power. They have a generator, but gas is limited. One of the ministry men stood in line for six hours to buy gas for the generator, but they would only let him get a few gallons. They are using the generator to run the freezers to try to salvage the food in them. If the gas runs out, the power is gone and then the food is lost. It's tragic. But when God sends trials, it is an opportunity for us to show ourselves faithful and when "*tried come forth as gold.*"

What do we, as a church, need to do? We can't fly in with supplies. We don't need to send people to do work. Right now, it would mean adding to the trouble. Bro. Daniels told his daughter if anyone asked, "Praying and sending money would be the two best things." It makes sense to me. He's there, with boots on the ground, and knows the priority of the hour.

I want you to give sacrificially toward this great need. The Philippian church was a great example of sacrificial giving. Paul said, "*But I have all, and abound: I'm full having received from Epaphroditus the things (offerings) that were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God*" (4:18). When a whole church mobilizes, great things can be accomplished for the work of God.

Debbie and I will give the first \$1000 toward this effort. A great Christian now in glory said, "*Everything you possess is either an idol or a tool.*" He was exactly right. I want what Deb and I possess to be a tool in the work of God. As David Fenley and I were talking this morning about this situation, I told him what the Foskeys were going to do. He said they (David and Anita) would also give \$1000. Many of you could do that. Some of you can give \$500 while others less. What matters is that we let the Lord use us to help our brother and sister on a foreign field in their time of great need. You can write a check and designate, or you can give online through the church website at www.corinthonline.org. Let's all do what we can for our fellow missionary and church member. God bless you.

Pastor Tom