

Dozens Dead, Hundreds of Homes Destroyed in Hawaiian Fires

At least 36 people have been killed and dozens more injured by wildfires that are sweeping the Hawaiian island of Maui, devastating homes and businesses.

Mass evacuations are underway as thousands of tourists and residents race to escape the fires that are destroying one of the most beautiful and historic areas of Hawaii.

One helicopter pilot described the scene from the air saying, "There is hundreds of homes burned down to the ground. The entire area of Front Street, the whole historic area is gone, burned to the ground, the harbor."

Multiple fires began flaring up Tuesday and quickly spread swallowing up beautiful landscapes and centuries-old buildings.

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Hundreds of homes and businesses are damaged or destroyed. In Lahaina, once the capital of the native Hawaiian kingdom, homes dating back to the 1700s are reportedly gone.

The fast-moving flames are causing panic and a fight for survival.

A charter boat crew member said, "I was the last one to get off the dock when the firestorm came through the banyan tree and took everything with it. And I just ran out to the beach and ran south. So I just helped everybody I could along the way."

The Coast Guard rescued more than a dozen people who jumped into the ocean to escape the fire.

Please pray for the people of Maui!

As you know, we have a Church there that God has blessed powerfully called, @KumulaniChapel

We have seen some 2000 people make commitments to follow Christ there in the last 7 years.

But a horrible wildfire has engulfed Lahaina.

Residents...

– Greg Laurie (@greglaurie) August 9, 2023

Southern California Pastor Greg Laurie virtually leads a congregation on Maui and announced his church is starting a relief fund to help people recover. {eo}

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