

Christville Chronicle

HURRICANE MATTHEW RECOVERY CONTINUES

The Christville campus is rebounding after suffering major damage when Hurricane Matthew blew ashore as a category 4 storm in early October, 2016.

Roofs were blown off the church, Pastor Kelly's house, and the kitchen where part of the windward wall collapsed. The dining hall roof also sustained some damage.

The concrete school building came through the storm with little damage. The twelve school rooms provided shelter for about 1,000 community members during and immediately following the storm.

A short term mission group from Alabama rebuilt the church roof in March of this year. Thanks to generous donations to Master's Hand Ministry, Pastor Kelly's house, the kitchen wall and roof have been rebuilt and improved. Master's Hand was able to provide roofing material for over 100 community homes once the families had repaired walls and gathered material for rafters.

There is yet much to be done in the community, but their faith and hard work has them on the road to recovery.

Tetherball!

Four tetherball poles were built in January to provide the first playground equipment at the school. They are wildly popular with kids and adults!





New school year begins

Christville School opened a new school year in September with 356 students enrolled. The school continues to offer an education to all children who want to attend and, thanks to generous donations and student sponsorships, the school provides one meal each school day to every student. Often students come from families who cannot consistently provide meals to their children.

Presbyterian Youth mission trip

In June, fifteen teens from the Shelton Presbyterian church along with five adults traveled to Haiti to build five houses for Christville community members who had lost their houses when Hurricane Matthew struck in October, 2016. The great work of the teens through numerous fund raising efforts provided not only their transportation to Haiti, but bought materials for the new houses. Their hard work continued in Haiti where they worked alongside community members to build the houses. They also conducted a week long vacation Bible school and staged a carnival for the community which was enjoyed by all.



Computer lab opens

Christville students have access to a computer lab for the first time this year now that electricity has come to the campus through the solar panels installed in January. Used computers were purchased from Pioneer School sale in early June, refurbished and updated by Pastor Bursch of the Presbyterian Church, and transported to Christville by the Presbyterian Youth group on their mission trip.

Custodian salary raise

The Master's Hands Board was recently able to raise the salary of the school custodian to \$20 per month.

End of year giving

The Master's Hands Board tries to direct your monetary gifts to specific projects at your request. The end of the year is a great time to give!