

Director's Update

April 4, 2009

Some of you have heard me say: "I wonder if this week could be as wonderful as last week, or last year, or 2007, or 2006?" Well, it was. Yes, we had boatloads of our beloved boomerangers, but we had many first-timers as well. The power of your love and God's love is amazing!

In devotions one morning, we discussed prayer. One group heard the forecast of rain, but decided to ask the Lord to give them weather that would allow them to keep working on the siding at a house on Bayou Street. Well, it rained all around them that day but only 20 minutes at their site (which was mostly when the group was inside eating lunch). The siding looks great!

On Thursday we had an incredible thunderstorm including a tornado warning. If you don't believe God is all powerful, you just need to view one of the Gulf Coast's thunderstorms which pales besides that Katrina beast.

Speaking of boomerangers, even triple by-pass surgery didn't keep Phil Manogg from leading his crew down from Ohio. Phil received his doctor's OK to come only the day before the crew left. On office duty, Phil accomplished an amazing amount. He also assured us that he slept better at Camp Gospel than he had since his surgery!

On Friday, we dedicated our 89th home. The house on Jeff Davis in Bayside Park will have seven people living in it including being a great place for the three children to grow up.

In the midst of our clinic flooding crisis of last weekend, we didn't get a chance to tell you that we dedicated Forrest Street house. The father in this family is an oyster-man. Whenever he wasn't out on the boat, he was helping with houses – not only his own house, he showed up at other houses in the area to help us and his "neighbors." Those of you who were working on this house during Valentine's Day may remember this house as all the volunteers that week got a hand-made card from the family's seven year-old daughter.

We are so grateful that these two families are in their new homes. However, we know that there are many families that are living in totally unsatisfactory housing as the result of hurricanes Katrina and Ike. Come help us to help them! We have some great crews in April but have room for May and beyond.

Blessings,

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