

Englewood, FL  
Hurricane Ian  
November 27, 2022



## A NEW SEASON: 18 Years Later...

*Beyond the Storm Disaster Relief Ministries was created September 2005 in Sedona, AZ in response to Hurricane Katrina. After all these years THIS will be the first ever monthly newsletter. Our purpose in this venture is to communicate to our growing Volunteer Team current and future plans, share recent deployments, projects and events, and offer updates to our efforts to share the "Hope and Light of Christ" in our local communities as well as the broader spectrum of Disaster Relief Ministries.*

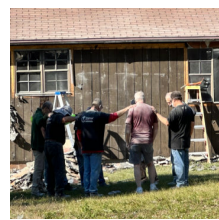
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Enjoy prosperity while you can, but when hard times strike, realize that both come from God.  
Ecclesiastes 7:14

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## BTS RESPONDS TO ORANGE CITY

On Saturday, February 3rd a small group of Volunteers from our BTS Team deployed to Ken & Deb Osborne's to help with a much needed project of removing stucco from a house that needed attention. The work was challenging, unlike any deployment



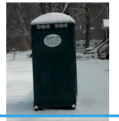
we've ever done and not without it's cuts and scrapes, bumps and bruises. It was a labor of love for these two people who have given so much of themselves to selflessly serve others.



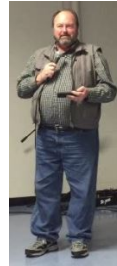
## Remember This? A Look Back

A special feature of these monthly Newsletters going forward will be a look back at one of our previous deployments. From the first Deployment to Long Beach MS in 2005 until our recent trip to Orange City, FL, we have completed 70+ deployments counting over-nights and day-trips, local and across state lines. There's lots to choose from and we want you to experience the joys of this journey. While since 2015 all of the week-long deployments have been with Samaritan's Purse, BTS has done a number of significant projects on our own and these will be highlighted as well. This month we feature Crestwood MO for a really special reason. You will see!

Crestwood days, the yellow bus had no restroom. It was our last trip without one and "this" is why.



### Crestwood: In Loving Memory Wayne Shoemaker



Over the years, we have had the opportunity to serve under some wonderful and amazing Program Managers but Crestwood would be the only trip serving with Wayne Shoemaker. Few have touched us more deeply than Wayne. We had no idea what to expect when at Share Time each night, Wayne would share one of his creatively written "fun" songs. Such a precious and funny man. On Friday as we boarded the bus for home, Wayne came on board with 14 individual mini Key Lime pies he had personally baked for us. He knew we always number our volunteers so each of the pies was addressed to the appropriate member with a number. Wayne went home to be with Jesus late January '24 and we suspect he's singing for our Savior. BTS will always remember Wayne Shoemaker fondly.



## Crestwood, MO

January 16-23, 2016

This would be our 3rd deployment after connecting with SP, and while it was listed as Fenton, MO in the invitation and while it was actually in the St. Louis area, it was actually Crestwood, MO. BTS was



officially called "After The Storm" (ATS) for that season and we were still connected to CrossBridge Church. Over the years BTS (ATS) experimented

with a number of different shirt colors, and we were in the "obnoxious green" phase on this trip. We anticipated cold, but not this cold and not snow. Did you know that -8\* wet drywall freezes and the degree of difficulty in removal increases exponentially? In the



## What's Next For BTS?

Looking Forward

The unpredictable thing about Disaster Relief is that it is "unpredictable." So when we are asked "what's next" it's really challenging to be specific. We do know that because DR is our priority, when disasters occur we do our best to drop everything to deploy. Our Bus is packed...That Said: Here's what's on the drawing board.

1. When we left Vicki Hulbert's house, Dec 7, 2022 we promised to return and address some other needs. That will be scheduled soon.
2. New Hope Wesleyan Church has been so gracious to BTS through the years, (they are currently home to our BTS Bus) we are planning to return there to install flooring in the Fellowship Hall.
3. We've been asked to consider planning a fun road trip for our BTS family and others. We are looking at a "POSSIBLE" Branson, MO trip in the next months.
4. We are considering re-scheduling the KY Rebuild that didn't happen this month. We may.