



## A Message from the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction

As you may already know, the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction (BDRA) held at the Lebanon EXPO Center has been cancelled for 2020, due to health and safety concerns caused by the Coronavirus. Many of our auction workers and our attendees are considered part of the vulnerable generation and are at a higher health risk. This year would have been the 44<sup>th</sup> year for our auction. Although other organizations have held, or are planning to hold, virtual on-line auctions, our board did not believe that option was appropriate. We fully intend to hold a live auction next year on September 24-25, 2021.

Although we will not meet in person, we ask that you do not forget about us and our mission. Disasters continue to affect many people and Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) is continuing to maintain limited work projects. BDM has been active in many disaster areas, including those affected by Hurricane Harvey, earthquakes in Haiti, the hurricane in Puerto Rico, fires in California and many other local natural disasters. The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction is a major supporter of BDM. The primary source of income to the BDRA is through the live auction; however, we continue to receive direct contributions from churches and individuals. It is expected that we will be able to make a significant contribution to Brethren Disaster Ministries by the end of this year.

Here is where you can become part of this effort. Perhaps as a local church, it may be possible to conduct some smaller, specific fund-raising activities to benefit the auction. In some cases, churches have taken special offerings to support the auction's mission. Significant contributions have already been made through special offerings in the district churches.

Please prayerfully consider ways in which you could support the auction this year so the important work of helping those who have suffered loss related to natural disasters can continue.

Donations can be sent directly to:

- Treasurer, BDRA  
164 Vinegar Ferry Road Marietta, PA 17547
- Through our Facebook Page: We encourage you to share with your Facebook friends
- Or through the BDRA Website: [www.BrethrenAuction.org](http://www.BrethrenAuction.org)

From the Board of Directors, Brethren Disaster Relief Auction