

Dear Family:

I am writing to you to let you know that the mayor of the city has announced that there will be no electricity in the whole city of Merida starting tonight. We have bought canned goods to last us for a couple of days, and are hoping to have a friend who has a little generator to hold our frozen food (not that much, really). That also means that the communication through land line and internet will stop until further notice.

The officials **are predicting torrential rain and winds of around 150 miles per hour.** Mark and I have been covering windows, gathering drinking water (it is hard to find right now in any store), cleaning the roof from leaves, trash from previous owners, etc, trying to avoid accumulation of water on the roof (houses here have flat roofs).

The kids are doing fine. We have enough table games that will keep us occupied when we don't have electricity anymore. We will have to use candles for a few days, and there will be no fans or AC unit to cool us down from the heat. Hopefully, it will not be as hot with all the rain and cloudiness afterwards.

I have been praying and decreeing that this hurricane will lose all destruction power. There are many poor areas all around us, which would not take too much wind to be destroyed. Thank you so much for those of you who are praying in agreement with us. May God bless you abundantly as you sow prayer seeds for us here.

Love,

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