



Hope Children's Home

July 14th 2026



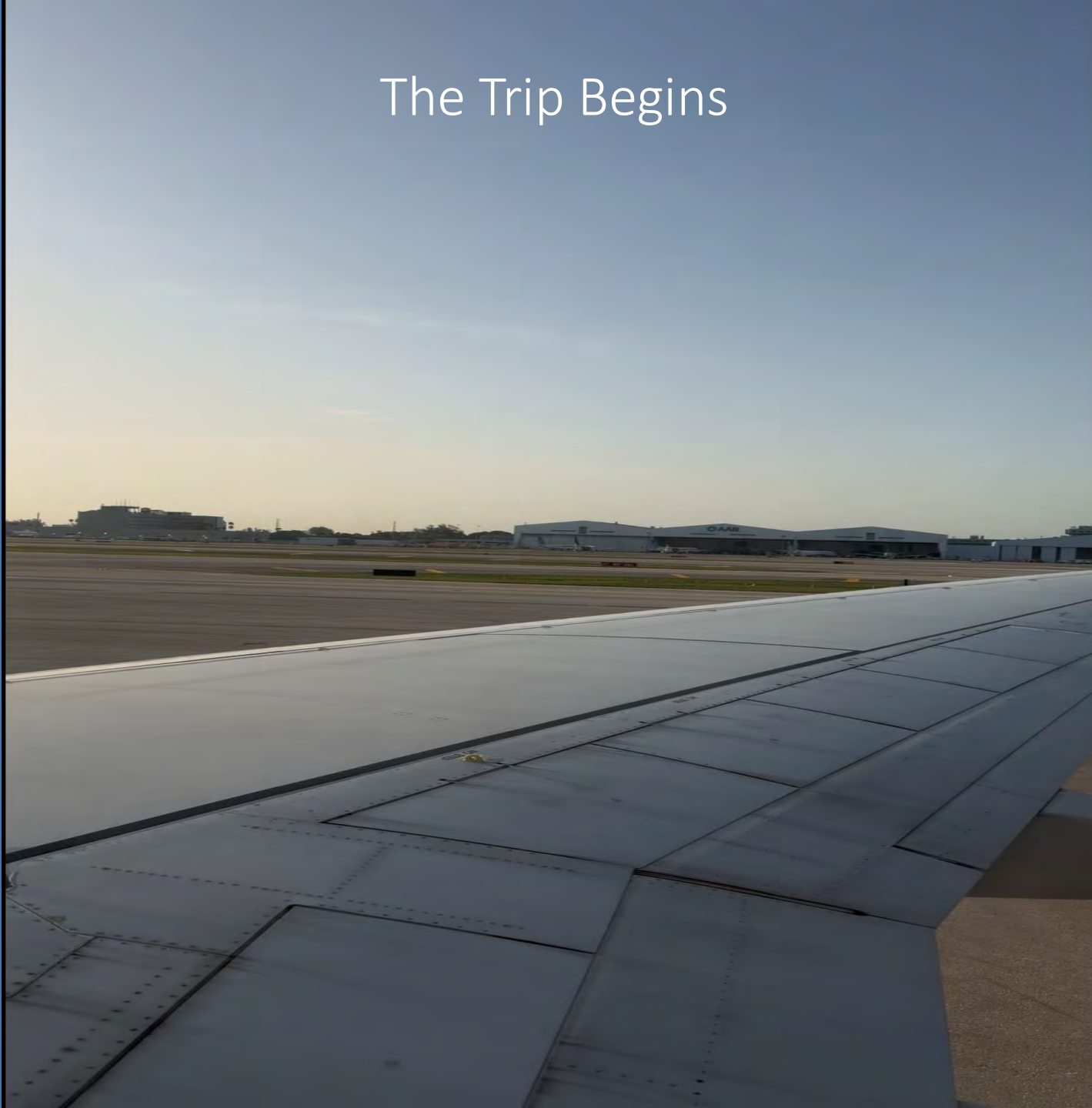




Kenneth Finlayson

- Started the church in the 1980's out of his mother's home. His Mother was a Catholic, and his father was a Hindu. In his search for the truth, he took courses from the world bible study program.
- The church would meet on the porch of his mother's home on Sundays. They were able to purchase a lot with the help of missionaries. After the worship services the group of members would mix concrete in molds and work on the build for the church to meet. Currently the church is about 80 to 100 souls.
- Through his love for God and others, he saw the need for helping the children in his community and started the children's home in 2001.
- They added a second building in 2008 to serve as a dedicated Girls dorm.

The Trip Begins





**Checking into the hotel at
2am on Tuesday 14th.**



Home for a few nights



Just your average room, but really nice for Guyana.

The water was scheduled to turn off for an hour each day for cleaning.





Dinning Area

Every morning we would gather for breakfast and leave the hotel around 8am.

The Missionary Crew July 2026



Group from Cathey's Creek Church of Christ



The Group from Moulton Church of Christ



The Group from Wildwood Church of Christ



The Group from Brookland Church of Christ





Meet Our Van Drivers

Philip (left) & Tyron (Right)







Traffic Cop

- At busy intersections traffic cops were present.
- Traffic was usually very heavy.
- There's about 800,000 people along the Georgetown coast. That is about 90% of the population of Guyana.
- There are one or two main roads along the coast.
- Construction is going on around the clock.





Getting Ready for VBS!



Service Project

Tuesday morning six of us started on a roof addition in front of the children's home. The roof was to give the children and visitors a place to be outside and be out of the rain.

Our crew: Jason & Porter from Alabama, Brian & Keith from Arkansas, and Tyron & Dan's Dad from Guyana.





Figuring Out the Plan

- Tyrone headed up the service project.
- Learning each other's skills and abilities.
- Tyrone's accent was a little hard for us to understand, but that made things interesting and fun. (for me at least)





1st Contractor Meeting

- Attendance: Stephen, Jason, Porter, Brian, Kenneth, Keith, and contractors.



- We discussed getting the main part of the building on the left completed in three phases. Then, at a later date, finishing the rest.
- Phase 1: second floor
- Phase 2: roof
- Phase 3: inside
- We had in depth discussions on all details. Materials, labor, water, electrical, volunteers, shipping, etc.
- Everyone including the contractors were invested in getting this done for the children.



The New Building – Courtyard



New Building – West Side



New Building – Southwest Side



Building Locations – New & Old



Time for a snack!

Bread fruit and plantain chips.
YUM!



Exchanging Money at the mall.

- The exchange rate is about 200 to 1.
- We got groceries, water, and VBS supplies.
- We would eat lunch here after each VBS, rest at the hotel and then back to church for the gospel meeting.





Giftland Mall in Georgetown



Wednesday – The Work Continues



Tyrone and Porter getting it done!





2nd meeting with Contractors.

- Michael and Vicky are the two contractors. They are brothers. Their dad was a contractor and a member of the church. He did the top addition above the church.
- Michael is also a member of the church.

- Kenneth was telling a story of how Michael was born in the back seat of his van on the way to the hospital.
- Kenneth Also named him Michael David.

Vicky, Michael (David), and Kenneth





Loading up for
Lunch

Wednesday Night - Gospel Meeting – Andy Leads in Song

- Andy is a song leader in the church.
- He was raised in the children's home.
- Many children here have disabilities and trauma. Andy is completely blind in one eye and can't see well out of the other.



- Andy memorizes the hymns and page numbers from the song book.
- Andy is a great example and all the children look up to him.
- The children's home not only care for their physical needs but also their spiritual needs and the gospel continues to spread.



**Tyrone Leads
in Song.**

Tony Clay



- Tony delivers the 1st message of the gospel meeting.
- He is the Associate Minister of Wildwood Church of Christ.

Brian and Dan Sr. handing up boards.



Brian handing up tools.



Placing the Rafters

Tyrone and Porter place the rafters at the ridge while Jason is cutting and installing supports for the post.



Thursday Lunch Break and Braving the Roads.



Boys Dorms



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Girls Dorms



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Girls Dorms





Wash Area

Water Storage





Outdoor Kitchen

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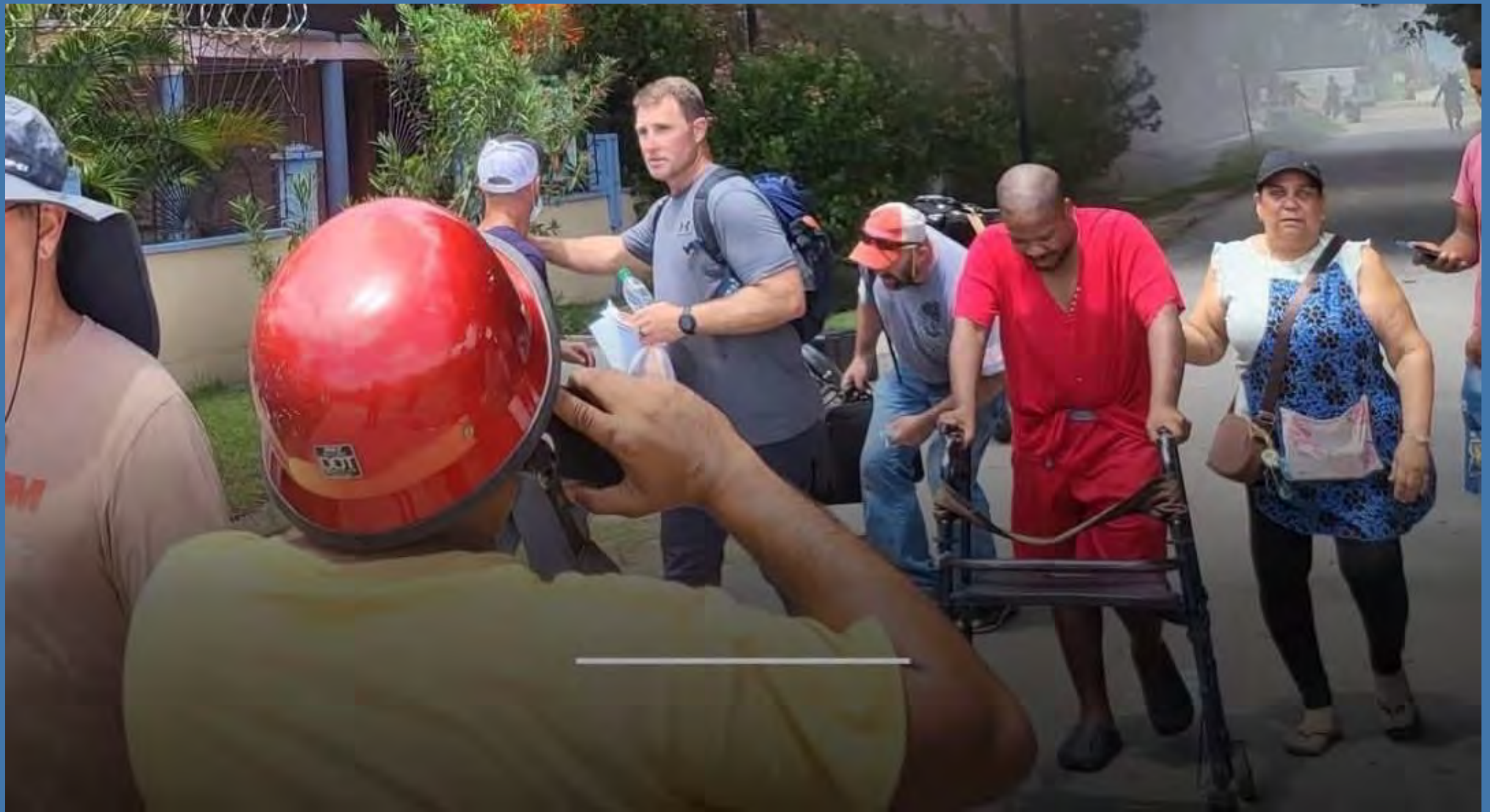


Before the Fire



The Fire

- There were 65 plus children at VBS that morning along with our team of 18 and a number of other adults. I believe there was 100 or more souls in the building at the time of the fire.
- When the fire was noticed everyone went into action.
- All the children were in VBS classes on the ground floor.
- Everyone made it out safely. God is good!



Trying to get away from the fire and count everyone!

- We started out across the road from the church, but we could not stay there long.
- We moved north down the street to the intersection trying to find a safe place for the kids.
- Jason and Josh were trying to decide if everyone was there or if they were going back to look for others.



Finding Shelter at Mrs. Geen's House.



Taking Care of the Children

- People brought water and food for the children and adults.
- The fire chief and children's ministry were there evaluating and figuring out where to take the children.
- Ivan was in shock.
- Another boy hurt his hand while escaping.
- One of the lady's arm was burnt.





Deciding Where to go Next.

- Most the children were loaded onto buses to be taken to the other children's homes.
- We loaded the waters and food on the busses to send with them.
- We decided to go back to the hotel until we got further information.

Her Garden



Mrs. Geen



Friday Night Song and Prayer.

- The girl's dorm was spared.
- We sang and prayed and encouraged one another as a Christian family.
- The children's home to the left was still smoldering and having small fire flare ups.





God is Good!

- Brother Dan on the left led the congregation.
- Men took turns leading song and prayer.
- Kenneth spoke about the children, how God is good, and how we plan to build back and not give up.

The Aftermath.



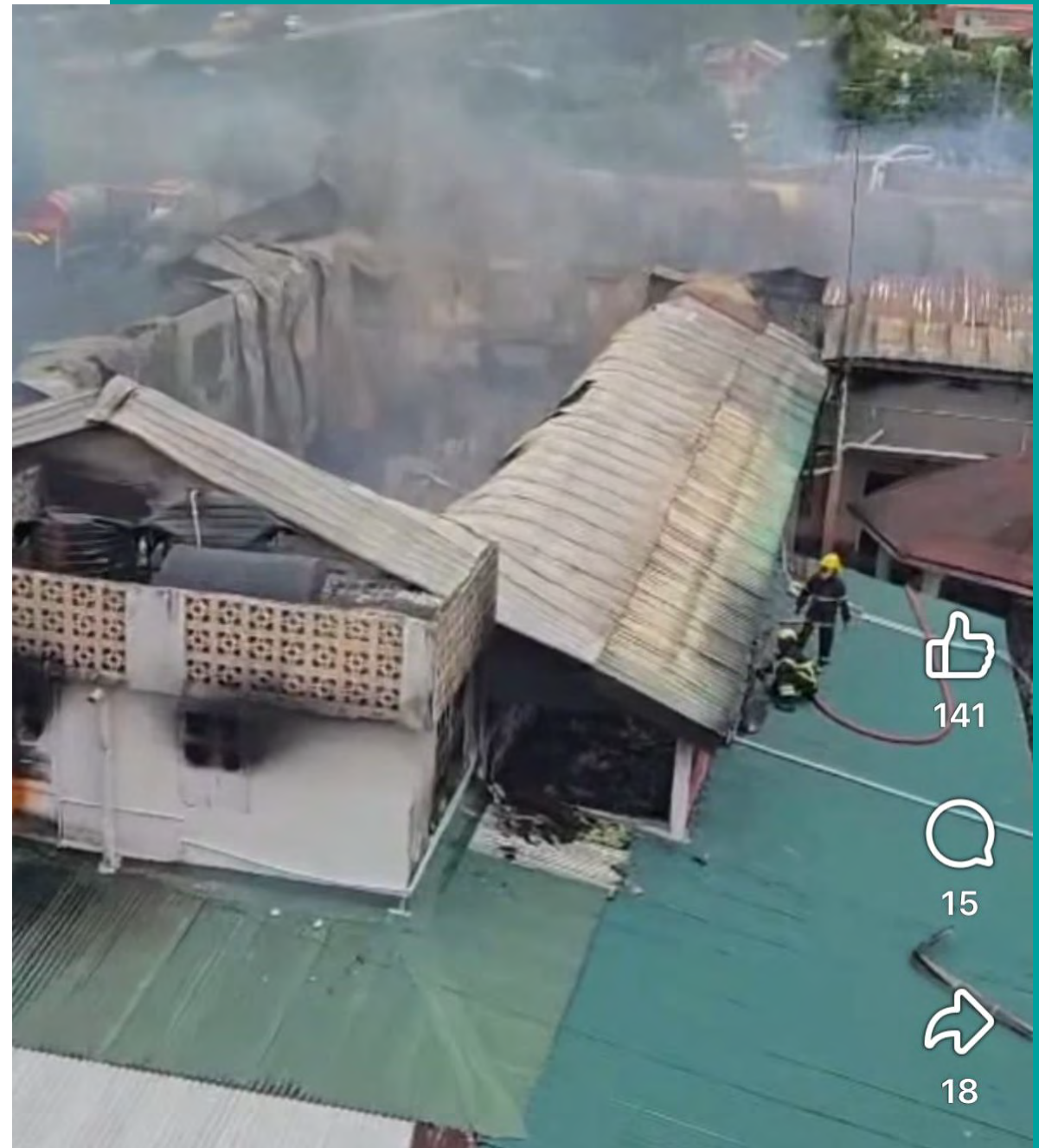
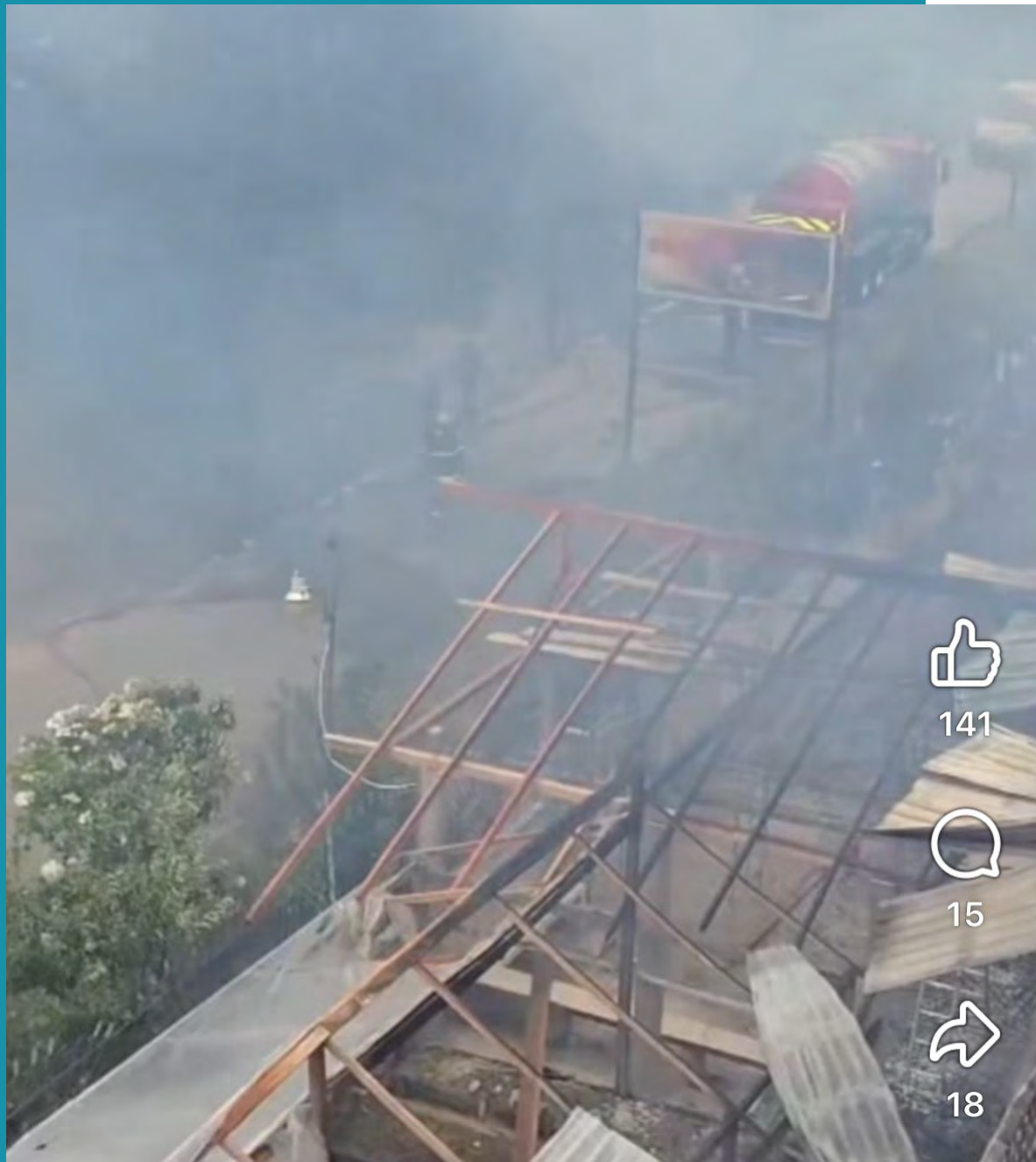
The Boys Dorm

The Boys Dorm Above The Church









Always be safe and always remember to say a
prayer everyday.

please keep me in prayer always until I can get out
of here I don't like being here. please help ^{me}
I will keep on praying to help my self. I miss
you all when you're gone. I love everybody
I miss my baby Shina and Jessel I cry hold night
and day for them and all the staff and you guys

I ♥ you guys

A Letter From the Children.

Rebuilding HOPE

BRINGING OUR CHILDREN HOME

"God is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or imagine" Ephesians 3:20

BEFORE



Before July 17, 2026

THE FIRE



By God's grace, every child survived.

THE WORK



The new Hope Children's Home under construction.

♥ **GOD PROTECTED EVERY CHILD.** *Now, together, let's help bring them home.*



WHAT HAPPENED

On July 17, 2026, a devastating fire destroyed the church building, boys' dormitory, classrooms, library, kitchen, and dining hall at Hope Children's Home in Guyana.

Although buildings were lost, God faithfully protected every one of our thirty-two children, our staff, and our mission team.

Today, our children are living in temporary housing while Hope staff continue caring for them each day.

Now begins the next chapter.



LOOKING BACK, WE SEE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

- ✓ Every child survived.
- ✓ The fire was discovered before it spread unnoticed.
- ✓ VBS kept the children together in small groups.
- ✓ The girls' dormitory was preserved.
- ✓ The church gathered for worship just two days later.

REBUILDING HOPE TOGETHER

OUR GOAL	RAISED SO FAR	STILL NEEDED
\$2,000,000	\$50,000	\$1,950,000

2.5%

Every gift • Every prayer • Every share makes a difference!



PRAY

Lift up the children and this rebuild.



GIVE

Your gift helps restore hope.



SHARE

Tell others about Rebuilding Hope.



SERVE

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