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ABMEN-USA ON SCENE IN PUERTO RICO

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ABMen-USA Executive Director, Lucky Ray and Jack Cobb, ABMen-USA National Disaster Relief Coordinator joined this week in Puerto Rico with Volunteers from, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, West Virginia and Wisconsin. ABMen-USA has joined with American Baptist Home Mission Societies' Mission to **Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico**. Hurricane "Maria" struck Puerto Rico on September 20, 2017, devastating the Island, taking lives, destroying homes, businesses, trees and infrastructure. Even today, many homes are without power and blue tarps on roofs dominate the landscape. The people of this beautiful island have suffered greatly and are in great need of assistance.

The ABHMS Mission, Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico is a three year commitment. ABMen-USA is committed to providing Volunteers and assistance in helping to fulfill the Mission working along side Rev. F. Salvador Orellana, National Coordinator, Latino Ministries and Ms Victoria Goff, Associate Director, Missionary Advancement and Passionary Movement.

The current Team of ABMen on site have surveyed the damage to the church Segundo Iglesia Bautista de Cidra. There is extensive damage to the exterior, roof and interior. Their immediate task is to repair the roof of the sanctuary so that cleaning and repair may be done, which will allow the members to once again utilize their beautiful Sanctuary. Pastor Juan Carlos Navarro although in a wheelchair, has been an uplifting and untiring source of encouragement, important building information and acquainting the team with the local area.

Teams are being deployed for the month of February. Volunteers seeking to participate in March and April and beyond, should contact, Jack Cobb at cobbjack@suddenlink.net. Please keep the beautiful and deserving people of Puerto Rico in your prayers and pray also for the safety and well being of the men and women representing ABMen-USA, working together as the "hands and feet of Christ".

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