



**Community of Faith Ministries  
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501c3 Non-Profit Organization  
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Dear Friend and Supporters:

We would like to bring you up to date as to what projects we have been working on in the Gulf Coast of Mississippi since Hurricane Katrina hit 19 months ago.

This is the face of recovery today; it is commonly an 8'x28' 224 sq ft FEMA trailer. This one is for a family of four in the Bay St. Louis/Waveland area.



Next to the trailer is another reality of recovery. The family's 16-year-old daughter is living in a 100 sq ft tar paper and wooden shack. This is occurring today. It has been like this for almost a year and a half.

When you joined us in this mission called Adopt-A-Church.com we were focused on rebuilding and repairing small churches. Our motto was, and is, Repairing Buildings----Restoring Lives. Since that time we made a lot of progress for a small group from Southern California. We have been so blessed to have assisted in the repair and rebuilding of 8 churches going back to September of 2005. You can view our efforts, and see how your dollars are at work on our website, [www.adoptachurch.com](http://www.adoptachurch.com). That is why we incorporated as an IRS recognized 501 c [3] non-profit named Community of Faith Ministries, Inc. Adopt-a-Church has become a mission

program inside Community of Faith. There remains much to do, and our commitment, like the Lord's commitment to each of us, remains firm.

Several weeks ago Community of Faith Ministries went to Waveland and the Bay St. Louis area to interview families in need of help. We found out that so many families are falling through the cracks of government assistance rules and remain in desperate need of housing. There are incredible social problems in the area as well as ongoing financial needs.

Family divorce rates and domestic abuse is so high I am not sure if the counties have a handle on it. Suicides have gone through the roof. Many families are forced to the streets because of the lack of paid jobs and living facilities. Rebuilding is slow for many reasons; one is that lenders require homeowners insurance and it is almost unobtainable. The second reason is these families have lost their former higher-paying jobs and have now taken minimum wage work just to make ends meet. For most, the cost to rebuild is beyond their means. Many small rural homes in the area were uninsured. Finally, the quality of contractors in the area is poor and many have been taken by out of town scam artists posing as contractors taking deposits and then vanishing into the night.



That is why we are writing. We need your help again. The headlines are long gone and the satellite trucks are down the road to the next big story. But the heartache and hurdles remain, as does our compassion for the needy, the broken and the unserved.

We have set a goal to build three homes in the next 12 months in Mississippi. The first home to be built will start this August. We are estimating the cost of material's to build this 3 bedroom home will be approx. \$35,000. It is 1500 sq ft and single story. We believe we can do the job in two weeks with the help of skilled volunteer construction workers and people that want to just help out We rebuilt St. Mark's Church last year in 8 days. (visit our website for pictures). Here's a photo of what a similar home looks like that was constructed in the area by one of our volunteers.



After interviewing 15 needy families, we have selected the Barbosin family of Bay St. Louis to receive the first home. This is the family that lives in the FEMA trailer with the daughter who lives in the tar-paper shack. Their former home was completely washed away by the hurricane. Now, the husband drives 152 miles round trip daily to New Orleans for work, but they can't get ahead. All their grant and assistance applications have been turned down. The mother is on disability. The 16-year-old daughter graduates from high school next year. She wants to attend a local community college but is anxious about her family situation. Their story can have a better ending with your help. Here they are reading our letter notifying them of our decision to rebuild for them.



You can donate to this effort with confidence that your money is being responsibly spent and going directly to those in need. Since 2005, we have raised over \$150,000 and 97% of these proceeds went directly into projects. I told all of you last year that 100% was to go to these projects. To keep our promise, we made an additional contribution to pay all operating cost for this ministry. Our IRS Form 990 is listed on our website for you to examine as well.

Time is of the essence now. We have people counting on us. Please help us rebuild for the Barbosin family. Please send a check made payable to Adopt-a-Church in the enclosed envelope. Visit our web site and use Pay Pal if you wish to donate. If you want to volunteer, know someone that does or just have questions, please send me an email through our web site [chiprumis@adopt-a-church.com](mailto:chiprumis@adopt-a-church.com) or you can just call me at 619-804-0748. We need all

construction trades and you do not have to commit to be away for two weeks, we just need 4 day or so!

Please do not wait if you would like to help.

Remember “You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you”.

From all of us at Community of Faith Ministries we want to thank you in advance for your help. Please pray for our success in this mission and for these families in need.

God Bless,

Chip and Jean Rumis

PS—As this letter goes in the mail, we have received a generous donation from Mr. & Mrs. Gary Ross & Family to underwrite all the electrical supplies in the house. Gary Cook President So Cal Pro Gas Assn. has raised over \$1,250.00 from the Bakersfield race.  
Thank You All