# Newsletter



#### TIS THE SEASON OF DEPLOYMENTS

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## LIVINGSTON, TX

#### -- MORE OPPORTUNITIES -- MORE MIRACLES



While BTS was deployed to Tallahassee in May, we were asked if we would take a team to Livingston, TX where the needs were massive and few volunteers were responding. ALWAYS, we said "Here we are Lord, send us."

eager volunteers boarded our bus on June 16 for what was to be a 16 hour ride. We would spend the night in Baton Rouge, LA attend Sunday Worship in Denham Springs, LA then arrive in camp in Livingston Sunday Evening. God had other plans.

Just East of Tallahassee we blew a tire on the bus. The bus tires are not a standard size and extremely hard to AND, through a series of extraordinary circumstances we were traveling without a spare tire (not for lack of diligence). KNOW THIS... WE HAD NO

SPARE TIRE. After two hours of praying and calling every possible tire service provider, no one was able to help. They simply did not have our size tire. As we



sat, musing and praying, God whispered Pastor Rick, "Check the tire rack." He writes "At first I resisted because I knew we didn't have a tire... but finally conceded. As I pulled the door back on the tire rack, THERE WAS A NEW TIRE, MOUNTED ON A WHEEL READY TO BE INSTALLED." I contacted a Road Service Truck who came within an hour. After working tirelessly for an hour it was unmistakably clear that he couldn't change the tire without a block of wood that neither of us had. As he pondered and we prayed about what to do a pickup truck pulling a trailer blew a tire on his trailer and pulled up right behind us. As he got out to change his tire, we discovered that he had the block of wood we needed... tire changed and we were on the road again, The God of Miracles is Still OUR God of Miracles."

THEN we arrived in Livingston, TX. Maybe one of the most economically challenged areas we've ever served and God used the BTS team to "Restore Hope and Life" to at least five homeowners. It's our last one I highlight. Pedro. He had lived, with his family, in the home he had built for forty years. The storms had caused massive damage and as he sat with FEMA assessing what could be



done, a fire broke out and destroyed the entire main floor. That's where BTS came in. We completely demo-ed his house. The team did an amazing job. It was time to present the Bible and leave but Pedro does not

speak English. Can believe God had sent TWO **BTS** Spanish speaking volunteers with this team? Araceli Daub **Israel** Gonzalez. Not only were they able to present the Bible to Pedro in Spanish, but present



the Gospel to him as well. "Our Amazing God Still Amazes Us"

## TALLAHASSEE II (AGAIN)

Our team knew when we left Tallahassee in May that we needed to return. That first week the work orders were exploding and by the time we returned eight



weeks later they had surged to over 900. So we DID return with another amazing team.

#### **Trip HIGHLIGHTS:**

- We attended GraceLife Church (home church for a number of BTS volunteers) Sunday Morning where P. Tommy Clayton graciously welcomed us and prayed a powerful prayer over the BTS Ministry & Team.
- Served "Jerry" a 30+ year Army Ranger who had literally given his health in service to our country, who said, "If I won a million dollars I would give it all for two days without pain."



beneath downed

trees. Two days of relentless work by the team and the skid steer (Dan Yelverton operating), and Kate said

"THANK YOU... I haven't seen my backyard in 40 years. "God and this team were amazing.





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### BTS Does Perry, FL Rebuild

Well, maybe that's an overstatement but we did respond to an SP request to take our Tallahassee II



Team to Perry to assist in installing and assembling furniture for a home being provided to a very special Thanks to Marc family. Thomas our amazing

Rebuild Manager who invited, allowed, and insured that we were able to have this opportunity and do it with excellence.



We're Here For You BTS Prayer Ministry

> Bill & Christie Roth Ministry Directors

We are thrilled to announce that the BTS Prayer Ministry is now available to join you in prayer for any needs you might have. Bill & Christie Roth who are members of our BTS

team and certified Chaplains with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and the BGEA Rapid Response Team are leading this ministry and we are blessed to have them. Your requests will be handled in a very sensitive

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manner, they will not be published anywhere and you can feel confident in the confidentiality of your issues. Requests will be communicated only to members of the Prayer Team. To submit a request go to our BTS Website...

> www.btstorm.org and on the home page click the "Submit Request" button.

> > Never doubt the power of prayer.



The cost of deploying continues to rise exponentially and with repeat volunteers we cannot charge what it actually costs to cover trip expenses.

We are praying God will raise up a support team

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JULYN LIBURD SERVES ON MERCY SHIP MADAGASCAR



We are so pleased to honor one of our long time BTS Volunteers who has served on the Mercy Ship Madagascar for two minths. Mercy Ships uses hospital ships to bring by and healing through free surgery and medical training in regions where resources are scarce.

## Looking For A House!



Our dear friends at Habitat For Missions have given BTS permission to locate a house to purchase as our 3rd "Flip House" funds raising project. This will need to be a house someone would sell to us (HFM) at a reduced price that would enable us to "remodel" and sell for a profit which would then provide ministry resources for BTS. If you know of or discover a possibility in the Central Florida area please contact Rick Cowley (727-804-1427) or Ken Osborne (727-204-9814).



THERE'S ROOM FOR YOU. WANT TO GO? **Contact us** 727-804-1427