



ReaLife Ministries of Louisiana, Inc. Report to Partners Jan.-March, 09

Thus far in 09 we have seen five volunteer groups come to serve those stricken by hurricane Ike. Recovery continues to be slow however many people are beginning to get back into their homes. ReaLife Ministries of Louisiana in harmony with Mission Lumber recently completed two Gustav projects in Central Louisiana plus the residence of Della and Avery Alford in Bride City, TX, victims of hurricane Ike. While work continued at the residence of Steve and Kelly Miller, O.F.M.S. volunteers completed the ministerial alliance building in Bridge City, Texas. This brings us to a total of four completed projects in 09. The Miller project is listed as ongoing with one additional project in Bride City to begin soon. On top of these projects, Mission Lumber staff worked this week with volunteers from I Am Able Ministries to cut the framing lumber for a new Church building to be built on an Indian reservation in Oklahoma in May. Mission Lumber is also working to provide the framing material for at least one home in Plaquemines parish and flooring for a family in West Orange, Texas, another Ike victim.

ReaLife Ministries Introduces Project Home

Seeking to distinguish its new construction ministry from its disaster relief ministry, R.L.M introduces a new outreach called "Project Home". It is the dream of R.L.M to see thousands of people grow in Christ as a result of this program created to bring those together with a willingness to serve Christ with those stricken by hardship and in need of a home. Pictured to the right is two volunteers from FCC, Huntington Beach, CA with Betty Maryanski, R.L.M.'s first Project Home project. She and her daughter lost their home to hurricane Ike.



Thanks to FCC, Huntington Beach, CA and Georgetown CC, Georgetown IN, the foundation and sub-floor is completed ready for framing. The youth group of Georgetown headed by youth minister Christ Tanner did a great job with his group of fifteen proving that inexperienced youth can do new construction and do it well.

Our Staff

ReaLife Ministries was blessed to have Jamie Bradley with us for just over a month from FCC, Morris, Illinois. Jamie did a great job helping with the Maryanskie project and other projects as well. Henry Heck is still with us, hopefully for a while yet as he and family decide to stay or go back to Michigan. Please pray for Henry and family. For the time period this made a full time staff total of eight.



Flooring Installed in Central LA

Future Groups

The summer months are shaping up to be the busiest ever. It looks like we will have around 200 people total for the months of June, July and August. Six groups total. These are just R.L.M groups. Jim Hardwick has scheduled other groups as well. If you are interested in sending a volunteer group let us know. There will be plenty to do for some time to come.

Pictured right is a volunteer group from Mechanicsville, VA installing insulation led by Mike Banton.



A Special Thanks

We want to say thanks to Jim Hardwick and the Oragefield Christian Church for housing our groups and to Bobby Granger and West Orange CC for the use of their building. Your support is greatly appreciated. We could not function without your help.

Prayer Requests

My dad just had serious open heart surgery last week. Renee and I just got back from Springfield, Illinois after spending time with my dad and family. He definitely is not out of the woods yet, but he is thus far doing well considering. He made his public confession in the hospital and wants to be baptized in a pond on his farm as soon as he is well enough. Many of you already knew of dads surgery and have been praying for him. From the bottom of my heart I say "Thank You". We did have one other conversion during this time in which Mr. Ed Buck from Help Is On The Way helped to be a witness. It was a young man from off the street named Kenneth.

Final Thoughts

We want to again thank all who have participated and contributed to these efforts. Much is yet to be done. Hebrews 10:24 says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds". Humbly, we hope that our efforts will spur others toward good works and good deeds. Jacob Huntley from Georgetown CC wrote R.L.M, "Dear Garry, I think what you are doing for God is amazing..... I want to be as at work for God as you are." Thanks Jacob for you encouragement.

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