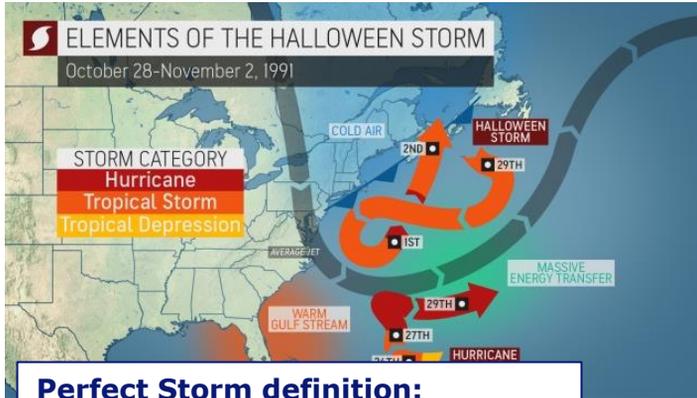


"A PERFECT STORM"



Perfect Storm definition:
"A critical or disastrous situation created by a powerful concurrence of factors"

Thirty-one years ago this weekend a variety of atmospheric factors came together to create a storm so uniquely powerful that its mesmerizing formation was described by the National Weather service as "Perfect". Their use of the phrase "perfect storm" served as inspiration for a book, and later a movie detailing the fate of a fishing boat caught in the storm, the Andrea Gail. That phrase has now gone on to denote any situation where multiple factors combine simultaneously to create a uniquely disastrous situation.

In the case of the storm of 1991, it was the combination of a high-pressure system building over southeast Canada, running into the weakening hurricane Grace moving up the east coast of the US. The warm moist air in the hurricane's circulation met the cold air of the developing front from the north resulted in a massive pressure gradient, kicking up hurricane force winds and waves more than 60 ft.

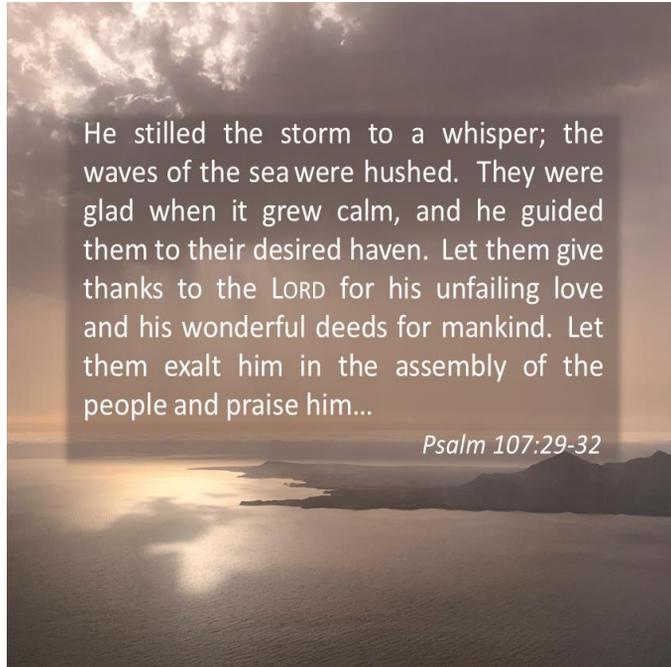
There is a perfect storm that many missionaries are caught in right now. As you likely know, missionaries live overseas and return periodically to see family and ministry partners, and do fundraising. Covid restrictions created many complications and missionaries fell behind in their fundraising. Now they are faced with record inflation that is wiping out the limited resources they allotted to travel around to visit supporters. They find themselves in an economic storm and are struggling to survive. They need our encouragement and support now more than ever.

We are all seeing the impact of inflation, but few of us are experiencing it like missionaries. If you're able, we would recommend the following:

- If you're supporting a missionary, add a little to help offset inflation

- If you know a missionary that is struggling, send a little support their way to help out
- Support ministries like Righteous Rides so they can keep costs down for missionaries on furlough

And even if you can't support financially, please pray for these missionaries and ministries, that God would calm the storm and guide them in the challenges ahead.



He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him...

Psalm 107:29-32



"Giving Tuesday" is coming soon!
 What exactly is that, anyway?

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving or generosity movement that is held each year on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. It began in 2012 when New York's 92nd Street YMCA partnered with the United Nations Foundation as a day that encouraged people to do good. This resonated with the younger generation and by 2019, it became an internationally accepted concept and has become the day that kicks off the giving season by encouraging people to give back in whatever ways they can; whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger, or giving some of what you have, every act of generosity counts, and everyone has something to give.