



# **Whirlwind Missions**

## Outreach Update October 2005

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Hello, my friends!

It was so sad to watch the hurricane video from New Orleans. Seeing people flooded out of their homes, scrambling to their roof tops just to survive, was heartbreaking. As the evacuees arrived into Atlanta, Whirlwind Missions is playing its part in helping find housing. This week I sat in a leadership meeting where we were given a situation report of the catastrophe and what the government was going to do for them. It seems that FEMA and the Red Cross were going to support these families in transitional housing for as much as 18 months, and would also help to give them a deposit for buying a house.

I was pleased by the response and the generosity of the American people. But a part of me felt a little frustrated.

Hurricane Katrina has been burned into our memories. How many of you have heard of Hurricane Everyday? As I watched the New Orleans video, I listened to people say, "I've lost everything. I have nowhere to live. I have no job. Please help me." Hurricane Everyday doesn't strike a whole city at once. It destroys families one at a time with the same efficiency.

Every week I hear a story of someone getting evicted, losing everything. It is heart wrenching. One of my good friends is named Cheri. She worked at one of the missions as a director. I received a message from her that she has been out of work for six months, but she finally has a job now. Her husband hurt his back and hasn't been able to get disability from his company. She needed \$1,050 in two days or else she was going to be homeless. Then she told me, "Mr. Tim, everyone is so busy helping the Katrina victims, they ain't got no time for me." And she was right. I'm glad to say that a close personal friend of mine gave money out of his own pocket to keep her in her house.

Hurricane Everyday doesn't let up. She keeps pounding families. Higher rent. Outrageous gas prices. No job. One family at a time: wiped out. These Everyday victims don't get special assistance. They just go hungry. And if you're a single mother with children, forget it. There's hardly ever space in the shelters unless you're a single man. So they sleep in cars.

Nahum said, "In whirlwind and storm is His way." Life has many tragedies. Unfortunately, many times that's what it takes for a person to look to God. The people we work with are Everyday victims. Thanks for helping us help THEM!



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Monticello Baptist Church distributes clothing to victims of Hurricane Everyday living at Kensington Manor.







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