



"That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built." – LUKE 6:48 NRSV

Roger Doris was living with his wife and daughter in the house they built when Hurricane Matthew hit. The house was 27 years old and not very sturdy. In 2000 and 2001, the family replaced the walls with concrete blocks and added a tin roof. However, Hurricane Matthew did extensive damage to the structure. It shook the walls, cracking them and leaving them in bad condition. The support columns had been made of wood and weren't sturdy. Following the hurricanes, the family continued to live in the home, but they were afraid.



ABOVE: Roger's wife, Adenia Pierre Louis, stands outside of the temporary shelter she and Roger lived in after their home was badly damaged during Hurricane Matthew.

Because of congregations like yours, CWS partners with local agency KOF EJ to repair and rebuild houses damaged or destroyed by storms and hurricanes.



One of Roger's children is studying civil engineering and drew up the first architectural draft for the family's new house. CWS engineers used these plans as a starting point while creating the final plans for the house.

The new house was constructed in the same space as the old one. Needing a temporary place to live, Roger and his wife stacked some concrete blocks together until they were about knee height and covered them with tin roof sheets. Each night, they crawled into their shelter so they had a place where they could sleep. Although these living conditions were just temporary, there was no room for their daughter to live with them, so she stayed with her aunt.

LEFT: Roger Doris meets with a structural engineer from CWS, learning how to reinforce and stabilize the foundation of his new home.



Roger has training as an iron worker and carpenter, so he helped with the construction. CWS provided some of the tools and materials needed to build the house. Roger and his wife also contributed by paying to have a strong foundation dug and helped to break the gravel being used in the foundation. They have confidence in the work that the CWS engineers and the team are doing. Roger says, "Now we won't be afraid anymore."

God has blessed us with so much, and we have much to share. Share this love by providing CWS Tools to those in need. These tools can be a vital resource for someone rebuilding their homes or just needing a little support and encouragement.

ABOVE: Roger and Adenia's home is now complete and stands strong, ready to weather whatever storms may lie ahead.

Together, we can help even more families rebuild their homes. Won't you join us by making a gift to CWS Tools?