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RE: KZN CRISIS RELIEF RESPONSE

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“Lord, what do you want me to do?” How often have we spoken these very words, how often have prayed this prayer?

Today we live in a world that seems to leave us so helpless in the midst of crisis. Whether it comes in the form of Natural Disaster, Health Pandemic or Economic Disparities, so often we find ourselves asking, “Lord, what do you want me to do?” Paul asked this very question of Jesus on the road to Damascus. (Acts 9:6 NKJV)

The last few days we have seen the devastating images and losses caused by widespread floods in KZN. Reports from Natal West and Natal Coastal Districts highlight the desperation and need for humanitarian relief.

The Mission Coordinator for Natal West, Rev Jam Jam shared with me that 17 houses belonging to church members either washed away or collapsed, causing some fatalities. A bible school in Umzinto circuit has also opened its doors to offer shelter to the homeless and destitute.

The media reports coming through late on the 16th April are indicating that:

- Sadly over 390 lives have been lost
- Over 2000 RDP houses damaged,
- 4000 shacks destroyed.
- Road freight industry disrupted.
- Graves exposed in some places.
- Bridges washed away.

The District Mission Desk together with our Bishop is calling on our Circuits, Organisations and the Methodist people to support us in assisting our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Let's gather donations together so that we can assist by sending what we can and respond to the cries in KZN.

The donations they are looking for are: (COLLECTION POINT – NORTHFIELD METHODIST CHURCH – Circuit 1007)

Toiletries / Non-Perishable foods / Clothing / Blankets / Drinking Water

Monetary Donations can be made to the District Bank Account

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Grace and Peace

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