

The People of God Bring Hope



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SOUTHERN DISTRICT DISASTER RELIEF TEAM

Since the first week of January over 1000 people have come to the large tent set up behind Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Biloxi, MS. People from every walk of life begin to form a line outside in the cool morning air before the tent flap ever opens. They've learned to do something they never thought they would have to do. Once inside the light inside is dim, the plywood floor creaks with every step and long rows of beat up tables stretch from end to end. It doesn't look like much, but inside this tent people find hope.

Although Hurricane Katrina is now months past, the lives of people are still touched by the storm. Many still have no permanent place to live (no the promised trailers aren't there). People who used to have good paying jobs are now unemployed or underemployed. Replacing the necessities of life lost in the water is expensive and usually the insurance doesn't come close to covering it all. And so in a vinyl tent people find a little hope.

A can of tuna, a jar of peanut butter, a package of diapers mean that meager dollars can't be spent on something else. That is hope! A jar of coffee, a can of soup, a boxed cake mix means a little hope. The kindness and generosity of people from across the country is a reminder that people still remember . . . That is hope! You can be sure that all you have given in the name of Jesus is a message of hope. God is using YOU to bring light and life and hope!

Critical Needs Today are Food and Personal Items such as:

- Canned Chicken
- Stews
- Ravioli
- Fruit Cups
- Peas
- Green Beans
- Fruit Juice (Gallons or Half Gallons)
- Gelled Fruit
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Jam - Grape or Strawberry
- Pork and Beans
- Sugar
- (we can divide large bags)
- Cereal Bars
- Orange Juice
- Tomato Soup
- Crackers
- Chunky Soups
- Pizza Mixes
- Brownie Mixes
- Canned hams
- Vienna Sausages
- Tuna Fish
- Coffee
- Health and hygiene kits and products



For more information or for delivery instructions contact Donna Fischer, distribution manager at 228-365-7137 .

Deliveries can be made to Biloxi. It is helpful (but not absolutely necessary) if items can be sorted according to type and palletted or boxed.

Districts, congregations and individuals who would rather assist with financial gifts may send them to the **Southern District Relief Fund** with the memo **Good Shepherd Food Bank** at the address above. Food will then be bought locally.

Volunteering Information at www.southernlcms.org