

## *Partners In Ministry* *Fulfilling Christ's Mission In The World*



In 2016, many communities across our nation experienced devastation caused by severe weather. Here in Pennsylvania and Delaware along with neighboring West Virginia, record-setting rainfall, caused wide-spread flooding in

communities that had never been bothered by flash flooding before. Local news stations quickly shared video of homes destroyed and families displaced by disaster.

It did not take long for congregations throughout ABCOPAD to organize and begin ministries of disaster relief. A collaborative effort was launched that included:

- Tools and supplies were donated during the 2016 ABCOPAD Biennial Leadership Conference to stock Disaster Relief Trailers throughout ABCOPAD. These trailers would be used to equip teams doing disaster relief.
- American Baptist Women and Men organized disaster relief teams who assisted families in need. A disaster relief team served in Connellsville, PA, helping a family rebuild after their home was destroyed by flash flooding. A second disaster relief team performed a "mud out" in Marsh Hill, PA, for a disabled veteran and his family after six inches of mud filled their basement following a flood.
- Regional congregations joined the American Baptist Home Mission Societies to collect Christmas toys for flood victims in Rainelle, WV. Several hundred toys were collected and

delivered to FBC Rainelle, WV, for families devastated by recent flooding.

When you support Partners In Ministry, you make it possible for ABCOPAD Staff to assist in organizing, coordinating and launching disaster relief teams who can serve as the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. There is little doubt, more teams will be needed in 2017 to respond both to last year's disasters as well as disasters that are inevitable in 2017. Your gifts to Partners in Ministry make a difference in people's lives both in ABCOPAD and around the world.

You can give to Partners In Ministry...

1. Through your local congregation's weekly offering by designating your gift to ABCOPAD - Partners In Ministry.
2. Through ABCOPAD's Online Giving option, available on the Regional website ([www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org)). Your church can receive mission-giving credit for your online gift.
3. By giving through your mobile device ([www.abcopad.mobile](http://www.abcopad.mobile)).
4. By sending your check (made payable to ABCOPAD WMS) to ABCOPAD; P.O. Box 421; Hatboro, PA 19040.

Thank you for your giving to **Partners in Ministry** and for your partnership as we minister together in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

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