



# FEDERACIÓN BAUTISTA DE EL SALVADOR

## Tropical Storm Ida Update

*Remnants of a home destroyed by mudslide in San Martin*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for the notes of encouragement, concern, prayers, and financial support that you have offered to churches and communities affected by the heavy rains caused by tropical storm Ida last week.

The Baptist Federation of El Salvador churches and staff appreciate your continued prayers and support as we grieve this unexpected tragedy and seek ways to serve our churches and communities in the midst of their physical, emotional, and spiritual need. This newsletter provides you with the latest national statistics, relief efforts of the Baptist Federation, and ways that you can help.

## Current National Statistics

As of Monday, Nov. 16 the government reports more than 75,000 people affected by the storm. Officials report a total of 194 deaths, 80 missing persons, and more than 15,000 individuals in temporary shelters.

The government is still tallying the total in damages throughout the country. International aid has begun to filter in enabling the government to begin to respond to the most urgent needs.

## Partner in Prayer



Pray for strength and hope for the families who have lost crops, homes, and family members.



Pray that the Christian community in El Salvador and internationally will respond generously and with compassion.



Pray for rebuilding of families, homes, communities, and hope.

## FEBES Responds to Urgent Church and Community Needs

During the past week, local churches and the Baptist Federation (FEBES) staff have been busy identifying member churches and communities who have been affected by the storm and assessing immediate and long-term needs of the affected families. FEBES staff made visits to several of the most affected churches and communities accompanying families in their grief and offering financial donations to help with the most urgent needs. Local churches have been gathering food, clothing, basic emergency supplies, and taking up offerings on behalf of the victims. Many churches have already made visits to sister churches and missions.



*Lamb of God church members distribute emergency supplies packets in San Pedro Perulapán*

Current reports from FEBES churches show that more than 50% of FEBES churches and communities have experienced loss or damage. More than 500 families have suffered loss of crops and/or damaged or destroyed homes. Three of our

congregations have members whose homes have been completely destroyed.

The General Board of FEBES met Saturday to determine an emergency response plan for the next few months. Immediate efforts will continue to focus on responding to the most urgent needs of families who have lost homes. The second response phase will focus on identifying and supporting subsistence farmers who have lost their crops. These families depend on corn and bean harvests to feed their families throughout the year. The rains destroyed fields that were just one week short of harvest. The third phase of the Federation's response will focus on reconstruction. Over the next few days we hope to confirm an exact number of families who will need significant repairs or completely new homes.



*A visit to a refugee shelter*

### A Note on First Baptist Church San Vicente

FEBES was surprised and concerned to see reports of the complete destruction of the First Baptist Church of San Vicente. We are grateful to be able to confirm that the church building was not damaged. Several church families were affected by the rain and mudslides in the region.

## How Can You Help?

- ~Pray!
- ~Share our story with your local church
- ~Join us in our **Reconstruction Campaign!**  
\*details coming soon
- ~Give a gift of support

Thank you!



*Volunteers prepare food packets for families in local shelters*



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