

Hurricane Gustav 3

Hello to everyone from Mississippi! I think it was labor day but there were no hamburgers or hotdogs!

We made it to Hattiesburg, MS at about 1:30 AM local time. We decided to drive straight through rather than get caught in bad weather. After stopping at Christian Contractors Association to pick up tarps, hammers, nails, water, gloves, boots, etc (thanks God and Scott, www.christiancontractorsassociation.com), we were on our way again. Matt did some driving so I did get to sleep a little on the way up. It turns out there are two Salvation Army locations across from each other and we went to the wrong one and couldn't get in, so we spent the night in our truck!

Up bright and early and got settled in making preparations for bugging out. We did some work helping the Salvation Army post, then did some things with Operation Blessing and then Gary from Mercy Chefs showed up and we worked till about 11 PM getting things ready. Tomorrow they are going to head to St. Benards Parish and then try to get into some of the areas where the center went through like Houma. Matt and I are heading to Baton Rouge where we'll hook up with the local Calvary Chapel to begin clean up efforts there. Wes Weber from CC Westchester, PA will be bringing in a team to meet up with us on Saturday. We're still talking to a few other CC's and some others will more than likely be in the area by the weekend as well.

We faired well during the storm, some wind and a lot of rain, but we still have power and cell service. Other areas weren't quite as blessed, a lot without power, flooding, trees down, etc. It looks as if the levies held in New Orleans despite earlier news reports so praise God for that. We will get right to work tomorrow once we arrive to help the local people as they get back to their lives.

We continue to monitor other tropical storm activity. There is a lot going on and a lot to pray keep in your prayers.

There is also a lot of work to do, if you have any interest in coming in by yourself or as a team, please contact me as soon as you can. Try email and cell and I'll get back to you when I can.

Lord Bless and thanks for your prayers and support!