



# the RESTORE report

Greetings from Middle Georgia! I pray this letter finds you well. We just wanted to check in with our faithful supporters and let you guys know what the last several months have entailed and discuss some past blessings and future plans.

After completing a 4 month project in the DFW area and providing assistance to the victims of Hurricane Matthew in the Panama City area, we returned to our home base here in Milledgeville, GA, for an extended stay for the first time since moving here nearly 5 years ago. After spending a month remodeling our church parsonage for a new staff member, we began construction on a large pavilion containing public bathrooms, a concession stand, and an athletic closet.



When our pastor came to Emmanuel BC 8 years ago, he began a community soccer program in an attempt to build relationships between the church and the community. After starting with around 40 kids the first year, the soccer program runs closer to 250 now with upwards of 1000 people on the property on a typical Saturday during the fall soccer season. The church has grown from less than 50 to well over 150 regular attenders as a result of the relationships built through this ministry. God has blessed our church to see many saved and baptized and added to our family and we were glad to help build the next phase of Emmanuel's outreach program.

In the midst of these projects, we also returned to Galveston, TX, to lead 5 teams from 5 different churches through 7 different Hurricane Harvey recovery projects. It was long, hot, hard work, but God used us to impact the lives of struggling widows and families in their time of hopelessness and also in the lives of the 100 or so volunteers on these projects. I don't think we'll ever know until we get to Heaven the effect that serving on these types of projects have on those who volunteer and go.

Our future plans include some more construction and development on our home base here on the church property. Over the next several months we will work on organizing our shipping containers for disaster response, some improvements on our mobile housing and tool trailers, and we will begin construction of a large lean to structure to house and protect our trailers when they're not deployed. At the end of the year,



we will be heading to TN for a 1 month followed by a long project in FL entailing an addition and complete remodel for a church plant that is exploding in growth and God's blessing.

A lot of you have asked about our response to the Bahamas and we are in the very early stages of determining that ourselves. There is no doubt that there is a mind-numbing amount of need and we already have relationships on Grand Bahama Island with a church we assisted in re-building after a hurricane nearly 10 years ago. Due to its location, I have very little doubt that it was completely destroyed but I know it was insured this time per our RMI assistance agreement. I expect in the next 30 days we will have assembled a list of churches and projects in desperate need of our attention.



Lastly, I want to take time to praise the Lord for a couple of blessings. While on a project in August, one of our major donors donated a 2016 Ford F-550 diesel 4x4 crew cab flat-bed dually to us with only 40,000 miles on it.



This truck was unexpected and exactly what we needed and should serve RMI well into the future. It never ceases to amaze me how God His time and in His way and then does "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think". My prayers for a new truck were never as bold as the answer that God provided. Along the same line, I want to say thank you to those of you that support RMI on a monthly basis to make it possible for Robin and I to serve in the mission that God has called us to. I also want to say thank you to our donors – both large and small, for your sacrificial

giving, your heart for struggling people, and your prayers for us as we serve. We understand that there would be no RMI without your effort.

I'll talk to you soon as we determine our course of action regarding the Bahamas and Dorian relief.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Greg Rife". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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