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Sometimes it's hard to see God's plan. At 1:00am on Tuesday February 2nd, Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity and The Fuller Center, passed away. Initial autopsy results indicate that he had a heart attack. It was a major shock to everyone. Millard was full of life, enthusiasm and energy. We were with him at the Fuller Center Conference in Virginia just two weeks ago. I marveled at his health and seemingly endless energy. My mind cannot comprehend that he is no longer with us.

Within hours of getting the news Bart Tucker and I left for Americus, Georgia, headquarters of the Fuller Center. We attended the funeral services on Wednesday morning. The service was simple and moving. In my estimate, there were 250-300 people in attendance. You can find more information about the service and Millard Fuller at www.fullercenter.org.

This sad news does not change our decision or commitment to The Fuller Center for Housing. Millard was extremely enthusiastic about our operation as Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders. He was very much aware that natural disasters force thousands of people into substandard housing and wipe out hundreds of low income housing options. In the mission to ensure that everyone has decent, affordable housing, we can't ignore the impacts of disasters such as hurricanes Katrina, Gustav and Ike. Millard would emphatically encourage us to focus our energy on helping anyone and everyone in need, which we will continue to do.

This week was a slow week at Camp Gospel in terms of volunteers. Obviously God knew that we would need the time and energy to focus on other things. I was originally disappointed that it was such a slow week, but now I see God's divine wisdom. It is a reminder that God's timing and plan is always perfect, even though we don't always understand it.

Look for our next Update article for December/January which will be coming out within the next week or two. If you're on our email list you'll get a notice when it's available on the web. If not, just check the Updates link from this website.

In the future we'll have a new Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders website. In the meantime visit us here and you can still reach us at 228-365-2734.

God's Peace,

Heather