

From the Family Room

**Creekwood Church of Christ
Mobile, AL**

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Serve As I Have Served



Jesus, with the full knowledge that the Father had put everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from the supper-table, took off his outer clothes, picked up a towel and fastened it round his waist. Then he poured water into the basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel around his waist. When Jesus had washed their feet and put on his clothes, he sat down and spoke to them, *"Do you realize what I have just done to you? You call me 'teacher' and 'Lord' and you are quite right, for I am your teacher and your Lord. But if I, your teacher and Lord, have washed your feet, you must be ready to wash one another's feet. I have given you this as an example so that you may do as I have done. Believe me, the servant is not greater than his master and the messenger is not greater than the man who sent him. Once you have realized these things, you will find your happiness in doing them."*

John 13:3-5, 12-17

For several years, we have supported the Church of Christ Disaster Response Team. The letter listed below was received this week from a family they assisted in repairing flood damage from Hurricane Harvey.

Hello my name is and our condo/home was recently flooded in Port Aransas by Hurricane Harvey. When I returned to survey the damage this past Saturday Sept 9, it was very sad to see what a natural disaster could do to a community and to a home. Unfortunately we had a total loss of furniture and personal belongings on the first floor due to mold which had made its way to the 2nd floor due to the subsided accumulation of 2-3" of water inside the home from the hurricane storm surge.

The feeling of hopelessness was overwhelming due to the sheer amount of work needing to be done in a short amount of time to prevent further damage. The Lord works in mysterious ways, as your community of Church of Christ 10+ volunteers (Mark, Lauren and Brileigh to name a few) were very gracious with their time and effort on the first floor and garage: break apart sheetrock (a tasking effort), wheel barrel it out, sweep the sheetrock remains and to remove/dispose of appliances (washer, dryer, refrigerator). What a gift from God! You had all of the tools and "can do" effort for your time that afternoon in what certainly would have taken me a week to do by myself. Words truly cannot express my gratitude for your "Team of Angels" to help me overcome a certain low point in recent memory.

Please know the Church of Christ is making a huge impact in the community of Port A as you made a PROFOUND impact on me to overcome what made it seem like an insurmountable circumstance.

Thank you again and God Bless your Church Community of volunteers who gave selflessly of their time and effort and who are currently helping others!

With kindest regards, ...

You are serving through your weekly contribution. We just wanted you to know how that money is being used to serve others in recovery efforts in Texas. Similar work will be done in Florida. We saw first hand the excellent work ethic of the Disaster Response Team following Hurricane Katrina. They used our building as their headquarters for Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts in 2005 and 2006. Since that time, we have supported them in our weekly budget. Your contributions have helped empower them to serve many people in many parts of the country over the last 12 years. Please feel free to visit their website for more information. Please know that your contributions are being spent in the most effective way we know to serve victims of natural disasters. The ultimate goal of this work is to glorify God through Christ's church. May we all serve with love in unity to that end.

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