

Dear Prospective Individual or Team,

Thank you for your compassionate heart and desire to come down and assist those that have been affected by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. It has now been over two years from when these devastating hurricanes hit the gulf coast and many areas are still not inhabitable. Many of those included in the repopulation numbers are living in travel trailers in their front yards many months or even years away from actually living in their homes. The greatest need still remains to be volunteers willing to give one week of their life to assist those that have lost everything. By coming down you give these people hope and let them know that they are not forgotten.

His Hands 2 Go was created by St. Luke and New Orleans East Assembly of God Churches to facilitate the continued need for volunteers. We arrange your housing and coordinate work activities for your team. Teams working through His Hands 2 Go are assisting in putting people back in their homes. Teams are assigned duties based on experience and will work on all aspects of the relief effort, there still are thousands of homes in need of basic clean out and sheetrock removal for the less skilled volunteers and thousands more needing to be rebuilt by those with construction experience.

As you consider and prepare for your missions trip to New Orleans the following policies and information will help you have a great trip.

1. Team members under 15 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and will not be allowed on worksites where mold or other safety hazards are present.
2. Team members 15-18 must be accompanied by an adult leader (maximum ratio 5 youth to 1 adult).
3. All team members must be current with their tetanus shots. Hepatitis A & B are suggested, but not required. Anyone with asthma or other breathing disorders should consult their doctor before coming down to assist.
4. Your Team will be lodged at St. Luke's AG or New Orleans East AG Churches or other locations as required. Team members need to bring twin size bedding, towels and possibly an air mattress. There are two showers and modern restrooms at both facilities.
5. There is a fee of \$150 per person per week to cover your accommodations which includes breakfast every day, lunch Mon-Fri and an evening meal Mon-Fri. Teams are on their own for food Sat & Sun.
6. If you are flying to the area you will need to rent vehicles of the appropriate size to transport your team.
7. With several reconstruction job orders it is very helpful if you have some members with basic construction experience and can bring tools to support that experience.
8. During the summer months it will be very hot with high humidity, it is extremely important that everyone on your team stay properly hydrated. We provide bulk filtered drinking water and Powerade. Bottled water and other bottled drinks if desired are the teams responsibility.
9. During Hurricane season, if your team is scheduled to arrive and a hurricane watch has been issued, we may request that you reschedule your trip. If you are already here and a hurricane watch is given, an evacuation plan will be in effect. We realize that this could involve very short notice at times, but your safety is of utmost importance and we ask for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.
10. Please complete the TEAM INFORMATION sheet as soon as possible and return it via US Mail, along with your reservation deposit this information is very important to ensure that we are properly prepared for your arrival.
11. The release forms and your full accommodation payment will be expected at your arrival.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to working with you.

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