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The most powerful hurricane in the history of the Western Hemisphere took us by surprise here on the west coast of Mexico. By the time I realized that we were in the path of Patricia, a category 5 hurricane packing sustained winds of 200 mph, it was clear that my chances of survival along an evacuation route through mountains was not good. The National Hurricane Center called the storm "potentially catastrophic". I called my wife to tell her I loved her and I wanted her to express my affection to my children and grandchildren letting them know that I love each one of them. My heart then turned to rescue the people in 'Cardboard Landia'; whose homes did not stand a chance of weathering the storm. I could hear the Lord's voice telling me to take care of his little lambs and sheep. I tried to hold back the tears as I realized their great need for safe haven.

The plan quickly came together and I drove off to purchase supplies so that we could transform our 'Children's Center' into a DISASTER RELIEF SHELTER! From there, I went to Cardboard Landia, driving around trying to get people to take refuge in our Center. It was like the time of Noah. Many people did not sense they were in any danger and they were also concerned that their possessions would be looted. I asked the men from our first load of people to board up the Center and the ladies to organize the bedding and the relief supplies. We then made several trips back and forth pleading with folks and gathering those who wanted to go. One of my neighbors, a carpenter named Jose asked if he could help to board up the Center. It was amazing how fast the plywood went up and our transformation into a refuge took place. We ended up providing safe harbor for 42 souls. The youngest was a baby just a few days old.



When we got the news that the storm was not a threat, we joined together in praise



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Patricia made landfall late Friday, October 23rd approximately 100 miles just to the south of us. THEN THE MIRACLE HAPPENED!!! We had rain, but no winds. Meteorologists all over the world cannot explain how Patricia could have downgraded from a Category 5 to a Category 1 in just two hours! Some meteorologists have said that only a miracle could have prevented ruinous destruction. It was said that when Patricia hit land she seemed to collide with an invisible wall that quickly degraded her. We rejoice with all of you that OUR GOD REIGNS AND CALMS THE STORMS!

Together we are Life Savers,

Lu & Carol

P.S. Please pray in the resources to continue the construction of a children's center & church in Cardboard Landia.

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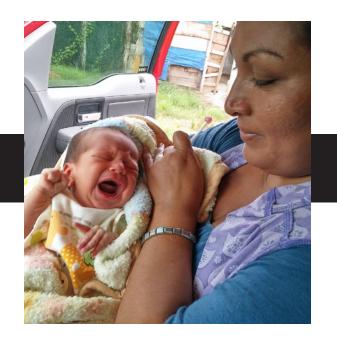
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