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FROM NCM CANADA:
HURRICANE IRMA RESPONSE

Hurricane Irma has wreaked havoc in the Caribbean Islands and Florida, destroying infrastructure, homes, trees, crops, and in some cases, everything in its path. Heavy rains, storm surges and flooding have caused even further damage.

The first islands in the path of Hurricane Irma were hit the hardest when the hurricane was Category 5 in intensity. As it passed through the warm waters of the Caribbean, it again increased to a Category 5, striking the north and north eastern parts of Cuba.

Reports out of Cuba are still scant and lacking in detail, as communication has been cut off, roads are impassable due to felled trees and power lines and internet is down. The few pictures and accounts we have speak not only of extensive damage but also of heavy rains and flooding continuing this week, further hampering efforts to determine the full extent of the devastation.

Several of the Caribbean islands impacted by the hurricane are already receiving relief goods, and plans are already underway to rebuild infrastructure, particularly those islands whose primary livelihood depends on tourism. The US is responding primarily in Texas and Florida.

Because of back-to-back hurricanes and then the earthquake in Mexico, the demands on NCM resources and personnel is intense. Since the Canadian church has close ties with the Cuban church, NCM Canada has been asked to coordinate the relief efforts in Cuba. Therefore, **NCM Canada's focus for Hurricane Irma disaster response will be Cuba.**

We anticipate that the priority needs will be food, clean drinking water, and shelter. NCM Canada plans to send funds to the Cuban Church of the Nazarene for these immediate needs. At this point, we assume also that Work and Witness teams will be needed some time later to help rebuild/repair churches.

For immediate relief, please send donations to the National Office:

Church of the Nazarene Canada
20 Regan Road, Unit 9
Brampton, ON
L7A 1C3

You can also call 1-888-808-7490 (VISA and MasterCard accepted). You can also donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca under "Disaster Response." Please specify **Cuba**.

Please pray for all those affected by these recent disasters and for our churches and others who are responding. Please pray in particular for Cuba, our churches in Cuba, and all those impacted there.

Further updates will follow as more detailed news of damage in Cuba becomes available.

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DR. CROCKER UNDERGOES SURGERY

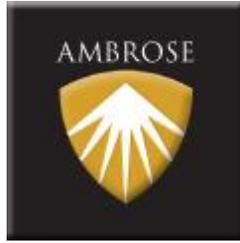
Prayer is requested for General Superintendent Gustavo A. Crocker, who underwent an emergency appendectomy last Friday morning. Everything went well and he is recovering.

Dr. Crocker says he *"praises God for prayers and for good healthcare."*

Dr. Crocker was elected the 41st General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene at the 28th General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, in June 2013.

Prior to his election, Dr. Crocker had served as Eurasia Regional Director since 2004. He previously served as Administrative Director of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries International.

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