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Urgent Needs and Prayer for Guatemala!

Dear Faithful Supporters of GCE Enterprises,

Most of you have probably heard in recent news reports about the destruction and devastation that Tropical Storm Agatha unleashed in May on Mexico and Central America. According to official news reports, the country of Guatemala suffered 172 storm related deaths, with another 101 people still missing. Over 14 inches of rain fell in regions during the course of the storm, causing an estimated \$1 billion in damages. To make matters worse, two days prior to Agatha making landfall, the Pacaya volcano erupted near Guatemala City, killing one person and creating fear that Agatha would cause landslides due to the volcanic activity. While these official numbers and reports are serious, you will see by Dr. Gomez' updates in this months newsletter that the impact on areas of GCE work was acutely devastating.

In addition to the affects of Agatha, CHE workers have faced other challenges from recent dangerous and unlawful activity near CHE work areas.

We have two urgent requests from our GCE partners this month. First, pray. Pray for those affected by the destruction of Agatha. Pray for the CHE workers as they face the daily challenges and dangers of working in some of these areas.

The second request is that you would consider a financial gift to help rebuild and restore the areas of Guatemala where Agatha hit hardest and where CHE is active. The needs are great, and any financial gift you can provide to this cause will go a long way towards restoration of these areas.

In Christ,

John Rohde
GCE Board Member
Monthly Newsletter Editor

To learn more about Global CHE Enterprises history and current events, visit our website at www.globalche.org.

Agatha's Devastation: Guatemala at a Glance

Agatha Related Deaths: 172

Agatha Related Missing Persons: 101

Guatemalans Evacuated: 135,374

Homes Partially Damaged: 38,864

Homes Completely Damaged: 7,597

(For more on Agatha and Guatemala, see page 3)

Proverbs 11:25- "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others with himself be refreshed."

Global CHE Workers continue God's Work in the Face of Dangers

While working to free local villages in the aftermath of Agatha, three Global CHE workers were robbed at gunpoint by two men carrying shotguns and a pistol near local GCE property. While their wallets, money, and cell phones were taken by the gunmen, the Lord protected them from any physical harm. We rejoice in God's protection of His servants! Please pray for their continued protection.

In response to this incident, Dr. Gomez has instructed CHE workers to be much more cautious when their work requires foot travel in their work areas. They are now requesting the local police in the area escort workers to and from the area, which will require CHE to pay for that service. However, we praise God that the owner of the large farm adjacent to the CHE property has agreed to grant CHE workers access to a road through his property which will allow a safer entrance to the CHE center for workers. Please pray for their protection and for God to intervene in this situation.

To learn more about Global CHE Enterprises and how you can partner with us to reach those affected by Agatha, visit our website at www.globalche.org.

GCE Workers Step Up in the Aftermath of Agatha.

“I know the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy.”

Psalm 140:12

Guatemala is one of the 10 most vulnerable nations in the world in regards to major storm damage, and it is the most vulnerable country in Latin America to earthquakes and other tectonic activity related damage. Historically, Guatemala has been extremely vulnerable to natural disasters due to lack of planning, overuse of natural resources, and overall levels of poverty. While the vulnerability of the country has significantly decreased after Hurricanes Mitch (1998) and Stan (2005), it is obvious from the fallout from Tropical Storm Agatha there are still great needs in this region. Agatha closed numerous roads, destroyed access bridges, and washed out water systems in villages across Guatemala. Global CHE Enterprises is working feverishly to repair and reconstruct much of the damage. Many CHE partners and partner churches have already given assistance, but much more

is needed. Through a one-time or ongoing gift through GCE, you can help assist the needs of this region. CHE teams began working immediately in clearing landslides on roads that had cut off CHE sponsored villages like Agua Blanca, Las Barrancas, and Las Granadillas. Through their efforts, the roads to Las Barrancas and Las Granadillas are passable again. Additionally, the suspension pedestrian bridge to these communities that collapsed during Agatha has been rebuilt. However, the water system in the village of El Nuevo Palmarcito needs to be repaired to supply fresh water to those villages. The cost to repair this water system will be close to \$8,800. Please pray for Dr. Gomez and all CHE workers that they will be guided by the Lord in their relief work in the region.

Agatha devastates regions and villages across Guatemala and Southern Mexico.



New Opportunities for GCE Efforts

In the Guatemalan village of Las Delicias, Agatha wiped out the local water supply and caused severe damage to the local municipal fire station. The latest estimates from CHE partners on the ground are that the cost of drilling a new well, installing a new water pump, and repairing damage to the local fire station will run in the neighborhood of \$8,000. Las Delicias is an area currently explored for future CHE partnership. We pray that through

these challenges, the village of Las Delicias would become more open to the Gospel and the moving of the Lord through the efforts of CHE workers. In a praise report, a Short-Term team from Crossways Church helped in the demolition of a collapsed retention wall at the church in the village of Paul. The need now is for structural engineering analysis to rebuild a permanent wall, and for the funds to complete the project.

You can get GCE updates on our Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/GlobalCHE>. Give us the thumbs up if you “like” it. Please feel free to post photos and comments if you have worked with a Global CHE Short-term Team!

How You Can Partner With Dr. Hugo Gomez and Global CHE Enterprises:

Prayer

- Please pray for wisdom as Global CHE leaders begin to implement the goals and plans set forth in the March Founders Meeting.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as GCE now moves forward with the development of the Training Center.
- Please pray for all GCE workers and leadership—that God will strengthen, encourage, and equip for all the work the Lord has prepared for them.

Giving

- GCE ministries would not exist without gracious and generous giving from donors across the world. There are two ways you can donate to GCE Enterprises:
 1. You can write a check to Global CHE Enterprises and mail it to:

Global CHE Enterprises
PO Box 74245
Phoenix, AZ 85087
 2. You can give securely and safely using your credit card or PayPal by going to the “Donate” page on our website, www.globalche.org. Our ministry partner, Alliance for Transformational Ministry, will provide you with a tax-deductible receipt for your donation.

Serving

- Feel like God is calling your church (or you personally!) to serve in some fashion with GCE? We would love to hear from you! Go to www.globalche.org, and click on the “Get Involved” button.