

On Mission

HARVEY

On August 26th Hurricane Harvey came ashore near Port Aransas, Texas as a category 4 hurricane. It weakened rapidly, but stalled, bringing huge amounts of rainfall to southeast Texas. By August 31st rainfall totals here in Friendswood had reached 56 inches. Thousands of homes were flooded, with half or more having no flood insurance. One of our two church buildings was flooded, and many of our members saw their houses, their cars and nearly all their possessions destroyed.



Short Term Response

On Sunday, August 28th many of our members were involved in rescues – either being rescued or acting as rescuers. In the following days work began on emptying and gutting the homes of our members and their neighbors. Almost everyone at Trinity participated. By the end of the week they were joined by the Evangelical Free Church of America's Reachglobal Crisis Response team.



Reachglobal Crisis Response has been in this situation before – especially with Hurricanes Katrina, Ike and Sandy. They are different from most relief groups in that they are in a response for the long haul. They focus on relationships, outreach and discipleship, helping people rebuild their homes and their lives.

Trinity Fellowship has partnered with Crisis Response to bring in teams from around the country who are staying in our Sunday School Building (while re-building it!) and helping homeowners throughout the area.



Dozens of teams have already committed to be here for a week. They often include two or more skilled contractor types and 10 to 30 semi-skilled volunteers. They arrive on Sunday afternoon and from Monday to Friday they put up sheetrock, texture, tape and float, paint, do flooring, and install cabinets or appliances. They also pray with the families, listen to their stories and build relationships.

On Thursday night the volunteer team, Crisis Response staff, homeowners and Trinity folks get together for a community dinner and sharing time. You are invited!



Trinity's Opportunities

Trinity Fellowship is working hard to host, help, and build relationships. We prepare meals, house staff members and work with the teams. We are involved with relationships and prayer on every level. To help us be the hands and feet, heart and voice of Jesus, go to trinityfellowship.net/Harvey/ and click on 'I can help.'