



Finding Solid Footing After Flood Destroys Woman's Home

When devastating floods struck the Dominican Republic in early 2026, families lost homes, belongings and a sense of security in the blink of an eye.

Because of the faithful generosity of recurring donors who support PILLARS' Disaster Relief Impact Fund, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) came alongside its trusted partner, Organización para el Desarrollo y la Acción Humanitaria (Organization for Development and Humanitarian Action, or ODAH), to respond with compassion. Together, they provided urgently needed food, hygiene supplies, mattresses, household items and, perhaps most important, accompaniment to families navigating unimaginable loss.

For Rosita, your generosity helped her stand on solid ground again.

Rosita lived in a home with a dirt floor. When the floodwaters rushed in, her floor turned to mud, destroying everything she owned — including her home and belongings.

The PC(USA)'s partnership with ODAH, which recurring gifts to the Disaster Relief Impact Fund make possible, was able to provide Rosita with food and a new mattress. It also helped build a new floor for her home.

That floor represents more than a repaired part of a house. It represents restored dignity. It represents hope after devastation. And it reminded Rosita that she was not facing this crisis alone.

"[God] sent ... angels to accompany me," she says. "Thank God, I now have a new floor. ... Thank you, and may God bless all of you."

Compassionate care reached Rosita at a moment when so much had been taken from her. Through ODAH's presence and the generosity of the PILLARS community, she was reminded that she was seen, heard and cared for — and that God was with her every step of the way.



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