

Dear Church Friends,

Here are two updates from our churches who have experienced disasters in the last month. If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

Blessings,
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An update from Andrew McHenry, Pastor of our sister church, Craig Memorial Church, in Paradise CA. Please continue to pray for them.

We are doing well all things considered. My wife and I are looking to settle in Chico more permanently if possible; right now we are staying in temporary housing with a friend.

Donors have given a variety of specifications: helping evacuees, rebuilding the church, discretionary, etc. We'll try to do the best we can with every dollar we get.

Lately within the church, I've been promoting the gift cards as part of our Caring Ministry distribution. We've given out lots of those both to people in the church and a few in the community. I'm thinking we'll probably have some extras of these, which I'm thinking we'll give to other organizations that are distributing to meet needs in the community.

Some of the monies will be helpful for the long-term needs. As I'm sure you're aware, there's a surge of interest in the immediate aftermath of disasters like these. But sometimes it's not until after the interest fades that the needs become clearer.

It's hard for the church to decide because there's so much that's unknown right now: What is Paradise going to look like in a year? What will our church look like? How many of our members are going to permanently relocate? How many new ones can we assimilate to build our ranks back up? Are church mergers a good idea for us looking ahead? Etc., etc., etc.

An update from our church family in Anchorage, after their 7.0 earthquake last week.

Everyone is doing fine. The church has some cracks and they will be checked out for structural problems. The roads that we see on TV have already been repaired temporarily. No casualties or injuries to report. This is a blessing.