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have their homes flooded. The cleanup will be a massive undertaking, perhaps taking years. Your love and support means so much to us here in Houston.

We are grateful that as far as we know all of the disciples in our churches are safe and many are helping their neighbors. We mourn with the families who have lost loved ones.

We know that we serve an amazing omnipotent God who cares and who can! I have every confidence that the Greater Houston Church will come through this trial with faith and love as we live out Phillipians 2:14-16: "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.' Then you will shine among them like stars in the skyas you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain."

We look forward to glorifying our God as we serve our community in the coming weeks, and know many of you will be joining us in doing so. Please keep us in your prayers and God bless.

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September 1-3, 2017

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September 1-3, 2017

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Granbury, Texas USA
September 8-10, 2017

HOPEworldwide Global Conference
Chicago, Illinois USA
October 6-7, 2017

ICOC Worship Conference
Dallas, Texas USA
October 13-15, 2017

DT Hawaii Cruise
Honolulu, Hawaii USA
October 28 - November 4, 2017

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Orlando, Florida USA
July 2-5, 2020

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Hurricane Harvey: 'A Storm That the United States Has Not Seen Yet'

Written by Doug Wens, Houston, TX, USA



"This disaster is going to be a landmark event." That's how the head of FEMA described the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. "This is a storm that the United States has not seen yet," he added.

I've lived in Houston for a total of nine years, and have witnessed many incredible storms, hurricanes, and even tornadoes, but nothing close to Hurricane Harvey. The destruction will be as nothing seen before in the U.S.

This morning, a local official called the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey "an 800-year event." The National Weather Service described the damage as "unprecedented" and "beyond anything experienced." According to the Insurance Information Institute, flood damage may equal that of Hurricane Katrina, the costliest natural disaster in United States history.

We ask and thank you all for your fervent prayers on our behalf! We could see as much as 50 inches of rain, and many of our members will



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