



faithresponders
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September Newsletter



A HEART OF GRATITUDE!

Mucking and gutting, chainsaw work and sharing Christ! Faith Responder volunteers have been busy during August and September responding to those impacted by Hurricane Debby. We are so thankful to everyone for their prayers, support and participation over the last six weeks as we assisted homeowners in the Live Oak and Sarasota areas of Florida.

52 Families Were Assisted
\$2250 in Gift Cards Were Distributed

15 Teams Responded
3415 Volunteer Hours Completed
\$7,105.27 Received in Donations

Thank you to First Methodist Church of Live Oak and to Sarasota Community Church for your hospitality and accommodations. And, to Lynn Haven Methodist Church for use of the shower trailer. We cannot do it without your partnership!!



MEMORABLE MOMENTS!

With every survivor we have the opportunity to pray, listen and learn their stories. It is a blessing to share gifts from congregations across our conference who want to be a part of the ministry but cannot travel. Thank you for your gifts of Bibles, Prayer Blankets, Prayers and Gift Cards which mean so much to those who need God's hope and light during a difficult time. Here are a few of the ways in which your gifts have transformed lives.....

PRAYER PARTNERS, BLANKETS AND BIBLES

Mandy, a survivor in Live Oak - Mandy, who is the caretaker of her mom's home, needed help cleaning up her yard and cutting several trees after Hurricane Debby. The team from Conway Community Church worked all day clearing debris and Mandy helped as well. At the end of the day the team gathered to pray and present a bible to her which had been signed by the team. As the bible was handed to her I said, "We want to present this Bible to you as a memory of your journey to light your path. You may already have one ..." and she responded... "actually I don't. Thank you. This means so much to me. I really appreciate everything you have done for me"

Denice, a survivor in McAlpin - Denice is a young mom with two children under 4 whose husband works long hours. Their home was damaged from Hurricane Idalia and still needed repairs. Their roof was damaged again during Hurricane Debby and more than 10 trees fell in the yard. Their cars were flooded. When we met Denice she was overwhelmed and could hardly share her story without breaking into tears. We prayed with her and she was invited to church by a neighbor. The team got to work and cleared all the trees, mucked out the damage in the home and reattached a tarp. Denice accepted the invitation to church and prayed several times with the team. A few weeks later we learned that Denice had been to church several times and was baptized! She was praising God for all the blessings and the amazing gift of help she received. She wants to give back as a volunteer as soon as her kids are a little older. Her tears were changed into big smiles of gratitude.

Larry and Susan, survivors in Branford - Larry and Susan patiently waited for a team of volunteers to help at their home which had multiple tree branches and debris down around the 1/2 acre property (20 plus tarps full!) Having retired several years ago Larry was disabled and unable to effectively move about the property or move heavy objects. Susan was recovering from a prolonged illness. They love the Lord and shared their faith with the volunteers. Susan gave each a special present of a handmade pocket heart she made out of needlepoint. As the team gathered to leave, Larry and Susan joined the team for a prayer. The team presented her and Larry with a crocheted prayer quilt. Tears came to Susan's eyes as she shared her appreciation and said, "This is very special to me. I have helped make so many and given out the crosses but no one has ever given one to me! And it's purple, my favorite color!"

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