

Hurricane Katrina Waveland, Mississippi



Present Realities:

On August 29, 2005, the worst natural disaster in United States history hit the Gulf Coast. New Orleans, Mississippi, and Alabama were devastated by the 175 mile/hour (280 km/hour) winds and a 30 foot wall of water that beat against the coast line. 1.2 million people were evacuated from their homes. To date 1,417 people have been confirmed dead and there are still hundreds of people unaccounted for. Hurricane Katrina has caused over \$75 billion US dollars in damages.

Waveland, Mississippi has been said to be the worst hit area. "The federal rescue teams are calling it Mississippi's ground zero. Unlike larger cities, including Gulfport and Biloxi, this town of 10,000 people, and surrounding Hancock County, have virtually no intact local infrastructure. And because of its size, it had been placed at the end of the line when it came to the initial search-and-rescue efforts." (Washington Post)

There is a tremendous need for help in Waveland. Residents have spent the last six months in survival mode and doing what they can to carry on with daily life. They are desperately trying to rebuild their lives and their town, and have an unbelievable commitment to stay in their hometown.

Project Results:

A team of 26 people, comprised of 22 from B.C., 3 from Seattle, and 1 from Ontario, traveled to Waveland, Mississippi to provide general cleanup and rebuilding following the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. The team was split up into four teams: three work teams and one camp team.

The work teams came alongside five homeowners and assisted them in rebuilding their homes. The various projects they worked on were: framing, insulating, dry walling, mudding and taping, painting, replacing a roof, clean up, and yard work.

The camp team assisted at Camp Katrina in which their duties included: meal preparation, camp clean up, laundry, and stocking supplies

School supplies were also provided for the remaining students attending school in Waveland.



Persons Responsible for the Project:

The staff of Hungry for Life, under the leadership of the Board of Directors, are responsible for the project.

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