

LOCAL IMPACT

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we switched back to doing our homeless outreaches once a month in Pensacola, FL. Not only has God kept His hand of protection over us during COVID-19, but He's also shown us great favor. In addition to the numerous people who have sown into these outreaches, we recently partnered with Big Fish Ministries out of Foley, AL. Big Fish offers a 12-18 month men's and women's program to help restore addicted, homeless and other broken people through Christ-centered healing and transformation. We are so grateful to lock arms with others who share the same heart and embrace God's restorative power.

We recently honored two residents of Youth-Reach Gulf Coast, Garrett McMillan and Blaize Braun, who completed The Resolution For Men. This is a 15-week restoration program that I take the upper level residents at YRGC through. Both of these young men have since graduated the program and we are so excited to see what God has next for them!

On August 6th we partnered with YRGC, The Vine Ministries, and Frontline Ministries to love on the Greenwood community of Summerdale, AL. We handed out over 75 free BBQ meals and 50 boxes of produce. It's always great to serve our local communities, but it's even better when we do it TOGETHER!



BLESSING MS. SHEILA WITH A TENT



WITH GARRET & BLAIZE FROM TRGC



GREENWOOD OUTREACH



COVERING DAVID IN PRAYER



PRECIOUS FAMILY IN LAKE CHARLES

Charles. For five days we opened up roads, cut countless trees off houses, repaired and put tarps on damaged roofs, handed out meals and hygiene supplies, gave away 10,000 lbs of ice, prayed with families, loved on people, and provided hope through Jesus Christ to a hurting community.

RECORD BREAKING HURRICANE SEASON

This hurricane season has been unlike any before. To date, there has been a record 10 named storms to hit the United States in 2020. Over the past few months, the Gulf Coast has been hit particularly hard. On August 27th, Hurricane Laura made landfall in Cameron, LA as a deadly and destructive Category 4 hurricane, with sustained winds of 150 mph. It ravaged the Louisiana coastline, causing more than \$14 billion in damage and 77 deaths. Cameron was flooded out from the surge, and Lake Charles, a city 30 miles northeast, received major wind damage. Four days after the storm passed, we partnered with Youth-Reach Gulf Coast, White Dove Ministries, and Frontline Ministries to take a team of 20 men to do disaster relief in Lake

We were home just over a week when disaster struck our own community. On September 16th, Hurricane Sally made landfall in Gulf Shores, AL as a Category 2, with sustained winds of 105 mph, widespread wind damage, storm surge flooding, 20-25 inches of rainfall, and several tornadoes. We live in Foley, which is only 10 miles inland. That night was the scariest moment Hayley and I have ever experienced. During the peak of the storm at 3:30am, we found ourselves huddled on the bathroom floor praying as wind pounded our apartment complex, debris was heard flying around outside, and water was shooting in through our patio doors. We finally went outside at 6:30am once the storm had passed to find trees uprooted all throughout our complex, along with flooding and damage to many buildings. Once we assessed the damage to our apartment and vehicles, we went right to work serving our communities that had been caught off guard by Sally. I spend a lot of time repairing damaged roofs while Hayley provided meals to those without power. Liberty Church-Birmingham, one of partner churches, drove a 12 passenger van down full of supplies to assist us. Altogether, we handed out over 1,300 meals, put tarps on roughly 40 homes, mucked out several homes, and removed trees from a number of homes throughout Baldwin County within the first three weeks.



DAMAGED ROOF



UPROOTED TREE



DAMAGED BOAT IN
ORANGE BEACH



PRAYING HEALING
OVER HER ARM



HAYLEY SERVING MEALS



CARING FOR THE ELDERLY

Disaster relief became an element of this ministry three years ago when we took our first trip to New Bern, NC after Hurricane Florence.

The Lord quickly revealed why this would be such an important aspect of what we do - because with great destruction comes great repentance. This is the first time we have done disaster relief in our own backyard, which brings its own challenges but also a great opportunity to make a lasting impact!



BLESSING COMMUNITY
WITHOUT POWER



COVERING DAMAGED ROOF WITH TARP

*2020 continues to be an extremely active Atlantic hurricane season. On October 9th, Hurricane Delta (a Category 2 hurricane with 100 mph winds) hit Creole, LA, which is just 30 miles southeast of Lake Charles. We plan on going back to Lake Charles again in the near future. Please continue to pray for this area as they have been hit by two major hurricanes within six weeks. The clean-up and rebuild road ahead will be a long one.

- Jon & Hayley

