



# New Orleans Response Team Member Information

Trinity Church and ReachGlobal Crisis Response

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We exist to glorify God by multiplying  
transformational churches among all people.

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# LOUISIANA: GROUNDS FOR A REVIVAL

## **Thank You...**

Thank you for your willingness to serve on a New Orleans Relief Team. Hurricane Katrina has been the costliest storm in U.S. history, displacing over 1 million people and destroying countless homes and businesses in the gulf coast region. New Orleans today, there are still 25,000 Katrina blighted properties representing over 100,000 people displaced. Additionally, 500 churches have not reopened their doors.

This disaster opened a mission field in the New Orleans region, creating the opportunity to build relationships in the neighborhoods we serve in for the purpose of making disciples for the Kingdom and multiplying healthy churches. This is an opportunity to live out your faith by working at the intersection of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

## **Hands and Feet...**

Please plan to serve as God leads and be open to ministering to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of those affected. If you focus on letting the light of Jesus shine through you in all of the details and plans, He will be glorified and you will receive maximum joy. Waiting in line becomes a chance to share Jesus. Sitting through traffic becomes a quiet time. Listening to a homeowner share their story becomes a chance to encourage another and learn a new culture and grow relationally. Living every moment as a conduit for Christ can become life changing in this fertile environment! Your ministry investment will add to ongoing church planting partnership efforts.

## **All the People of the World...**

We serve all of God's people: rich, poor, all colors, shapes and sizes. Though sent to do work tasks, we are ultimately in a position to be Christ-like servants by loving homeowners and their neighbors. We have a unique chance to be Jesus in the flesh to someone who perhaps has never met Him ... someone who never gave a thought to the need for a Savior in his or her life. *We are about the people, not the work.*

## **"That's Just the Way I Like It!"**

*Flexibility* is crucial for all short-term missionaries - which is what you are by partnering with us on this trip! No one knows what God will bring your way or ask you to do. Be ready for the unexpected by eliminating preconceived expectations. In this ministry, when things don't go according to schedule or in the way that you think things should go, our adopted slogan is, "That's just the way I like it!" It reminds us that God is in control and my plan is quite sub par to His. Your *success* in this ministry is truly measured by your *obedience* to God. A willing spirit and open mind will enable wonderful engagements between you, your team members, and homeowners. Please consider using the "Release of Rights" contract (included in this packet) with your team to prepare you for a week of short-term missions!

## **Join the Revival**

Our prayer is that after you leave the Gulf Coast, you will keep this experience in the forefront of your mind, and bring home the idea that serving God's people can happen right in your own back yard! While here, we hope God will ignite new ideas and passions in your heart and you and the members of your team will return home with a desire to serve the Lord in new and meaningful ways!

Serving Him in constant awe,  
*ReachGlobal Crisis Response Staff*

## TRIP DETAILS

### POSSIBLE WORK TEAM ASSIGNMENTS:

- Help support our Church Planter partners in a variety of ways
- All aspects of home reconstruction and repair
- Cooking for your team (or a season of teams) &/or helping with meal preparation or clean-up
- Maintenance of the church & warehouse facilities
- Prayer Walks in the areas of homeowners whose homes are being repaired
- Prayer warriors for the area of church plants
- Home visits with existing homeowners and friends in the neighborhoods to build relationships, to disciple new believers, etc.
- There is an ongoing need for people with the gift of serving, evangelism and empathy
- Administrative work in the ReachGlobal Crisis Response office
- Help with block parties to our friends in the neighborhoods – as a form of loving them for Christ Jesus and building relationships
- Other needs as determined
- If you are interested in serving long-term with the ReachGlobal Crisis Response Ministry, please contact, [reachglobalcrisisresponse@efca.org](mailto:reachglobalcrisisresponse@efca.org)

**COST TO YOU:** \$275 per person.

**T-SHIRT:** You will be provided with one ReachGlobal Crisis Response T-shirt when you arrive. We ask that you wear this shirt daily when working in N.O. Additional shirts may be purchased on site for \$10.

**SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS:** Each individual may need bedding and an air mattress - please check with your team leader for specifics. At times, we may need to re-arrange the dormitory structure to meet the ministry needs of the Church. Men and women will sleep in separate rooms in the warehouse on bunk beds or in the Trinity Church facilities as needed. ***PLEASE DO NOT BRING QUEEN OR DOUBLE SIZE AIR MATTRESSES SINCE THERE IS LIMITED SPACE FOR SLEEPING! (No cots please)***

**MEALS:** We provide teams with breakfast and dinner, Monday through Friday morning. Sunday and Friday dinner is your responsibility, as well as lunches Monday-Thursday. The supermarkets here are close by to purchase lunch supplies.

**SHOWERS:** We have showering facilities on site. Please bring your own towel.

**LAUNDRY:** washer and dryer provided on premises for group laundry.

**ReachGlobal Crisis Response Address:**  
19380 N Tenth St.  
Covington, LA 70433

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Your mission trip week starts Sunday evening at 6 p.m. and continues until Friday at 3 p.m.

## TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

6:30am Breakfast  
7:00am Devotions (Mon. – ministry training, Fri – debrief)  
7:30am Hand out work assignments, load up, and leave for work  
Prayer walk time (everyone will get to go at least one day during the week)  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:00-8:30pm Free time or programmed time (see below)  
10:00pm Lights out/quiet time

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

SUN - Arrival day 4-6pm; Orientation 6:30 pm  
MON - Training, work day, dinner, and evening program  
TUES - Prayer walk, normal workday, dinner, team free time  
WED - Normal work day, dinner at block party  
THURS - Normal workday, dinner, group sharing time  
FRI - Team debrief, half workday, the rest of the day is team free time (dinner on your own)  
SAT - Continental breakfast, departure cleaning, plan to leave by 9 am.

**Thank you for working together to serve the Body of Christ!**

## SOME OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER...

### **\*Rest!**

An overly tired worker may not be able to minister effectively when opportunities arise. It is important that everyone pace himself or herself throughout the day.

### **\*Humidity**

Be aware that during the late spring, summer, and fall months it is extremely humid in Southern Louisiana. Be prepared to pre-hydrate by consuming *a lot* of water and limiting caffeine intake. Wearing light colored loose clothing is also helpful.

### **\*Risk:**

The work sites will by nature have risks associated with them. Your safety is not guaranteed. We ask that each team member read and sign the EFCA Waiver and Indemnity Agreement. The waiver sheets must be completed before you can be admitted to the work site and should be submitted before you leave for this trip. Anyone under the age of 18 must get a parent or guardian signature to sign the waiver. Also, while at work sites, wear long pants and closed, heavy-soled shoes or boots. Safety goggles are also recommended. **A Tetanus immunization within the last 10 years is required.**

### **\*Local area information:**

Covington is a suburban area located on the North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain, approximately 45 minutes directly north of New Orleans. Wal-Mart, Home Depot, grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, etc are in very close proximity to the church.

### **Traffic!**

Trinity Church is located two blocks off of US Hwy 190, a highway that goes through Covington. Traffic at times can be very heavy. It may be frustrating, but this is a chance for us, as representatives of Trinity Church and more importantly, Christ, to be a shining light in the community. We ask that you exercise patience and understanding while you are waiting in traffic.

### **Other potential costs:**

Some of the assigned work projects will require groups to cross the 24-mile Causeway Bridge to New Orleans with their team. Tolls cost \$3 for vehicle, \$9 for dual axle trailers, and are only collected on the southbound span of the Causeway Bridge. Tolls may be paid in cash.

**Wi-Fi** - We DO have wireless Internet if you'd like to bring your wireless capable laptop to update your blog or send pictures home. We DO NOT have computers available for your use.

# PACKING LIST FOR INDIVIDUALS

## Guidelines:

1. Please pack lightly. There is a Super Wal-Mart within 1 mile of the church if you forget anything!
2. Although the weather can be warm and humid here in Louisiana, how you dress is a part of **your Christian witness**. Neat and *modest clothes* should be worn.

## BASICS/MISC:

- Bible
- A flexible and servant-like heart and attitude!
- Sleeping bag/linens
- Pillow
- Air mattress/foam pads? (your team leader will tell you if this is necessary)
- Flashlight

## TOILETRIES, ETC:

- Soap
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Hand sanitizer
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Towels
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen

## CLOTHES:

- Work clothes: (Limited laundry facilities on site. Laundromats nearby.)
  - Long sleeved shirts (only Dec. – April)
  - Long pants (No shorts for certain jobsites such as demo jobs and framing)
  - We provide one “ReachGlobal Crisis Response” work shirt (To be worn to the work site daily.)
- Casual clothes for evening times and traveling
- Sweater, sweatshirt, or light jacket in season
- Modest sleeping clothes
- Raingear
- Hat
- Versatile walking shoes
- Work shoes (steel toes are best)
- Flip flops for showers

## Optional:

- Earplugs for quiet sleeping!
- Laptop (WI-FI available)
- Camera
- Alarm clock

# DONATIONS NEEDED!

*Oftentimes, your friends and family will support you on your trip by sending something to help people in Northeast. Please call for an update of our most needed supplies. If you are unsure of what to bring, gift cards are easy to travel with and are GREATLY appreciated for the maintenance and repair of tools, equipment, and vehicles. (Lowe's, Home Depot, Wal-mart, and Gas)*

- N95 dust masks w/exhalation valve
- Heavy duty plastic forks, knives and spoons
- Paper towels (in bulk)
- 409 cleaner
- Arm and Hammer shower cleaner
- Septic approved toilet paper
- Contractor garbage bags (55 gallon)

\*These needs are often in short supply.

## Construction materials

- Drywall mud
- Drywall screws - 1 1/4"
- Drywall tape (No mesh or self sticking)
- Bostitch coiled roofing nails - 1 1/4"
- Roofing caulk
- Paint - Lowes American Tradition - 5 gallon buckets
  - Drumskin (off white) 7003-10-Satin
  - Ultra White 70143 - Semi
  - Mid to High grade Primer Olympic Interior
- Paint - 5 gallon buckets
  - Ceiling paint 15085 - Flat
  - White 15787 - Satin

## Office Supplies

- Copy Paper
- Scotch Tape
- Business Envelopes
- Letter-size Manilla Folders
- Staples
- Blank Card Stock Thank You Notes
- Paperclips
- Correction Tape

## Equipment/Tools

- Roller covers (9", 8", 4")
- Roller pan liners
- Utility knife blades
- 12 gauge 75' ext. cord
- Dewalt 18VBatteries
- Worm Drive Circular saw
- Door jamb saw
- 4" Hole saw kits
- 1-3/4" and 2-1/2" Forestner bits
- 30-40 gal upright air compressor
- Tarps (a new hurricane season is here!)
- Battery operated 18 V Dewalt or Bosch tools
- Battery operated 18V Sawsalls (reciprocating saws)
- Circular saws/ extra blades
- 7 1/4" and 10" circular saw blades
- Floor jack (Heavy duty - 3 ton)
- Cable cutters
- 6' & 8' step ladders
- 4' levels
- T-50 5/16" staples for insulation
- Conduit benders
- Wire strippers

## Kitchen equipment

- 18-22 quart roasters
- Cambro hot box

## Heavy equipment

- Backhoes
- Excavators with grapple bucket
- Skid loaders
- Stump grinders
- Chipper/shredder