

## Letter from Our Director . . .

We are now **Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders** (FCDR for short)

Effective January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Bethel Volunteer Ministry and Project REHAB are now, FINALLY, ONE operation - Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders. Hallelujah!!

For the most part, you, the volunteers, won't notice any difference.

- ☑ You'll still be working with Bart Tucker, Eddie Sherman and the rest of the construction crew that we know and love.
- ☑ You'll still be staying at Camp Gospel in Pass Christian.
- ☑ You'll still be working on houses damaged by hurricane Katrina in Hancock County, Mississippi.
- ☑ We're still exploring our role in the rebuilding of Texas post hurricane Ike.

Logistically, there are a few changes:

### **Donations:**

All donations, including the room and board donations, should be made to Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders. Team Leaders please notify your volunteers immediately.

### **Mailing Address:**

Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders  
PO Box 8940  
Biloxi, MS 39535

### **Phone Number:**

228-365-2734

### **NEW Email Address:**

[DisasterReBuilders@fullercenter.org](mailto:DisasterReBuilders@fullercenter.org)

(We'll be phasing out the bethelkat gmail account, but will run both simultaneously for some time)

### **Website:**

We'll continue to use this site, [www.bethelvolunteers.org](http://www.bethelvolunteers.org) until we get the new FCDR site activated.

We are very excited to be part of the Fuller Center for Housing which has Covenant Partners in 48 states and 11 international Covenant Partners. Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity, left Habitat and started the Fuller Center for Housing in 2005. In 2009 Bart Tucker and Heather Westcott approached Millard about becoming the disaster recovery arm of the Fuller Center. Millard was thrilled. We are so excited to be part of an organization that has a shared vision and approach to addressing the needs of people living in substandard housing.

We are a little unique (no surprise there!) compared to other Fuller Center Covenant Partners that operate within a specific geographic area. Our "geographic area" is based on disaster areas. We will focus on the small towns along the Gulf Coast that are especially vulnerable to hurricanes. We started in East Biloxi, MS and then migrated to Bay St. Louis and Waveland, MS in response to Hurricane Katrina. We've done work in Chauvin and Montegut, LA in response to Hurricane Gustav. This week (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) we have our first group of volunteers in Bridge City and Orange, TX responding to Hurricane Ike.

Where will we be next? Only God knows. We will continue to be servants to His call and go where He leads us. We know that He will also continue to call you and we are so excited to serve along side all of you. Come back soon.

Peace Be With You,

Heather Westcott