

Newsletter



IT'S THE SEASON OF DEPLOYMENTS

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Did You Know?



Since the day Beyond The Storm was created in 2005 it has been anchored to this amazing truth from the life and ministry of the Prophet Nehemiah. In the Book of Nehemiah chapter 2 verse 12 he describes touring the disaster surrounding the city of Jerusalem. We read that he was aware that the conviction of those around him was that the debris was too overwhelming and the task of rebuilding the wall of protection was un-doable. So he surveyed the damage with just a few faith-filled partners and writes these words "I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem." But he never stopped believing. He never stopped building and 52 days later the Wall was completed.

We believe that's the BTS Story. With little more than some "faith-filled" Volunteers, God has allowed us to partner with HIM to turn darkness into light, despair into hope and chaos into order. We joyfully wear it on our shirts.



On a personal level you might be surprised at what God has put in your heart to do. GO for it. Run to it. It CAN be done.

Will You Join The BEYOND THE STORM

24 Hours of Prayer

September 27 & 28, 2024

Most would agree that we live in perilous times and as the old Gospel song said "IN TIMES LIKE THESE WE NEED A SAVIOUR." Ezra quoted God in II Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." We believe THIS is the time we must pray. With unprecedented evil exploding all around us, with maybe the most important elections just days ahead, WE MUST PRAY!!!

Beginning at 9:00pm on September 27 and concluding at 9:00pm September 28 we will host the first "BTS 24 Hours of Prayer."

Here's how it works. We will ask you to commit to one specific hour of devoted prayer during that time period. You will be able to select that hour by clicking a link that will be sent to you via text the 2nd week of September.

Uncomfortable with how to pray for an hour, don't be. You will be guided through the entire hour and you will find it easier than you imagine.

All the details are available on our website, www.btstorm.org. Click "EVENTS" then "24 Hours of Prayer." GOD WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU.



New Hope Church Hudson, FL

October 23-26, 2024

Come Make A Difference!

BTS will return to New Hope to complete a project that has been outstanding for too long. It's TIME. Join Us.

www.btstorm.org for details

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WATCH GOD WORK... THROUGH BTS

Chad & Amber Cravens... A Story of Brokenness

On Saturday June 1, 2024 Chad Craven was involved in a horrific hit & run accident while riding his motorcycle in Bradenton, FL. He was left bleeding and near death on the side of the road until a good samaritan couple found him and summoned help. His life was spared but he has struggled through multiple surgeries and has been left in a wheelchair and completely unable to work. He faces a long road to recovery. Chad is married to Amber and they have a son and a daughter. Prior to Chad's accident he was the primary caregiver to his wife Amber who had previously suffered a life-altering spinal hord injury and is permanently confined to a wheelchair.

THAT'S WHERE BTS ENTERED THE PICTURE.

We discovered that accessibility to their house on two fronts was encumbered by make-shift ramps. By God's grace and the faithful contributions we were able to purchase two commercial aluminum ramps and our team including Ken Osborne and Terry Lee installed those ramps.

It's an extreme joy to be able to serve this special family. Please pray for them.



Sheena's Story: Isaiah's Tragedy

"At 19 yrs old, Isaiah is like most teens – trying to make his way in this world. He enjoys his car, his video games, his friends and works hard. He is handsome, ambitious, has a heart of gold and is full of life. He would do anything for anyone as long as it makes them happy! I was proud to watch him setting himself up for a wonderful next chapter in his life.

Isaiah: my son, my life, my heart and my best friend was tragically taken from our lives Friday, February 17, 2023 when a truck carrying a crane ran a red light, taking Isaiah's life as he skateboarded across the intersection trying to get to work. No one was charged and I have been left to try to make any sense of this. I will forever ask "Why?" That day will forever be seared in my life as I try unsuccessfully to reconnect the broken pieces of my heart on a daily basis.

During this time, my son's "friend" offered to help me remodel and repair a shower that had been broken needing much attention. That, after a year of waiting, unfortunately never happened and another family friend introduced me to Beyond The Storm. It was by God's grace (although, with tragedy, my faith is shattered) that Beyond The Storm was brought into my life. They kindly offered to help get the shower repaired.

I want to say thank you to everyone who was involved; for your prayers, kindness and love." Sheena

THAT'S WHEN BERT MORRISON, FRIEND OF BTS, PROFESSIONAL TILE INSTALLER AND LOCAL REALTOR JOINED WITH BTS AND IS MAKING THIS SHOWER NEW AGAIN. THANK YOU BERT.
(Completed Pics Next Month)



16 Amazing Volunteers Deploy to Brazoria Co, TX

It's the heart and soul of BTS to respond wherever God opens a door for us to take the Light and Hope of Christ where people are hurting. When we were asked to go to Angleton, TX (just south of Houston) we said yes. We knew it was 2500 miles (round trip), we knew it would be hot (Feels Like Temp 121*) but our team eagerly boarded the bus and made the journey. It was a very special trip. This was



"Team Christian." We have adopted Bethany Church (Baton Rouge) as our westbound Home Church and were challenged with the message "Focus On Finishing" and as the temp rose and the work became difficult that's exactly what this team did.



Highlights are available on our website under Angleton Archives but two things: One homeowner who's task became a two day job was so moved by the work the team accomplished that she prayed to receive Christ as Savior. What a celebration. Second, a homeowner who had been hurt badly by church family and had been consumed by a bitter spirit was so touched by this team, she was broken by the Holy Spirit that she too, gave her life to Christ as Savior.

