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*Building a Safe T Home® in Haiti following the hurricane.*

## GoServ Global Raises \$400,000 so far for Hurricane Matthew Relief

*THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to Hurricane Matthew Relief! We are humbled by all the support and we PRAISE GOD for your faithfulness!*

It's been more than three months since Hurricane Matthew

devoured Haiti where GoServ Global rescues the vulnerable - orphans, widows, abandoned babies, displaced families, etc. Shacks that once served as homes before the hurricane are now missing roofs, or walls, or both. Hurricane Matthew damaged nearly every home in the area. The structures that families are living in seem impossible, yet they have nowhere else to go.

GoServ Global has focused relief efforts on housing. All of the existing Safe T Homes® withstood the 145 hurricane winds with minimal damage and many lives were saved as up to 60 people crowded into the homes to ride out the storm.

Thanks to YOUR donations since the hurricane, GoServ Global has already

built nearly 40 Safe T Homes® in Haiti, with another 20 being sent. Mostly Haitians have built the homes along with several GoServ Global mission teams. The homes have been built at several orphanages along with the most needy in the community. GoServ Global has sent 10 mission teams since Hurricane Matthew hit October 4.



*Hurricane Matthew destroyed Bethel Orphanage.*

GoServ Global has already purchased



*At Bethel Orphanage, GoServ Global has 3 out of 4 Safe T Homes® built, and plans to dig a well and add a kitchen, restrooms, and a gazebo.*

land by the Village of Hope that includes 60 Safe T Homes®. An extra 150 community members have been staying at the Village of Hope because their homes were destroyed. GoServ Global expects to build 10 more Safe T Homes® on this property.

**"When the families at the Village of Hope see every**

**house in the community fall down, and only the Safe T Homes® stay strong, they were so very happy. In Haiti we lost our things, but God protected us, so we give praise to Him. We thank GoServ Global for the work they do here."**  
**--Jimmy, Village of Hope Director**



## **A Few Stories...**

*Just one of the many stories of families receiving a new home after Hurricane Matthew destroyed theirs ...*

Obviously still very emotional from all they went through, this family shared many details about how their home was destroyed in Hurricane Matthew. Their



*Eddie Constant (left) and Ken DeYoung (right) visit with a family who received a Safe T Home®.*

house was destroyed early on as the winds quickly built to 145 mph. Somehow they managed to get to a neighbor only to find their house gone, a second and third, as well.

Finally they were able to walk to James 1:27 Widow & Infant Village (our baby project) and ride out the storm in one of the Safe T Homes®. With all that was happening, the mom and kids got separated from the dad. As the winds started to die down they went out to look for him, finding him under the rubble of what used to be their house. Somehow all survived!

Then the mother grabbed Ken by the shoulders and proclaimed:

***"God sent you to Haiti to save lives ... it's like gold coming down from heaven!"***

What a blessing to be able to hear their story and see the gratitude in their eyes. My only wish is that all of you who have donated could be there and experience it first-hand.

The Safe T Homes® are a life changer for so many as we continue to ship and build homes. May God bless each one that have helped with the hurricane recovery!

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For two months, Marie and her six kids had been living under this thatched roof (Right) which is all that remained of their home after Hurricane Matthew destroyed it. The family dug a hole in the side to crawl in and out of to get out of the weather.



*Marie's family lived here for two months following Hurricane Matthew.*

I can't explain the look of joy in their eyes as the family watched their home being built. When their home was completed, Marie was so grateful.

**On Sunday she cleaned up and walked all the way to our house to give us a fish to say thank you. *It was all she had.***

The difficult part is there are so many more like Marie needing help.



*Marie & her family in front of the new Safe T Home® being built.*

## Meeting Other Needs in Addition to Safe T Homes®

In addition to building Safe T Homes®, GoServ Global was able to use donations to ...

- Build new homes/help with home repairs for many staff members & Centre de Vie Church members (where 95 out of 108 families lost homes)
- Build a new Dining Center at the Consolation Center Orphanage
- Build a Kitchen, Bathrooms & a Security Wall around the property of the Center of Help Orphanage



*(Above) Working on a roof (Below Left) Replacing a solar panel at the Village of Hope*

- Purchase land at Village of Hope to build 10 Safe T Homes®
- Rebuild 6 gazebos at GoServ Global Orphanages
- Replace roofing for 5 Projects, and the



## Join Us



We invite you to continue walking this journey with our Haitian brothers and sisters. While much has been done, the need is still so great. So many still live in homes unimaginable to us. *There is a need for another \$600,000 to reach our goal of \$1 million.*

We invite you to share this email (and our website - [goservglobal.org](http://goservglobal.org)) with your family and friends.

Stay updated by:

1. Our Blog on our website [here](#)
2. Our Facebook Page (@goservglobal)
3. Our Twitter Page (@GoServG)

Donations are still needed.

100% of donations go to the Hurricane Matthew Relief Fund. Donations can be made online at [goservglobal.org/give](http://goservglobal.org/give).

Choose "Haiti Hurricane Matthew" in the dropdown.

Donations may also be sent to:

GoServ Global

PO Box 193

Eagle Grove, IA 50533

Write "Hurricane Relief " in the memo line.

Each Safe T Home® costs \$5,700 to purchase from Sukup Manufacturing, \$1,000 to ship, and \$300 for concrete for a total of \$7,000 to get the home from Sheffield, Iowa to Les Cayes, Haiti, built.



In Service,

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