

## Subject: Hurricane Matthew Report from Agape+Kure Beach Ministries

Although we have not by any means been devastated, we have been impacted by Matthew and are going to need help. I wanted to give you an update on our situation after Matthew. In addition to loosing a full weekend of rentals at both sites I can share the following.

**Kure Beach** - about 5.5 inches of rain, some strong winds especially on the backside wrap around.

Damage - Minimal - Soffit is blown out around a majority of the building, Lost two down spouts, and have a few missing shingles to replace. No damage inside rooms - hooray! We may have two AC units that are damaged - not working at the moment. Storm Surge did not make it up over the dunes - so did not affect us. Some economic impact but we have no need for people to assist here.

**Agape** - We had 8.2 inches of rain, and strong 40 mph winds. No damage to any buildings. We have about 25 large trees down across trails, the Amphitheater, and roads. More trees down in the woods that don't matter. Our biggest problem is around the pond. Walkways and docketts around the pond have floated off their spots and are all over the place in and around the pond. These are large heavy pieces and are going to take a good sized crew to put back in place. Lots of leaf and branch debris on trails and nearly all of or trail chips have been washed of the trail and out of the lakeside chapel. These things are important as everyday now we are hosting Environmental Education (EE) groups which heavily use these program areas. Currently the flood plain on the Cape Fear is Flooded. We have a long swamp walkway down there that is currently floating in many directions. It will be days of labor to put it back in place.

**Critical Need. People with chain saws and crews of folks to lift boardwalks and bridges back into place.**

\* 4 trees need to be cut up right away for EE spaces and the pond walkways need to be reset. We have EE groups coming to use these locations every school day for the next four weeks. Other option is to rent a track hoe for the week \$2,500 to help us get it done. Insurance does not cover trees or bridges.

Crews will be needed over the course of the next 6 weeks to put everything back in place.

If interested people should contact Randy: (919) 552-9421 or [exec@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:exec@agapekurebeach.org) We also have information and pictures on our Facebook page.

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