



Disaster Relief Project Update



THE DAY HOPE ARRIVED FROM THE SKY

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Some stories cannot be told solely through numbers, statistics, or mission reports. Some stories are told through tears, embraces, and answered prayers.

After Hurricane Melissa swept through Jamaica, many communities were left virtually isolated. Homes were damaged, trees blocked roads, and entire families spent days wondering when help would arrive. To those watching from afar, it may have seemed like just another news story about a natural disaster. But for those living through it, every hour felt like an eternity.

Among those families was Marcia, a mother of two young children. The storm had torn away part of the roof of her home. There was no electricity. The food she had stored was running out quickly. With every meal, she reduced her own portion to make sure her children had enough to eat.

On the third night after the storm, sitting on the porch of what remained of her home, she looked up at the dark sky and whispered a simple prayer:

“Lord, I don't know how, but please send help.”

The next morning, an unfamiliar sound echoed through the hills. At first, no one knew what it was. People stepped outside and looked toward the sky. Then they saw an aircraft approaching.

It was one of Adventist World Aviation's humanitarian flights.

As the plane flew over the region carrying food and essential supplies, many residents were moved to tears. Not because they were seeing boxes of food, but because, in that moment, they realized they had not been forgotten.

Marcia held her children's hands as volunteers unloaded the supplies. She later said that at that moment she felt something she could hardly describe. It was relief. It was gratitude. It was the certainty that God had heard her prayer.

And stories like hers were repeated across Jamaica.

The beauty of Adventist World Aviation's work is not found only in the aircraft that cross the skies. It is found in the lives they touch. It is found in remote communities receiving aid when every other route seems impossible. It is found in children smiling again, elderly people receiving assistance, and families finding the strength to rebuild.

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Every flight carries far more than food.

It carries hope.

We often think miracles happen only in extraordinary ways. But for the families affected by Hurricane Melissa, the miracle had wings, a pilot willing to serve, and a team committed to bringing help where it was needed most.

When the engines of those aircraft echoed across the skies of Jamaica, they announced more than the arrival of supplies. They announced the arrival of compassion, solidarity, and faith put into action.

That is what makes this mission so special.

Because in a world marked by so many hardships, there are still people willing to cross mountains, face storms, and fly countless miles to remind someone of a simple yet powerful truth:

You have not been forgotten.



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