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Week Three of the Race to Rebuild Churches Affected by Hurricane Katrina

The Rebuilding and Renewal Begins

Dear Friends:

We are pleased to report the Roofing Materials from San Diego, CA. **arrived in Hattiesburg Mississippi on Saturday!!! THANK YOU RANDY HAGERTY for driving straight through. A huge thank you to the companies below in the San Diego area who helped also:**

- ?? Pat Strafford Roofing
- ?? Steve Arnold
- ?? Discount Plywood
- ?? ABC Roofing Materials
- ?? PDQ Roofing Materials
- ?? Randy Hagerty Trucking
- ?? Bob Mendenhall and Family

Now, for the Glory of God, let the rebuilding process begin.

On Monday, August 29th, Hurricane Katrina made landfall, walloping the Gulf Coast with 145 mph winds, rain and flooding. As we have all seen, the aftermath is mind-numbing. Yet, just 42 days after she tore through Mississippi, we will start rebuilding our first church this Wednesday Oct.12, 2005 at the Trinity Baptist Church of Petal, MS. Their pastor is Jimmy Garrard.

Trinity's roof is about 8800 square feet or should I say 88 squares. We have approx. 10 skilled builders coming in from Memphis to attack this project. I have made contact with the BSU Director at the local Christian College and they have a group of

professors and students coming in from Jefferson City, TN to assist us also. It is incredible to us how the Lord is blessing us with volunteers, materials and support.

This week I also organized another group of 12 people to help out with the Trinity Church project. If things go well I am going to break the team into two groups and start another small church, Pastor Roy Grace's Heaven Bound Church in Hattiesburg. It is 35 squares or a 3500 square foot project. This includes a portion of his personal residence, adjacent to the church, which was damaged by the storm. If you visit our web site, www.adoptachurch.com, you will see his church.

Jean, Bobby Shurden and I have visited or have identified over 19 churches that are in need of repairs with many more on our list to visit. We have scheduled four churches so far that will be re-roofed by the end of October if all things go well. We are still trying to get a handle on the local labor and we are networking out in our area for volunteer groups. Materials are starting to be more available and we still need financial donations as we are finding most of the smaller churches absent of any insurance coverage.

Where do we begin to start thanking people who have done so much to aid our efforts in such a short period of time? Do I begin with my friend Karl that helped me get started, my business partner Tony of 25 years, our Pastor at John 8:31, Ken Owens, or my sister Debi? How about our new home away from home in Mississippi with Pastor Bobby Shurden and his wife or, my family or my friends Steve, Bob? Or, do I start with the people and companies that have donated so much? This list is getting longer every day that passes. Thank You So Much to each of you. This mission to help the people in the South would not be taking place with out all of your help and support. Thank You.

We want to make sure that everyone who's involved in any fashion with our rebuilding mission is aware that the people of this area do appreciate all of our prayers and donations as they understand the sacrifices you are making to help people you don't even know.

On a personal note Jean and I and Bobby and his wife Peggy toured the New Orleans area last Friday as we have a group of contractors from Grace Church in Ramona coming south to help out with their heavy equipment in that area. We have been so blessed to find a pastor at the Folsom Baptist Church in Folsom, Louisiana who is going to host this group. I will tell you a little more about this in our next letter.

Getting back to New Orleans, I was so moved by the amount of destruction that I find it hard to explain. It looks like a war scene that you may have seen on a television program. Everything is so disrupted; no commerce at all is being done; just a clean up effort. There is still a curfew in the town and we left the city right at dark. Most of the city does not have lights and it is so eerie. It makes you feel so bad for people of this area that their life will never be the same. Maybe in some cases better, but it is hard to imagine.

Well, it is going to be a busy week and I am looking forward to getting dirty and see these churches get roof and restored.

God Bless you and Thank You for your continuing support.

Love Chip & Jean.