Why We Do What We Do

"One young mom came in with a 5 month old baby. She had been living in hotels since the flood and had nowhere to go. After we met with her, we connected her with a case worker to make sure she received help to find safe and secure housing for her and her baby," reflected Marty, a needs assessment volunteer.

Pray for World Renew Around the World

World Renew's water and sanitation response in the Bidibidi refugee camp is nearly complete; 750 communal latrine blocks have been built to serve 37,500 people. This camp has seen a huge influx in refugees fleeing from violence in South Sudan. Please pray for these people and for the development of peaceful resolutions in their homeland.

DRS Managed Reconstruction Sites

Individuals and couples, volunteer for one to three weeks.

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• ***NEW** Fort McMurray, Alberta

We are thrilled to be opening a reconstruction site in Fort McMurray! Thank you for your patience as many, many details have had to be worked through in order to make reconstruction possible. This site will run from May 13-September 2, 2017. There is room for ten volunteers each two-week session.

An initial request for volunteers has gone to Canadian volunteers and churches, as well as skilled carpenters from the US (because of the nature of the work in the first few weeks).

Consider serving this summer. Open dates for June—September will be shared in the May Opportunity Link.

- <u>San Marcos, Texas (floods, '15)</u> Filled through the end of April! This site is closing for the summer but **will** reopen in the fall.
- <u>Rio Grande Valley, Texas (floods, '15)</u> April 8 –29 still needs a few volunteers. This site is closing for the summer but **will** reopen in the fall.
- <u>Calaveras County, Calif. (fires, '15) &</u> <u>Century, Florida (tornadoes, '16)</u> Both sites are filled through May, at which time they will close and **not** reopen in the fall.

Group Mission Trips

We can help plan your summer mission trip. Consider one of the following locations.

- West Virginia (flood, '16)
- North Carolina (Hurr. Matthew, '16)
- Tampa, Florida (flood, '16)
- Detroit, Michigan (flooding, '14 & '16) (with a possible grant to cover some of your expenses!)
- Denham Springs, Louisiana (flood, '16)
- Okanogan Co, Washington (fires, '14)

Find more locations and details at **worldrenew.net/volunteer**.

Churches of Holland & Zeeland, Michigan

Ken, a disabled veteran in Caldwell, West Virginia, lost his home in last year's 1000 year flood. From April 17 to May 19, volunteers from Holland & Zeeland, Michigan will build a new house, foundation to finish, for Ken. You can join them.

Skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed throughout the 5-week period for a week or whatever period of time works for you. Accommodations are groupstyle. Details are available upon request.

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