

#FLORIDARESTORES

Disaster Recovery of The Florida Conference

Disaster Recovery Ministry - Staff Reflections

Sometimes it feels like there has never been more challenging work to do. We meet people at their worst, lost in hopelessness. Some expect the help and others are grateful for help. Some we can help, and some we can't.

We often reflect on the impact we've had in a survivor's life; however, we don't always take the time to recognize and appreciate how God has worked in our lives through this ministry.

As we continue to transition staff to new endeavors and the next step on their journey, here's some of what they've shared...

"Sometimes the slow turn of the wheels to get a case ready for funding was frustrating. For clients we opened in 2019, we simply wanted to 'fix it' for them ASAP so they didn't continue living with mold, falling ceilings, and buckets still catching rain water 18+ months after the hurricane.

I have been amazed by the resilience of many clients - having been faced with adversity on many levels prior to Irma, they kept smiles on their faces and an abundant faith that God would see them through yet again." D.W.

"I am very touched by the humility of many of my clients. It was a challenge to want to help all clients and for reasons [beyond our control] having to tell them that we couldn't help them." M.A.

"The homeowner that tears up from gratitude is what makes this job so rewarding. They get me through the few clients that can be challenging." J.G.

"Disaster Recovery is a long process! I am hoping that Hurricane Irma and other hurricanes have taught us the real 'need' for coordinated, long term recovery efforts in every county within Florida.

I am so grateful to have the opportunity to work with clients affected by Hurricane Irma and to witness their recovery. It was truly a life-changing experience!" M.K.



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#FloridaRestores By The Numbers

Our total recovery effort from Nov 1, 2017 through July 31, 2020.

Hurricane Irma - Clients Served	
Households Contacted	17,816
Cases Opened	1,418
Homes Repaired	545
Referrals Made	5,842
Cases Closed	1,064
Volunteer Teams	338
Number of Volunteers	3,365
Volunteer Hours	81,264
Volunteer Labor	\$2,066,244.39

All Volunteer Teams were cancelled due to COVID-19. All statistics relating to volunteers are from April 2020.

Staying Vigilant

By now we've all seen the updated forecast for this hurricane season. Forecasters warn that this will likely be one of our most active seasons in historical record. We narrowly missed impact from Hurricane Isaias, the 9th named storm of the season. Now, as we approach what has traditionally been the busiest time for storms in our state, we must remain vigilant and prepared. In this time of the COVID pandemic, careful planning is more important than ever.

Keep safe, keep informed, keep prepared.



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