

# S.T.O.R.M. Report

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### Puerto Rico Update:

David Nakhla visited Puerto Rico earlier this month to meet with local OP church leaders and assess the situation 6 months post-Hurricane Maria. Now that daily life is returning to normal with the restoration of electricity, water, internet, etc., more attention can be directed to buildings and property that sustained damage in the storm. There are ample opportunities to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico with financial gifts from OPC disaster response funds, and to encourage them by sending work and outreach teams. As the Puerto Rico Disaster Response Committee of the Presbytery of New Jersey considers these options, we will keep you posted!

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Individuals and teams needed! Hurricane Relief efforts continue in Houston! Visit <u>OPCSTM.org</u> and click on "Disaster Response," then "Hurricane Relief 2017-2018," to learn "How to Volunteer."

#### **Request a Team:**

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