

RISE to the TIME



MOBILE OUTREACH CENTER

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Latest News and Accomplishments:

- Assisted Church of Staten Island with disaster response procedural set up for procurement and volunteer management
- Served as volunteer coordinator within SCA network at two outreaches in different locations in NYC
- Facilitated Preparedness Peace classes at two different churches in the Houston area-Training individuals for a lifestyle of preparedness
- Completed FEMA-Certification in ICS-200b, ICS 300, ICS 700, Long Term Recovery Basic Training thru Church World Service, and attended Joseph International Places of Refuge Conference
- Design & Facilitate Disaster Drill Exercise with Justin & Kynada Boland co-authors of Preparedness Peace at local church in August

Hurricane Sandy Strikes East Coast October 29th



We are on the road again... Responding to Sandy

As only the Lord can do, we were supernaturally connected to Rev. Daniel Delgado of House of Victory Church in Staten Island the first day we arrived in NY. The Delgado family graciously opened up their home to us and allowed Terry and I to stay with them the entire week as we met and worked through the Somebody Cares Network with local pastors. Within hours after the storm, over 40 Staten Island pastors met to establish a strategy for long term recovery. Dividing the island into four sectors, different churches took on responsibilities in each sector. Terry and I were privileged to work with Christian Pentecostal Church and serve in their coalition as they determined procedures for gifts-in-kind donations and volunteers arriving to aid the

On Wednesday, October 31st we deployed to the east coast in response to the great need after Hurricane dubbed, "Super Storm Sandy" by the media. The devastation we witnessed reminded us in many ways of the destruction after Hurricane Ike in the Gulf Coast region. However, in many ways the impact of Sandy is much more magnified. With the population density of the Northeast, the volume of people impacted is significantly greater than in the Gulf Coast. With

basements in most all of the homes, water from the storm surge had to be pumped out. Even after the storm, many people remained in their homes because they either had no place to go, a way to leave or were concerned about looting. Being without heat or electricity in the cold also magnifies the intensity of suffering. It has been estimated that many will not have power for months in Staten Island.



Rise to the Time is funded by your donations. There are several ways you can be involved in what God is doing: through your one time or regular gifts, prayer support and donations of GIK items needed after disasters. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Please contact us at:

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Sharing methods for disaster response



Meat being prepared for 1500+ by Holy Smokers! Mike Lynch taught Terry Cooking 101!

pulled together two days of Thanksgiving blessings for over 1500 people! It is a great privilege for us to be able to work alongside all of these guys! They are amazing in their commitment to "get it done" and everyone went the extra mile to see to it that families displaced by Sandy would have the best Thanksgiving Day possible! We thank you for your support that enabled us to be a part of it. Volunteers filled donated gift bags with everything from gift cards, non perishable food, stuffed animals and blankets. The Holy Smoker crews and volunteers served hot turkey meals to everyone. Many weary souls were blessed by the care offered to them.



Volunteers stock gift bags with Who Was Jesus by Doug Stringer

areas impacted. Week two found us moving from Staten Island to Jamaica Queens as we worked with Somebody Cares America and Mercury One (Glenn Beck's new foundation) in partnership with local ministries, Hope NYC and CRI on two separate outreaches held in one weekend. With one week's preparation, Somebody Cares America, SC Baltimore, SC York, SC Lowell, and the Blood n' Fire crew

After Sandy hopes for a Merry Christmas for many has been dashed...will you help us help restore their HOPE?

Many people in Staten Island, Jamaica Queens and Lindenhurst communities have lost everything they own and have lost all hope of having a Merry Christmas this year. With your help, we would like to offer them HOPE that comes from knowing that those in the church care for them. We want to send gift cards to local churches in the impacted region so they can be a Tangible expression of the Love of Jesus to those in their community.

Individually and so far away, we can not have a lasting impact but as local churches connect with those in their community, lives are changed. Already, the church of



Muddied Santa left for garbage pick up after Sandy on Staten Island.

Staten Island has been seen in a new light by people who would have never been open to the Gospel before but now are suddenly thrust by personal need, into relationship with members of the church community. One pastor shared with us that an elderly man

expressed gratitude and disbelief at the willingness of individuals to help him with physical needs without expectation or reciprocation. You may send a donation earmarked as “**Christmas gift card**” and we will see to it that churches in the area will receive it. In order to get them to the church in a timely way, please make sure to send your gift by

December 18th or you may give online through our website, www.Risetothetime.org.

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Disaster Response Drill and Exercise

In between deploying for disasters, Terry and I have taken seriously both our personal need for preparation and the need to help the Church become an ark of refuge. We feel it is important to “practice what we preach” as a part of our own disaster preparation and response. As a result, we have attended multiple trainings this year. Some of the trainings we have participated in:

- IDRN (International Disaster Response Network) 1100 Community Based Disaster Preparation
- IDRN-1300 Community Based Disaster Response
- Preparedness Peace
- Texas Baptist Men’s Basic Overview Training
- ADRN (Austin Disaster Response network) Lifestyle of Readiness
- FEMA’s ICS 200b, ICS 700 online and ICS 300 (Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents) in a three day on-site class.

Not only do Terry and I believe these trainings help us as a family to respond to our world, but we are encouraged to share what we are learning with others as opportunities avail themselves. We have also been privileged to meet some amazing people of the Kingdom and have no doubts that we will all see each other again as the Lord leads.

After participating in Preparedness Peace classes that equipped us to facilitate PP classes, we quickly had the opportunity to serve two different churches in the Houston area as facilitators for the class.



Pastor Hank Marion—aka, Doug Stringer being rescued by Kynada Boland at Disaster Drill Exercise!



Volunteers give church members an opportunity to “minister” to them while in crisis.

In August we served Justin and Kynada Boland (co-authors of PP) with the development and facilitation of a disaster drill at New Haven House of Prayer. Volunteer teams were given the opportunity to respond to a mock disaster and put into practice plans that have been in their heart for their community. We believe that there is a future for this type of training that will enable the Church to be much more effective because they have put their plans to the test before disasters strike.