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The BMW is currently seeking to wire funds to our brothers and sisters in Haiti to help them purchase emergency supplies. You can help to support all Moravian disaster relief efforts by sending your donations to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. You may also make your donation online at <http://moravianmission.org/give/> and click on the green “Donate Now” link at the top of the page. Please indicate that your gift is for “MDR”. Your support changes lives.



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