

Hurricane Helene Leaves a Trail of Death and Destruction

Hurricane Helene has caused catastrophic devastation throughout the South. At least 107 people are known to be dead and millions are without power in the wake of some of the worst flooding on record. The flash floods took dozens of lives in western North Carolina and stranded hundreds more.

Rescue crews continue to search for the missing as other relief efforts are underway and CBN's Operation Blessing is delivering help and hope in areas of Georgia and North Carolina.

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Helene made landfall as a powerful Category 4 hurricane late Thursday night, slamming Florida's Big Bend region before continuing her march north, bringing unprecedented rain and flooding.

In the mountains of North Carolina, as much as 30 inches of rain fell. "It's heartbreaking because, along this river, we have a lot of wonderful stores, we're going to be cleaning up a long time," Asheville resident Mario Moraga said.

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Asheville was largely cut off by washed out roads, a lack of power and no cellphone service. The city's water system was severely damaged as well. Officials are working to get residents the help they need. "My staff has been making every

request possible to the state for support, and we've been working with every single organization that has reached out. My promise to you is that we are very close," said Buncombe County Manager Avril Pinder.

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