

Greetings from Powder Springs, GA. We made it in yesterday, got settled into the 1st Baptist Church which is graciously hosting us and headed out to assess the area. We had been talking to Gene, a gentleman from the county prior to arriving as we headed to this area at their request. We immediately contacted the local government agencies to let them know we were in town and to offer our assistance in any way we could.

It's always different everywhere we go and this was no exception to that rule! We discovered that no one was tracking volunteers, hours, supplies, etc to help with the FEMA reimbursements. We offered what we had paperwork wise to them and said we would track all that we did so that if they decided they needed it, they would have it.

We then took off to the area that Gene had asked us to cover. There was a lot of damage, many homes had water lines up to and some even over the second story of the home. Many, many homeowners had already begun cleaning up and there were several relief agencies who had come through the area. Unfortunately, many homes were not being cleaned up properly. Some have even removed the damaged drywall and replaced it without getting rid of the mold! Too many scammers and not enough information to the homeowners!

We found a young lady whose house looked like some work had been done incorrectly and we decided to talk to her. She said that they didn't know what to do, someone had come in and charged them for some things and some volunteers had done some other things, but she thought it was all wrong. We surveyed her home and told her that a lot more drywall needed removed and they she needed to treat for mold. We arranged to start immediately the next morning.

We got up and did just that. Jason and Brian really worked hard and we managed to get the whole house done in about 6 hours! In the mean time the city had referred someone to us and then FEMA referred someone to us. We went and looked at each of those homes and are going to start the first one tomorrow.

The first home was completely under water and looks like a river bed, it will be quite a task. The county wants us to funnel the local volunteers through us so beginning tomorrow we should have about 6 or more people to help with the home we're working on and we'll need it!! The second home we've got to do has already been done by another agency, but for some reason they didn't remove enough sheetrock and we've got to go in and finish it and then treat for mold.

We're waiting to hear back from another homeowner who needs some work done as well, so it looks like we've already got 4 homes to do and it's only our first day, with one down and 3 to go.

Please continue to keep these folks in your prayers, no one we've met has flood insurance and most of the homes are unlivable. Today we worked in Tu and Phon's home, a young Vietnamese couple. He is Catholic and she is Buddhist, but converted to a Catholic to get married. I asked her some questions to get her talking about Jesus and she said she's

mostly confused about religion, especially with all the different types of “Christianity.” I gave her the book, *How Good Is Good Enough* and she promised to read it. We left them with some other ministry materials as well. Please pray for them. Continue to pray for our safety as well and for our families that sacrifice greatly so that we can do whatever it is that we do.

Thanks for your continued prayers and support.