

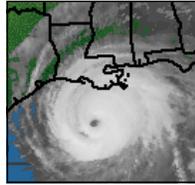
MidWest Missionair

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Hurricane Relief (Again)

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MidWest Missionair is rapidly approaching our 10th anniversary. We are a Christian service organization supporting missionaries, and encouraging volunteers to get involved.

In 1999 we responded to Hurricane Mitch in Honduras and worked several years in that country building homes. Last year we were involved with the hurricane clean up in Florida. And now there is Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.

And once again we find ourselves heavily involved in the relief effort.

More than half a million families have been uprooted by Katrina alone making this the largest displacement or human beings in America's history.

The area of destruction and disruption is vast. It is going to take a cooperative effort of government and every available private organization to complete the recovery.

MidWest Missionair is just one component in God's network. Our job is to supply other Christian groups with transportation and volunteers, so that they can use their time more efficiently.

It takes 16 to 20 hours of hard driving to reach the affected areas from our base of operation. MidWest Missionair can get there in just 3.5 hours.

At this writing we have made 12 round trips in support of other groups and the end is nowhere in site. In fact it looks like we are just getting started.

The rebuilding has not even started. Our trips so far have fallen into two categories.

On the first trips we were asked to get health workers on the ground ASAP.

Shortly after we began transporting leaders of churches who were planning to take larger groups later to assist with the rebuilding.

As the rebuilding gets under way we will be taking construction teams from a variety of different churches and will organize our own constructions teams.

Your financial support is frankly needed more now than ever before. Please consider funneling some of your hurricane relief contribution to MidWest Missionair.

I want you to share your food with the hungry and to welcome poor wanderers into your homes. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

Isaiah 58:7 NLT



After Mitch

• In 1999 Honduras was hit with a Hurricane Mitch, a 100-year storm that left 10's of 1000's homeless.

• MidWest Missionair spent the next few years organizing volunteers to build houses and drill wells

• Today something very exciting is happening down there.

• Locals are asking the missionaries to train them to take the gospel to their own people.

• It began as a trickle but today the full time missionaries simply do not have time to do the relief work and teach.

Can something similar happen on our own Gulf Coast if Christians reach out showing God's love in a completely selfless way?

You Can Help

Please help MidWest Missionair:

- Make or renew your monthly faith promise for \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more.
 - We have elected to install state-of-the-art GPS and weather radar on our Aztec. This will make the aircraft available at all times and will enhance safety but will increase the cost of our aircraft loan by about —\$300/mo
 - A DSL line for our hangar is badly needed to check aviation weather and technical repair data —\$70/mo.
- Help with the following immediate needs.
 - It costs about \$200 per volunteer for fuel to make the round trip to the gulf coast.
 - Insurance renewal for 2006 will be due in January at about \$3000
 - The propellers on our Aztec have a required periodic maintenance due in December that will cost about \$2400

Please make a Faith Promise to further the work in 2006.

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Gary Morsh of Heart-to-Heart in Olathe needed help getting doctors to New Orleans.



From right to left

- Dr Richard Prim, pastor of Kansas City Community Church
- Peter Willems - pastor from Lawrence
- Doug Bachtel of College Church of the Nazarene, Olathe
- Nate Rovenstine, pastor of Lawrence Wesleyan Church.
- Tom Bassford - associate pastor of Indian Creek Community Church, Olathe
- Gordon Blackie—President of MidWest Missionair
- Jerry Brockhaus - Chief Pilot of MidWest Missionair

These leaders traveled to New Orleans to plan future relief efforts. Their goal is to involve 100 Kansas City Churches



This Moss Point, MS couple's home looks OK from the outside but the storm surge has ruined the inside. The good news—it is repairable. The bad news—insurance companies will not pay because the damage was caused by "flooding".



- On the left is Harry Stewart - a Kansas City psychiatrist
 - Fireman, Police, and city workers are both first responders and victims of the storms.
 - Most have lost everything themselves and some have no news from their families.
 - In many cases the mental stress outweighs the physical needs.
 - Heart-to-Heart could use a few more men like Harry right now.
- On the right is Larry Hensen.
 - Larry is a veteran of the first Gulf War. He is Heart-to-Heart's chief of operations in New Orleans.
 - Larry had not been home to his family for three weeks.
 - At Gary Morsh's insistence Larry came back with us one night then returned to New Orleans on the next morning's flight just 12 hours later



Volunteers come from everywhere:

- Retirees in the motor homes
- A group from a church in Tennessee
- Workers from several Billy & Franklin Graham organizations
- And a young man that just got in his car and came to help.



Less fortunate are those whose homes were literally floated off their foundations by the storm surge. In these areas notices that the remains will be bulldozed are everywhere.



Imagine coming back to this and learning that your insurance will not pay.



Overshadowing the physical needs is the fact the most people have fled.

- Except for a few areas, New Orleans is deserted.
- Home Depot has imported employees from the north.
- If your bank is open you stand in line to get in.
- And Wal-Mart has so few employees that they will admit only a few customers at a time so even there you have to wait in line



A leadership team from Heartland Community Church in Overland Park Kansas traveled to Laurel, MS and Moss Point, MS to plan their relief effort. Right to left are:

- Eric Rochester—Director of Heartland Extension Ministries International
- James McClure—Heartland Disaster Relief Team
- Andrew Dean—Heartland Disaster Relief Team

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