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## Reaching Out to the Victims of Hurricane Katrina

### Praises

- For the over 300 Campus Crusade volunteers that have gone to the Gulf Coast to help in Katrina relief efforts.
- Katy celebrated her 5th birthday on September 20.

### Prayer Requests

- Pray for God to raise up more volunteers to go to the Gulf Coast over the next two months. Pray for the impact this experience will have on those who go.
- Jeff is traveling to Boston **October 9 - 14**. Pray that the conference would better equip Jeff in his ministry of Web development.

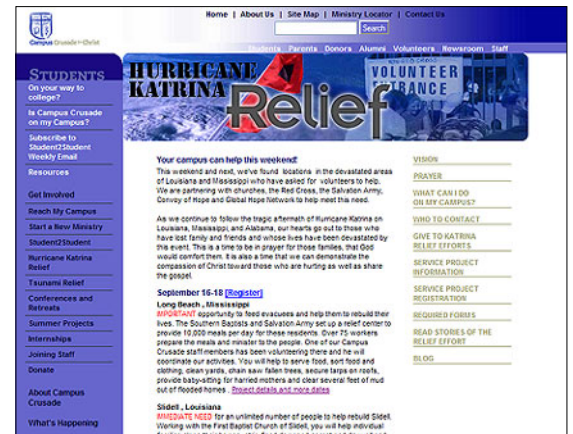
Two weeks ago, our ministry began mobilizing students and volunteers to bring a message of hope and comfort to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We plan to send more than 2,000 college students to the Gulf Coast over the next couple of months.

Students and volunteers are using long weekends to bring relief to several locations in the most devastated areas of Louisiana and Mississippi. Campus Crusade is partnering with local churches and relief agencies such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and Convoy of Hope.

**Over 300 students and staff** have participated over the past two weeks. At the center of coordinating the relief effort is a website that Jeff developed. The site connects volunteers to information about the relief trips along. It also allows those who have gone to share their stories.

Two weeks ago, four staff and students from Maryland and Virginia drove 16 hours to Slidell, Louisiana to help out. The First Baptist Church was excited when they drove up with supplies and a willingness to pitch in. The group was sent the home of Harry and Terri Novell, members of First Baptist. The group helped the family to empty their entire house and grieved with the family in the process.

On September 20th, thirty students from the University of Oregon left books and classes behind for a week to help in relief efforts in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The students will



Katrina Relief website that Jeff created  
<http://campuscrusadeforchrist.com/katrina>

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"Thanks for being here, it's such an overwhelming task and we couldn't do it without you," said Terri Novell of Slidell, Louisiana. Four Campus Crusade volunteers helped her family clean out their entire home.

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deliver food, clean yards, sort clothes and encourage evacuees. They will also interact with residents and offer them spiritual and emotional encouragement as well as give them Bibles.

"I had a class scheduled, but this opportunity to help people was more important," shares Taylor Bushnell, one of the students participating. "If I could help one person it would be worth it. While I'm down there I want to help as many people as possible."

This past weekend, 60 volunteers from Kansas and 47 volunteers from the University of Arkansas participated in projects in Slidell and Minden, Louisiana. We are excited about the part we are playing in helping to send these students and staff to reach out to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.



## Kid's Corner

(Clockwise from the top left)

- Katy has joined the Awana program at our church. We are excited about this opportunity to grow in her faith as she hides God's Word in her heart. Jeff is serving as an Awana leader.
- Ryan is saying words everyday. One of his latest phrases is "high five."
- Ryan "helping" Katy with her handwriting.
- Both Katy and Ryan like to draw pictures and color.
- Anne with her table at MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). This is Anne's fourth year of involvement and she is part of the leadership team.

